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Hot Topic – by David Puckey

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Summer is upon us and the gardens are looking splendid. Congratulations to all of you. We are still taking prospective new members to look at our site and it is such a good advertisement to show an active garden that is oozing enthusiasm. Keep it up because every new member is one more step to us keeping fees to a minimum.



Beth Henwood, of the ABC's Open Garden Scheme, inspects the Garden with David Puckey.

Recently Ralph and I had the pleasure of showing Beth Henwood from the ABC Open Garden Scheme around our site. She was very impressed by your efforts and has included us in the scheme for February 2007. It may seem a long way off but it is really the next Summer season so it is closer than it seems.

The idea is to have the site open for two days, charge an entry, sell produce and hopefully pull in some more new members. This is a great opportunity for publicity and fund raising.

The roster system has started and the timetable is posted on the notice board in the shed. When your coordinator contacts you to do a task, please be as cooperative as you can. The tasks are not huge and if everyone does their share the tasks will

become even smaller as time goes by. When I called on my group with allotted tasks they were very enthusiastic and it makes my job easier too. Don't forget - you can fit your task in to your own timetable when it suits you. If you are away or unable to complete the task, arrange a swap with someone and notify your coordinator

See a committee member if you are wanting to use a mower or small tiller. The large rotary hoe goes if it feels like it and the old mower in the shed goes for a while but we have good mowers and a small tiller - the ground must be dug first.

Enjoy your gardening, the weather is excellent for vegies and it's great to be out in it.

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- What's Growing On**
Knox Farmer's Market
 3rd Saturday each month 8 am — 1 pm at Wantirna P. S. in Mountain Highway.
- ABC Open Garden Scheme**
- *Fruits of Mother Earth* 11th & 12th February 2006—North Melbourne Community Gardens
- Victorian Community Garden Gathering**
- 11/12 February 2006. Darebin Council.
- Sustainable Living Festival Federation Square**
- 17-19 February
- Maroondah Festival Croydon Park**
- Sunday 19th February 2006
- Annual conference of the Australian City Farms & Community Gardens Network -**
- 6 to 9 March. 2006—Adelaide
- Daylight Savings Finishes**
 Sunday 26 March 2006
- AGM**
- Tuesday 15th August 2006
- Ringwood Community Garden in ABC Open Garden Scheme**
- 3rd & 4th February 2007

Autumn Deadline—February 5th
 Leave contributions in the shed in the Secretary's postal slot or email to:-
info@ringwoodcommunitygarden.org.au

Community gardens can play a vital role in bringing individuals and communities together, especially in our rapidly changing world. Reconnecting with the natural environment and growing something of beauty, or something fresh and delicious for the kitchen table is fundamental to our common existence as human beings and provides not only food for the table but also sustenance for the soul.

Penny Woodward, 'Shared Gardening', Australia's Open Garden Scheme, 2005, p.26.

What do you get if you cross a
gardener with a magazine?

A weeder's digest!



'Dig It'

Roster

Dates



Co-ordinator					1	2
Ralph Powell	Adrian	Phil	Krystine	Bill & Greg	Nov 14	May 1
David Puckey	Ken N	Anthony D	Geoff & Jennifer	Diane & Carlo	Nov 14	Jun 5
Fay Beslee	Helene	Di G	Arthur	Colin & Pauline	Nov 28	Jul 3
Charles Schaefer	Verna	Bob	Greg B	Ray	Jan 23	Aug 7
Fred Reindl	Alfred	Manuel	Ramon	Peter	Feb 13	Sept 4
Jill Christie	Fran	Wendy	Steve	Ken W	Mar 6	Oct 2
Ben Clarke	Alle	Brian	Sam	David W	Mar 20	Nov 6
Trevor Walker	Anthony W	Annie	Lillian	Bill	Apr 3	Dec 4



Snails tend not to travel over some things like: ·Shell grit ·Hair cuttings ·Sawdust. Sprinkle them around the base of seedlings and other snail delicacies to keep the snails out.



Cabbage White Caterpillars—

Try scattering empty eggshell halves amongst your cabbages, broccoli, Brussels sprouts etc.

Being territorial, these moths apparently mistake the eggshells for other cabbage moths and leave the area.



BRANCH OUT NURSERY

At the corner of Oban and
Warrandyte Roads,
North Ringwood,
9876 3479

Is offering seedling punnets to Community Garden members for the special price of \$2.50 each.

Ask for Paul

www.branchoutnursery.com.au

"Once we become interested in the progress of the plants in our care, their development becomes a part of the rhythm of our own lives and we are refreshed by it."...
Thalassa Cruso



Over 60% of the membership

Currently receive their correspondence via the Internet.
 If you haven't already done so, please give your email address to
 Ralph at info@ringwoodcommunitygarden.org.au
 By doing this we can easily keep you up-to-date and
 you are also helping reduce postage and printing costs.

"To boldly grow where no one has groan before."
 ...David Hobson

Lost: Keys

Fay at Plots 4 and 5 has lost a set of keys with a Hawaiian tag. If you find some let her know.



A Maroondah Council grant of \$610 has assisted in the purchase of a new R.C.G. brush cutter.

Best wishes for the Festive Season and the New Year



Felice Anno Nuovo

Allen ein frohes Neues Jahr!



Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευτυχισμένο
 τοέο Έτος

Sun nein fai lok!



Felices fiestas y un próspero año nuevo

Bon Nadal i felix any nou



Open Garden Scheme
 Saturday 11th
 and
 Sunday 12th
 February, 2006
Fruits of Mother Earth
**North Melbourne
 Community Gardens**
 Mark St.,
 North Melbourne
 Melway 2A D4
\$5 entry

**Here's the
 'Dirt' on what
 to plant.**

Climbing beans	December - January	Lettuce	December - February
Beetroot	December - February	Melons	December
Cabbage	December - February	Spring Onions	December - February
Brussels Sprouts	December - February	Potato tubers	December
Cabbage	December - February	Pumpkin	December
Carrots	December - February	Radish	December - February
Celery	December	Rhubarb	December - February
Cauliflower	December - January	Silver beet	December - February
Chinese Cabbage	December - February	Sweet Corn	December
Cucumber	December	Zucchini	December
Herbs	December - February	Verduras	

"A garden, small or large, like a nuclear or extended family, gives us a protected, friendly place to grow - not only to grow herbs in a way compatible with nature, but to grow in our own psychic awareness, to cultivate our potential for being sensitive and responsible citizens of the planet and grateful caretakers of our inherited treasures."

Adele Dawson

Oops a Daisy

You fight dandelions all weekend, and late Monday afternoon there they are, pert as all get out, in full and gorgeous bloom, pretty as can be, thriving as only dandelions can in the face of adversity

- Hal Borland

Dandelion



is considered a weed by many gardeners, but the plant does have several culinary and medicinal uses and is high in vitamin A. The Dandelion is also a source of vitamin C.

Capeweed

is a pest to gardeners yet some people eat them chopped in salads!



Definite Foes



Sorrell



Oxalis



Onion Grass

If you see these plants get rid of them. Oxalis and Onion Grass have corms. Sorrell has rhizomous roots which break off and reshoot They all need to be dug out to be effectively eradicated. Oxalis is almost impossible to remove once it gets established.