



MCG Newsletter – October Edition

“In life we take many steps, sometimes we can run towards our destination.

Other times we need to take less steps and slowly savour the journey.”

We have had an eventful month, with so much happening. Our 2nd Birthday was one of the highlights of the month. Did I say cake!

The committee has been busy in the background working to make our garden bigger and better in so many ways. We have applied for grants, setup new QR codes in some of the beds and looked at ways to minimize the predation by birds and we are always asking the community what would you like to see in the garden.

So that being said, we don't want to see or dwell on the recent destruction and devastation. You, our community have wrapped your arms around us after the recent incident. It's clear from the feedback that we are important and valued by our local people. That support makes us proud of what we have achieved so far, for our village here in Mooroolbark.

This bump in the road won't stop us from doing more, because we are all forward looking and know our community is behind us.

As each day passes we have more volunteers who come to the garden and their smiles and enjoyment are very evident. So we will continue on the same path, there will be no fences, we are sticking to our word, we are here to continue and forge ahead being true to our moto of Cultivating Community and Companionship which is open to everyone.

We wonder if & when are you available to help us cultivate? Come down and join our community garden as a volunteer and experience the companionship of like-minded people. Being a volunteer costs you nothing, all we need is some of your time.

What's on - opportunities to volunteer

15th November Sausage Sizzle at Coles Mooroolbark 9am - 2pm - let us know if you can help

26th October - Monthly Market

We had a lovely first season market on 26 September, with 16 stall holders and lots of free fun activities for the kids and a busker on the day.

We celebrated The Mooroolbark Community Garden's 2nd Birthday during the market and our hard working volunteers enjoyed some cake as part of the celebration.

Over 300 community members joined the fun, and the day ended on a very high note.

Our first prize raffle winner, Nadia, is an ongoing volunteer of ours, and it was lovely to see her get the prize. (see photo)

We have already started working on our next market which will be on 26 October 9am - 1pm and themed for Halloween.

So bring your children/ grandchildren/ nieces and nephews, and assist them to 'Trick or Treat' at the stalls, enjoy spooky activities and loads of free fun. - Who says you can't celebrate Halloween during daylight?!



From the Gardeners Gate

Lots of vegetables and herbs are already growing in our garden beds including a few varieties of Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Zucchini and Pumpkins and Strawberries are just about to fruit while the Corn is taking it's time.

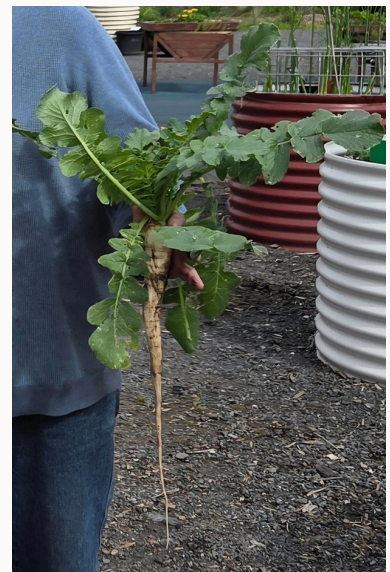
The Broad beans and snow peas are yielding lots of pods and are ready for harvesting.

Lettuces are everywhere as well as Radishes, Celery, Parsley, Beetroots and other herbs.

We even have White Radish (Daikon) - See Malcolm below harvesting one. as well as round Radish.

Please follow the **Red/Yellow/Green** signage in the garden.

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



Recipe: Zesty Broad Bean & Ricotta Pasta

[Click on this link](#)



Garden Projects

We have been playing with some irrigation ideas as well as metal stakes to deter the birds from munching on the Corn and Tomatoes. Come and have a look and tell us what you think and maybe share from your experience.

And soon we will be trailing “Hoops”...



Volunteers

There are volunteers in the garden most days. We have re-engaged with some of the veteran volunteers and they are joining us more and more as the weather gets warmer. There is lots to do with the growing season upon us and lots of helping hands are welcome.

We endeavor to be there most days between 10am and 12pm weather permitting.

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Happy gardening everyone, please come down and get involved in whatever capacity.

Cheers from the team at MCG.