



MCG Newsletter – March '26 Edition

Dear loyal readers,
Hope this newsletter finds you well.

Harvesting at the garden is almost done. Eggplants, pumpkins and Capsicums are the latest in the season to mature with some of the zucchini's still surprising us here and there.

We are now mainly layering the compost and potting mix in the garden beds in preparation for the seeds and seedlings of the coming season. Have a look at our 12 garden bed plan on our website for more information.

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

What's on - Opportunities to volunteer -

Coming up:

- Market at the garden - 29th Mar 2026
- Bunnings Sausage sizzle - 17th Apr 2026

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

Come and have a stroll at the garden whenever you feel like it. And try to spot the last Zucchini or pumpkin hiding in plain sight.



Monthly Market

Our February market theme "Fun in the summer sun" jinxed us with a dreary day

However the rain held off and the fun was lots of play.

Celebrations for the Lunar Chinese New Year were on display

Enjoying some cultural elements of song and community Tai Chi on the way.

New stalls, on-going stalls and lots of activities were at bay

And the feeling for the participants was like a sun ray.

As March has commenced and Easter is coming

Our next market will be charming

On the 29th you will find Easter activities rocking

An Easter Egg hunt for families will require some spotting

Pat-a Bunnie & face painting stalls will ensure the kids will be hopping.

Additional new stalls as well as old favorites will indulge shopping

While "Melbourne Melodies" will sing followed by some community dancing.

So come along, young and old, join the spirit of our community

Enjoy the abundance, the freedoms and opportunity

As we come together in unity

Harvesting from the garden will be a continuity

While buying winter seedlings a commodity

Have a sausage, try the raffle, have a coffee and get some honey

Many gift options or self indulgence to get for your money

So come along and join the fun

Say hello and see you've already won.

From the Gardeners Gate

It is the end of the season but we still have some zucchini's and pumpkins.



Climbing beans are flowering and ready for harvest on trellises and on the corn stems.



And butternut squash is almost ready as well.

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 are now almost done spreading a new layer of compost and potting mix on all beds in preparations for the new seeds and seedlings. This will rejuvenate the nutrients and microbiome in the garden beds.

Lately we started making our home made Bio-Enzyme and we are using it regularly in the garden beds as well as Comfrey tea and worm tea.

We have also spread Bio-Char in the garden beds. This is a new product for us. Apparently it is very porous allowing bacteria in so that worms are attracted and the whole soil improves this way.

Another “experiment” we are running for breaking down compost faster, is using a home made Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) serum. (Who said gardening is not FUN, and yes, they now call us Mad Scientists ;-)

So, if you feel like experimenting is your thing, why not come join us and see what we are doing and maybe share some of your own ideas as well.

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WEB - www.mooroolbarkcg.org is our website.

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.