



MCG Newsletter – November Edition

“Gardening requires a lot of water, most of it in the form of perspiration” Lou Erikson

The month of October gets us out in the garden as the weather is warming up. Sometimes the sun and rain are regular partners in crime, whilst we have also experienced some wild wind gusts. But as things warm up the soil will be very welcoming and accommodating for your seedlings and seeds.

It's time to plant tomato seedlings. Summer salads are now in the making, so you can plant lettuce, radish, kohlrabi, capsicum, cucumber and celery. You could also add something sweet with rockmelon, watermelon and strawberries to the patch. Don't forget a zucchini plant and your favorite pumpkin too.

The Mooroolbark Community Garden is here to welcome everyone . We appreciate the wonderful cultural diversity of our community.

What can you bring to the garden to enrich everyones experience? Let us know how you can help in the garden.

Tracey, our President, was interviewed recently on the radio with 3CR - Local Food Connect. [Click here](#) to list (starts around 10:30 minutes in)

What's on - Opportunities to volunteer -

Two markets are coming up:

- 30 November - Countdown to Christmas
- 21 December - Christmas is here!

Would you like to help cooking sausages? You don't have to have a green thumb to be involved.

26th October - Monthly Market

In October we had a lovely time at the pre-Halloween market, with all the kids, witches and wizards dressed to impress, and candy given everywhere for all the 'trick or treaters'.

The rain decided to pour down from 11:30, however that did not ruin the fun.



Our next market on November 30 will start the 'Countdown to Christmas'. Many elves (on the shelf) will join us, creating some mischief for all to enjoy.

The stall holders have said there will be some Black Friday - Cyber Sunday weekend specials for you!

With the free activities for the kids; the wonderful community vibe; Christmas songs in the background; a great coffee and a delicious sausage from our BBQ at hand, we are sure everyone will feel the joy. And as always, many artisan & produce stalls will be available to find that special Christmas present for kids, parents, adults and even the garden.

You can find which stall holders have already booked with us [here](#)

From the Gardeners Gate

The garden is buzzing, as the summer is nearing. We can see the first flowers of the zucchini & tomato plants, the sweet corn is growing and as we are cleaning our late winter harvest from the beds, more space is being created for more summer veggies.

We aim to have a volunteer from 10am - midday seven days a week at the Garden. But remember, we are run by volunteers so this may change depending on the weather and personal circumstances. Feel free to drop by for a chat, or a spot of gardening.

Want to make sure we are there before you put on the garden gloves and closed shoes? You can always contact us the day before to check - on 0406 085 044 or via email mooroolbarkocg@gmail.com or better yet, join our community whatsapp group, if you haven't already and you will be notified if anything changes.



And remember to follow the **Red/Yellow/Green** signage in the garden.

Green means you can pick/harvest for yourself but Red and Yellow means you should give it more time to mature.

Garden Projects

We have been busy installing hoops over some of the Corn which seems to work well. We also added chicken wire over Zucchini plants although it did not seem to help. Our next attempt would be enclosure part bird netting and part metal mesh which hopefully will protect from large animals but allow the bees and insects through for pollination.

Come and have a look and tell us what you think and maybe share from your experience.



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Check out our **12 Garden beds plan** on the website. Your feedback is welcome.

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Happy gardening everyone, please come down and get involved in whatever capacity.
Cheers from the team at MCG.