

Rosebud Community Garden

March 2022 Newsletter



A lovely evening was enjoyed by some members at our sausage sizzle evening on Sunday 6th March.

Vale Linda Hendrix

We were sad to hear of the passing of one of our former members. Linda was an active member of the garden committee for several years before moving to Hervey Bay.

Plot Fees

The committee has decided to increase plot fees by \$10 P/A as of July 1st 2022. This has become necessary for two reasons. Firstly because costs have increased and there has been no fee increase for at least six years. Secondly because we have been unable to have our Bunnings sausage sizzles which are our main fundraisers. Plots will now cost \$30 for a low bed and \$40 for a raised bed.

Unused / Neglected Plots

Members are reminded that when joining the garden you agreed to spend one or two hours a month helping to maintain communal areas or help in some other way. You also must keep your plot weed-free and notify the committee if you are unable to maintain your plot for two months or more. If this last requirement is not met and you can't be contacted, your plot may be reallocated.

Hothouse Watering System

The hothouse watering system is up and running. Please do not try to alter or adjust the timer. Ian Champion is looking after the system and has it misting twice each day.

Herbs

There is a variety of perennial herbs for all members to use, mainly around the communal area. These include chives, lemongrass, marjoram, oregano and sage.

There are also several bay trees.

Signs have been made to identify these plants.

Working Bees

Every Tuesday morning from 10am there will be members available at the garden to assist anyone who needs help and advice on various aspects of gardening. E.g. Sandra Lisson will be on hand to guide you on use of the compost heap.

Tuesday 15th March 10am

Gail Russell will be in the hothouse to share her seed-saving ideas. Traditionally March 17th is the day for planting sweet peas. We need to grow more flowers in the garden to attract the bees. Gail has some saved seeds to get things moving.

Other seeds to grow now that it's autumn are: broccoli, cabbage, beetroot, broad beans, cauliflower, kale and onions.

Hope to see you there.

Thanks

Many thanks to all those members who have contributed in some way over the past few months. We have some new, very enthusiastic people who have worked hard with pruning trees, reorganising the compost bays, helping with the chooks and various other jobs. It's great to see people getting stuck in and helping to make the garden a success.

Chicken Manure

We have been able to acquire a large heap of aged chicken manure for use in the compost heaps and also for members' plots. It's a good time of year to get some compost onto your plot in preparation for winter vegetables.

Compost Rules!!

1. You MUST cut up your prunings etc.

2. You MUST take note of the signs on the compost bays.

AGM

Our AGM for 2021 was held recently with the following results:

President: Tom Freeman

Vice President: Jason Weller

Treasurer: John Eldridge

Assistant Treasurer: Sandra Lisson

Secretary: Jenni Lawry

Membership Secretary: Kay Champion

General members:

Ian Champion (Website),

Sandra Freeman (Newsletter)

Gail Russell (Facebook)

Peter Hedlam

Christine Narburgs

Alfred Schultz

Congratulations to all.

As you can see there is a lot happening at the garden at the moment, so keep up the good work!

Happy Gardening,
Sandra Freeman



