



# IN THE GARDEN

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

## WELCOME

*After four years of planning we are so excited to be finally gardening at our home at 55 River Road, Kelmscott.*

*Thank you to all who attended our official opening on Saturday 2nd September. It was a great chance to meet so many interested people and we hope it will be the beginning of many new friendships and partnerships.*

*Special thanks to our busy Mayor, Henry Zelones and Deputy Mayor, Ruth Butterfield and the City of Armadale staff who attended to show their support for the garden.*

*Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the KCG Committee and Members who worked hard to make the opening a success and who have importantly worked so hard over the last few years to achieve our goal of securing a garden space.*

**Jo Harris**  
**Chairperson**

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## AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Garden on Saturday 7 October at 2pm.

All friends and members are welcome to come along and join us for a short meeting followed by a sausage sizzle and some afternoon tea.

It will be a very exciting and important 12 months at the garden with a new Committee steering our development to bring our garden plan to life and begin organising some great events and activities.

Please consider nominating to be a part of the Committee—or let us know if you have a particular interest and would like to assist the Committee as required.

General meetings are held 5 times a year at Busy Bees with additional Committee meetings only scheduled rarely if necessary.

## GARDEN OPENING TIMES

Opening hours are currently

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9am -12noon

Saturdays 2pm -4pm.

Come along for an hour and lend a hand and share a cuppa and a chat.

Members have 24/7 access to the garden and there is a board with a list of jobs that can be done if you find yourself at a loose end!

As summer approaches we may alter hours to beat the heat but we will keep you posted.

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 & BUSY BEES

In the past few weeks we have begun to get the garden organised and have begun some small projects.

We have taken advantage of the great weather and planted our fruit trees and seedlings donated by Bunnings and Members into the ground.

We now have one complete garden bed, a herb spiral and we have begun building the composting bays.

It has been great to work with our Members and Friends on these projects. However, there is much more to do and it is our plan to continue holding busy bees every few weeks to help with some of the major projects and importantly to get together and meet new people and have some fun!

Our next Busy Bee will be held on 21 October when our main focus will be to make our Worm Farm and to continue with some of the garden bed construction.



*Marion and Pip making the Herb Spiral*

## PRIVATE GARDEN PLOTS

At present we have not developed private garden plots but this will commence shortly.

We encourage you to contact us to discuss your particular requirements as we may be able to develop something specific to your needs.

Costs will likely be about \$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.

We expect there to be a good demand for plots and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis so if you are interested contact us to indicate your interest and ask any questions you may have.

## DONATIONS

If you have any of the following items to help us with our Worm Farm we would love to hear from you.

- ◆ Shredded paper
- ◆ Wood suitable to make a worm farm frame to hold a cast iron bath—preferably jarrah or treated pine
- ◆ An door to act as a cover for the worm farm
- ◆ Worms!!

For more info \_ <http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s4739322.htm>

## SPONSORS

We have been extremely fortunate to have been supported by a number of businesses and individuals in our first month of being open.

We are very grateful to everyone who has helped with all kinds of donations including tools, plants, gardening equipment soil, and of course time and effort. The garden will, like everything, be as good as the effort that goes into it. At this rate it is going to be a fantastic space for the community to enjoy!

Special mention to the following businesses who we encourage you to support:

- ◆ *Armadale Drop n Shop Reuse Centre*
- ◆ *Beaver Tree Services*
- ◆ *Bunnings*
- ◆ *Dome Kelmscott*
- ◆ *Lulfitz Nursery*
- ◆ *Magic Garden Supplies Orange Grove*
- ◆ *Ralphy's Earthworks*

## ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SPRING AND HAPPY GARDENING!

