



Golden Beach Community Nursery & Open Garden

Hosted by the Golden Paradise Beach Ratepayers & Residents Assoc. Inc.

Nursery open Friday & Saturdays 10am – 12noon*
* when volunteers available



Welcome to Autumn – pray for rain!

What is happening in the garden

We have heard some great vegie garden success stories, people harvesting and processing their beetroot, silverbeet, strawberries, onions, lettuce and tomatoes. If you have adequate water for vegetables now is a good time to sow carrot seeds. Or plant some lettuce, rocket or coriander. You can harvest a few leaves as required, you don't need to wait for the plants to mature. A shelter made from shade cloth or hail mesh will help protect plants from sunburn.

Many local gardens are suffering from the hot dry spell and will need a lot of TLC to help them recover. Even established natives are wilting. Most plants will benefit from light trimming so cut back any dead leaves and branches. Some people are fortunate to have bore water for their gardens but for others water is scarce with no rainfall to fill tanks and help revive plants. What you can do is continue to water in the early morning, add "soil wetta" granules, and mulch to retain as much moisture as possible. Nutrients are leached from the soil more rapidly in summer so try spreading a slow release fertiliser suitable to the plant species in your garden, this may help them to recover.



Make a Scarecrow Competition

Congratulations to Lauren Brown, the winner of the Scarecrow competition. Lauren's prize was a bundle of assorted art supplies. We received several requests for an "open age" section and will introduce this next summer.

RV Site Expansion and Community Garden Plots

A grant was awarded to the Ratepayers & Residents committee for the RV site expansion, the land has been surveyed and working plans are now available. When earthworks have been completed behind the Nursery compound towards Meridan Rd we will be co-ordinating groups of local schoolchildren who will assist with planting approximately 1,000 native trees and shrubs as an environmental science project in May.

The proposal to establish the community garden plots on the site behind the Church is on hold pending approval for use of the land and funding availability. To those people waiting for a plot, thank you once again for your patience.

We have received a very generous donation of a garden shed to store our equipment. Thank you to the group of men who helped to erect it under trying conditions. We hope to have a shade house erected during the next few weeks.

Additional funds and support will be required to enable us to continue our work in the community nursery, enhance the surrounding area with planting of native shrubs and establish the open garden.

Plant sales are going well in the Nursery and our dedicated volunteers continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10am. Future meeting dates; 12th March, 9th April, 14th May.

Happy Gardening

Merrilynne Hayes

Volunteer co-ordinator