



MCG Newsletter – September '26 Edition

Hello fellow green thumbs,
We hope this newsletter finds you well.

Spring has sprung and what a wonderfully sunny first day of September we spent in the garden. Lots of delicious fresh herbs and vegetables ready to harvest. Spring 2026 in Melbourne is forecast to be warmer and drier than average, following an unseasonably mild winter and a strong strengthening El Niño pattern - Bureau of Meteorology.



August was a great month for getting things done. All fruit trees have now been planted into their crates and larger pots and new signs of growth are showing. We have cleaned out the Green Space and are working on the easement to get it all tidied up for the 27th September Market Day. The Nursery propagation area has been cleaned up and had a makeover. Gravel has been spread where needed and seeds have been sown for the September Market. All the IBC tanks are now in place and planted out and the Early Learning Centre {ELC} is completed with the addition of two sandpits.



We have been generously donated 120 bags of premium compost mix from Clyde Compost and a battery-operated pruner and pruning saw from WORX. Plus, now we are now getting free horse poo from a local in Wonga Park.



Our **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) was held on Tuesday 4th August 2026. The following positions have been filled:
President – Tracey Langridge
Vice President – Anita Morgan
Treasurer – Fred Eakins
Secretary – Ronen Vansover
General Members – Rhonda Bastow, Ayala Vansover, Helen Vander Heyden, Caroline Borbas.

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who turn up every week to ensure the Garden is well maintained. And a huge thank you to the Committee for their dedication in managing our wonderful Garden.

Monthly Market –

Sunday 27th September

9am-1pm

when we will be celebrating Spring and our 3rd birthday.

For more information on our up coming market go to our website and the Market page: <https://www.mooroolbarkcg.org/markets>

We are very excited for our first market of the season! The free kids' activities are fully prepared. Mooroolbark Melodies will be there at 10:30 to sing spring and birthday songs.

Most stall holders have booked in, and we have a range of produce and artisan stalls awaiting you. Potted plants & seedlings are growing and will be ready for your spring planting.

There will be an amazing raffle offered, so put the date in your calendar to make sure you won't miss out!

Future Market dates:

25 Oct 2026

29 Nov 2026

20 Dec 2026

28 Feb 2027

28 Mar 2027

25 Apr 2027

30 May 2027



From the Gardeners Gate

So much produce ready to harvest – Kale, Beetroot, Pak Choi, Silver Beet, Broccoli, Parsnip, Climbing Pea Purple, Lettuce, Choy Sum, Red Cabbage, Spinach, Warrigal Greens, Bay Leaves, and much more.



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 some collaborations that are really going to make a big difference to the community.

First one is with the Mooroolbark Library for a school holiday program activity on Monday 21st September for 30 children where they will work on a Bee Hotel project.

Second is a project to involve Burmese Youth be a positive connection to the community, which is supported by Council, YSAS, Hornbill Sports and MUG.

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

**We are here 9-12 Monday to Friday and 10-12 Saturday and Sunday.
All the best from the team at MCG.**