MCG Newsletter – February ‘26 Edition

“Last sip of summer”
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Hope you all had a relaxing time over the holidays.

Harvesting at the garden is still in full swing. We had (and some are still be harvested) Sweet Corn, Zucchini, Squash, Cucumbers & Tomatoes of various types, pumpkins small and large and even watermelons. Eggplants and Capsicums are the latest in the season to mature.

It is great to see the community walking through the garden, young and old. At times you stop to chat and other times you just say G’day. That is all good and it gives us, the volunteers great joy to see how we are helping out the community.

The Mooroolbark Community Garden are very grateful and appreciative for the practical support provided by both our local Members of Parliament - Aaron Violi and Bridget Vallence.

What’s on - Opportunities to volunteer -
Coming up:

- Market at the garden - 22nd Feb 26
- Coles Sausage sizzle - 7th Mar 2026

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

We still get those warm days and there is a roster for watering the garden. If you feel like helping in this relaxing chore come and talk to us.

Stay cool by having a stroll at the garden whenever you feel like it.

Monthly Market

We had a bit of a break from the markets after the very fun and successful Christmas market, rested and **NOW** we are **BACK**...

Sunday, February 22, 9am - 1pm, will be a wonderful **"summer fun in the sun"** market.

We have some new stall holders that will join us (Yarra mist; Miss Kiss Healing Crystals and Craft; Juliette Coffee & Jazzy face painter) as well as some very loved regulars.
Check out Stall holder list on the Markets page on our website - Click here

However the highlight will include the lovely "Mooroolbark Melodies" choir, who will sing for us from 10:30.

During the market our President and Vice president will be happy to talk to anyone who was concerned and wanted to support us after the theft.

So come join us - enjoy the fun; free kids games and activities; ask gardening questions; retail; enjoy a sausage, coffee and cake and just enjoy, together with us, the community vibe as there is lots to see, hear, smell and many reasons to laugh together.

From the Gardeners Gate

It is late in the season but we still have more tomatoes, cucumbers and other veggies. The round zucchini's were a success this season and they are still going.

Climbing beans are flowering and hopefully soon we will be able to harvest.

The crystal apple cucumber is also spreading wild. Try and see if you can find that elusive one.

And the watermelon is really hard to spot with all it's camouflage.. but here it is ->

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

This time in the season we are starting to see wilting leaves with some of the plants. There is less and less produce at the garden and so the work now is concentration on adding a layer of mulch and compost onto the empty spaces. This helps in preparation of the soil towards the vegetable of the next season, Autumn and winter, which are mainly root vegetables.

Have you had a chance to see the Queensland Blue pumpkins growing over the trellis? come in and try and spot them around the garden.

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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.
All the best from the team at MCG.