



Murramarang Community Garden

Growing Food Together

Garden Managers Report – March 2013

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- There is the potential to construct a self-composting toilet on site. There has been much discussion as to what type, there has also been suggestion that the (almost Men's Shed) could have something to do with the assistance of this project.
- Members are encouraged to attend the regular working bees held on Saturday mornings.
- I would like to thank all members for their support of the whole Community Garden project to this stage. I sincerely trust and hope this continues.
- There is likely to be an increase in size of the existing garden area this year. The expansion will allow for increased "communal beds". The existing perimeter will be widened on the West & North sides that will be accessible through a gate. This should allow us to focus on the initial area for community beds.
- Since our motorised equipment was stolen there is going to be the added pressure on individuals to continue the ongoing maintenance such as mowing, trimming around beds and using their own generators.
- The windbreak needs maintenance, as many of the plants are too close together preventing beneficial growth. Many (those that are too close) can be removed. Mulching of the windbreak is an on-going task, requiring frequent trips to the tip and spreading the mulch around plants. I would like to thank those individuals who make frequent trips to the tip and to those who tend to compost bays and much needed watering of communal beds (this includes citrus orchard).
- We now have 70 something members and 60 plots. I believe we have a waiting list. This is a really heartening thing for our small community and I would like to thank the committee members for their ongoing support of our community.
- A special thanks to Steve (ANU) and his group for the recent mowing, brush cutting and maintenance since our loss.