



# IN THE GARDEN

Monthly newsletter of Kelmscott Community Garden Inc.  
55 River Road Kelmscott Western Australia

## A Great Community Effort

*They say it takes a village to raise a child—for the KCG the same could be said of installing a sign!*

*We are really pleased to now have our sign up. It is a very good example of how one small project brings the community together to get things done.*

*The following people have made this possible and we extend our thanks to everyone involved.*

*Dr Toni Buti who organised funding through the State Government Local Projects—Local Jobs initiative.*

*Down Under Signs did a fantastic job of printing the sign along with a banner and corflute signage that we can use at events.*

*Benson Contracting for drilling the holes.*

*Lauren Rhodes for organising the graphics.*

*Jehni and Keith Thomas-Wurth who provided the frame.*

*All the members who turned up on Saturday to help with the installation.*

*A great community project well done!*

*Jo Harris (Chair)*

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## NEW COMMITTEE

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Garden on Saturday 7 October.

We had a great turn out and elected eight people to fill all of the positions on the Committee. Thanks to everyone who has taken on a position. We look forward to working with all the members in the New Year.

The new Committee is:

Chair—Jo Harris

Vice Chair—Stephen Blackburn

Secretary—Jacinta Rawlinson

Treasurer— Julie Rice

General Committee Members

Barry Combs

Christine Burtenshaw

Beth Cole

Marion Laskowski

## GARDEN OPENING TIMES

Opening hours are currently

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9am -12noon

Saturdays 2pm -4pm.

From **1 December new hours** will be

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays **8am—11am**

And we are changing our Saturday session to`

**Sunday 9-11.**

Members will still be able to access all hours through the combination lock on the small gate.

As all workers are volunteers there may be some alterations to opening times . Any changes on a given day will be posted on Facebook or you can call Jo Harris on 0413 177 139 to check.

## PROJECTS

We have been progressing with getting the garden organised and now have our **compost bays** working to process our fantastic donations of hay and manure from Old MacDonald's Farm and coffee grounds from Dome. These donations are invaluable as you can never have enough compost for a garden! Ian has been doing a great job putting it all together. Making compost on a large scale is hard work and our members have been doing a great job.

**Garden beds** are appearing and we have planted so many seeds and seedlings we will have a forest of food before we know it. The propagation bench is starting to fill up nicely to provide a continuous supply of seedlings for planting and sale.

Our **wicking bed** project is progressing and we are planning on having a workshop on how you can do this at home in the near future.

Thanks to a generous donation by Shane Hunter we now have a working **worm farm**. Our second worm farm is on the way, thanks to some great work by a few very strong members who managed to deliver and lift a cast iron bath into place!



## CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

**Saturday 9th December  
4pm—6pm**

**We will be having an afternoon get together at the garden to celebrate the festive season and to celebrate the garden's progress. We would love to see you there. Bring a plate of food to share.**

## PRIVATE GARDEN PLOTS

We are getting some interest for private garden plots so if you would like to reserve one please contact us to talk about your particular requirements as we may be able to develop something specific to your needs.

Costs will be \$90 a year for a bed 1.5m x 3m. The cost will include access to compost created at the garden and all gardening tools. It will also include limited supply of products such as garden stakes, Wetta soil and organic fertilisers.

All plot owners will need to be Garden Members and will need to sign a charter of garden management.

Membership forms can be downloaded or filled in online at our website.

[www.kelmscottgarden.org.au](http://www.kelmscottgarden.org.au)

## DONATIONS

We are looking for the following items so please let us know if you can assist with donations.

- ◆ A door to act as a cover for the worm farm
- ◆ A large mallet or axe
- ◆ Star pickets
- ◆ Pliers
- ◆ Sheet metal for garden beds
- ◆ Bird baths
- ◆ Tape measure
- ◆ Potting mix

## SPONSORS

We continue to receive great support from local businesses!

This month our special mentions go out to:

- ◆ *Benson Contracting*
- ◆ *Eric Pocock Plumbing*
- ◆ *Dome Kelmscott*
- ◆ *TyrePower*
- ◆ *Old MacDonald's Farm*

## SOME GARDEN FIRSTS

*...to share with you all!*

