

June 2024

Greetings from Mooroolbark Community Garden

From the Gardeners Gate:

What a busy month it has been! As our new committee found their feet and got stuck into their new roles, we had many things happening down at the garden.

Thanks to [WCIG](#) we have new shelving in the container, making it a much safer place to be able to find things in our storage. Reo for the garden beds for plants to climb, a new polytunnel from Hortitech, garden tools from Spear and Jackson, chairs and tables for the garden and chairs and garden tools for the ELC. A generator and brand new BBQ! Four Marquees with our logo printed on them, fruit tree pots, and ten fruit trees, that when added to the trees Helen had at her place became 18 planted out fruit trees in the grove. The magnificent disability path has been installed. Let's not forget the two wonderful worm farms.

Boronia K-12 School brought 13 Year 11 students to spend the day with us. They had a great time! The Early Learning Centre was completed and planted out ready for the Edinburgh Early Learning to visit the garden, which was a huge success. Information forms have been sent to all the Early Learning centres and kindergartens in our area.

Kent has been having a grand old time inventing new storage and tables and other things for the garden from pallets donated to us from Hortitech.

I would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers for the time and energy that they have spent with us this month, we couldn't do it without you.

Helen



Important Dates:

**Next sausage sizzle at
Mooroolbark Coles:
Sat Jun 22**

**Markets will start
again in September**

Every **Wed** and **Sat**
from 10am to 12pm –
Free Gardening
Classes.

Email or visit us for
more details.

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Volunteering at the Community Garden

“My parents were European and my dad planted a large veggie patch and over 30 fruit trees on our average sized house block. There was nothing better than picking fresh, organic fruit and vegetables to satisfy a growling stomach or a sweet tooth when it was only a few metres from your back door. Those days were decades ago and now I’ve retired, I’m very keen to relive those childhood experiences by learning how to grow my own food source and to once again have the luxury of walking out to the garden and selecting a sweet or crunchy snack or something to share later at meal time.

Not long after MCG was established, I wondered over to enquire about what was on offer and walked away having signed a membership form. I met Helen, who is the President and oversees the running of the garden and Rhonda, a very dedicated and also extremely knowledgeable volunteer. Together, they made me feel most welcome and have answered and explained questions I have about establishing a vegetable garden - from composting, soil, seedlings, planting, when to harvest and anything else I’ve wanted to know. I realise I could have probably learnt this all on You Tube or Google but I so enjoy the company of the other people who attend, they too have a lot of knowledge to impart and it isn’t always about the garden!”

Veronica

And a few more items:

- A big Thank You to Ben’s Place providing left over fruits and vegetables to go in our compost bins.
- Memberships are up for renewal during September 2024 – more information coming
- We would be happy to receive any feedback/comments on this newsletter, the garden and any other ideas you may have. Please email us or drop in and have a look at how the garden is growing.

Ronen

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Additional Poly-tunnel to grow seedlings



Worm Farms being setup



Early Learning Centre (ELC)

Wheelchair accessible rubber path in preparation for accessible garden beds and bench

