



ROSEBUD COMMUNITY GARDEN

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Eggs

Our chooks are laying well, however the money from the eggs is not covering the cost of their feed and bedding. It seems that not everyone is paying for their eggs.

The eggs cost 50cents each, with the money going into the tube inside the clubhouse. You may also leave the money in the basket located inside the chook yard.

If you have forgotten to pay for some eggs please do so ASAP. If the loss continues the garden will have to cover the costs. We had hoped to break even.

Chook feed.

The chooks have an automatic feeding system whereby they have learned to hop onto a step to gain access to the food. There should not be a lot of food scattered around on the step as this only encourages rats. Please do not scatter grain for them. They are all quite capable of operating the feeder for themselves. (They are smarter than you think!)

Container Deposit Scheme.

One of our members, Lindsay Cordner, has volunteered to set up a system at the new Container Deposit Scheme depot in Rosebud whereby members can take their recyclables to the depot and the money will be sent to the Community Garden. Please stay tuned for the details of this once it is organised. Thanks to Lindsay for doing this.

Worm Farm

Judy Bugeja has been hard at work reorganising the worm farm area. She has removed the old baths and replaced them with quite a number of small plastic worm farms which will be easier to manage. We were lucky enough to get most of these donated to the garden. Judy will run a workshop about the worm farms in the future.

If you have veg, fruit scraps, teabags and coffee grounds please put them in the lidded bucket provided. Many thanks Judy – a great effort.

We are also in the process of installing a tap adjacent to the worm farm, so please be careful of the open trench for the next week until the job is complete.

Communal beds

At the last Committee meeting it was decided that we need someone to volunteer to coordinate the management of the communal beds. We have several people already looking after some of the beds but it was felt that we need someone to oversee the plan as a whole. The coordinator may want to practise crop rotation or could turn some of the beds over to perennials to reduce the work load. We are open to ideas. Please contact Tom (tomfreeman1949@gmail.com) if you can help.

Committee Meeting/ working Bee /Shared Lunch

The next meeting is on Saturday 24th February.

10am: Committee meeting -all welcome

11am: Working Bee

12.30: Shared lunch

Watering

As it has been a warm and dry month many areas of the garden could do with extra water. The following areas need watering: the herb garden next to the clubhouse, fruit trees, citrus trees, the native food garden plus any beds listed on the blackboard.

Kiwi Fruit

Please do not pick the kiwi fruit yet. We know that it is exciting that the vine is finally fruiting, but they will not ripen for another couple of months. If picked too early they will just be wasted.

Happy Gardening,

Sandra Freeman

