



**Garden Open Day**

**Saturday  
from 10.30am**

**BYO LUNCH  
JOIN US!**

*Remembering the past ... Sharing the present ... Building the future*

*Changing Times for the Community Garden*

The community gardeners who have been meeting and gardening since 2008 are having a change of day and time for their regular get together. Garden manager Steve Marsden hopes to improve accessibility for all members of the community by changing to a Saturday. Starting at 10.30am to garden with a break for lunch at 11.30, members are encouraged to bring along a BYO picnic lunch. Those who wish to, can recommence gardening after they've eaten. Families with children are encouraged to come along and enjoy. There is also the Mundijong Skate park across the road with free WiFi for those with older children. If you aren't able to come at 10.30, but would like to join in with the Garden activities, please feel free to come along at lunch time- as usually the gardeners will still be there until mid afternoon – *so you still have that chance to get your hands dirty if you wish!*

**WHAT'S ON!**

2nd MAY:  
Mosaic Matters 9.30AM

16th MAY:  
Mosaic Matters 9.30AM

22nd MAY:  
**Uniting Church  
Mundijong Heritage  
Church Service  
10.30AM**

30th MAY:  
Mosaic Matters 9.30AM

6th JUNE:  
Mosaic Matters 9.30AM

18th JUNE:  
**Mundijong Heritage  
Uniting Church &  
Community Garden  
Committee meeting  
at 1PM**

9th July:  
**Uniting Church  
Regional Gathering  
Saturday  
from 9.30AM**

25th JULY  
Mosaic Matters 9.30AM

8th August:  
Mosaic Matters 9.30AM

**WEEKLY:**

Monday: AA 7pm  
Friday: AA 7pm  
Saturday: Garden Open  
from 11.30am  
BYO LUNCH  
Sunday: Al-Anon 6pm



Just some of the lovely fresh and healthy vegetables grown and harvested from the community garden recently. Nothing is as good as home grown!



**Mosaic Matters Art & Social Group goes from strength to strength**

Our group of dedicated ladies have produced some beautiful individual work, which have now been placed in the community garden. They are now working on a large scale combined piece for the church kitchen. Mosaic splash backs in four panels to be joined together into one artwork. A large tree and a garden frieze will be the end result. This project is expected to be completed by the end of the year. More members are welcome and we would to see some men come along too.



## Historic Mundijong Church gets a new lease on life!

### Marilyn Marsden, Church Co-Ordinator

The old church that you see as you drive down the main street in Mundijong has been standing since 1905!

But it turns out, this church was not the only church to be built in Mundijong. In 1898 the Anglicans erected a church on the corner of Anstey and Whitby streets, which was eaten by white ants sometime before 1980 and demolished.



In 2008, due to severe concerns about the state of the building, and a desire to preserve some of the history of Mundijong, a group of locals started the process of restoring the building and grounds to their former glory, with the most recent improvement being the installation of a new kitchen including for the first time ever – a hot water service. This was generously funded by the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation, and the installation has been carried out as much as possible by volunteers, both local and by the Christian organisation, Mobile Mission Maintenance. Local tradies such as Mundys Plumbing have also worked on the project.



A First Aid wall cabinet and contents were donated by Mundijong Pharmacy to enhance the safety of all users of the building.

This part of the building upgrade follows several previous stages, including restumping the building, relining the church hall interior, electrical rewiring, new gutters, back door including fly screen! Ramps installed through the building for disability access, a fire safety plan and fire extinguishers.

On a sadder note, during the long weekend in March thieves again targeted the church and grounds, stealing a near new garden seat which had been donated, a water pump, and the new Hot Water service was disconnected when the copper pipe was taken. The committee are continuing to strive for improved security and would appreciate any information about this occurrence.

Many hours have gone into providing a pleasant environment for meetings and functions and are all enjoying these new facilities immensely. Some of these people being the community gardeners, church attenders, mosaic group, Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-anon groups.

Over the year's worship services have waxed and waned, originally being run by the Methodists for several years, Peter Nairn conducted services for some years as a lay minister, and most recently the Cardup Christian Community held services in the building.

A small worship team has formed to recommence worship in Mundijong again, on a bi-monthly basis. This is held under the banner of the Uniting Church, it is lay-led with a very family friendly and interactive format, in a café style setting. The connection with the community garden outside is enjoyed, and attendees usually end up in the garden after worship enjoying morning tea or lunch depending on the time of the service. **The next worship service is on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30AM.** All are welcome to attend worship, and to stay and enjoy hot soup and bread after the service and explore the lovely garden.

We would love any information on the history of this church or clarification of our current knowledge. We hope to place an historic sign in a visible position to add to the historic element we already have in Paterson street, so old photographs would also be very welcome! To pass on information please contact Marinda Smith on 0412 860 787 or Marilyn Marsden on 9525 9347. We are also pleased to have community interest in hiring the hall, please phone 9525 9347 for information.



## *Fun and Games at the Church Picnic*

The Mundijong Heritage Community Church held an event in October.

An intimate multi denominational Christian service was followed by a traditional church picnic with fun family orientated games.



An egg and spoon race, horseshoe throw and a treasure hunt were enjoyed by young and old alike.

After all the excitement and activity of the games, a lovely picnic lunch was shared by everyone in the garden.

Another church service and get together is coming up on the 22nd of may. We would love to see you there.

Great supporters of the Community garden the SJFFA recently held two workshops at the church  
SJFFA coordinator Sharon Phillips:



### *Preserving Foods at Home*

Christine Skitt led an informative workshop on how to make jams, preserves, homemade sauces, pickles and a variety of other types of home-grown produce.

A very helpful skill to gain for those who find themselves with a seasonal glut of fruit and veggies grown at home. Well attended and enjoyed, the workshop is a popular one which has been held at the community garden in the past.

### *The Beauty of Bees Workshop*

The workshop was a great success with lots of interesting and intriguing facts shared about our wonderful bees. Dan and Ian from WA Apiarists Society held the fun and informative workshop at the community garden which was followed by a healthy lunch.



The police cars were a hit with all the children.

## *NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BBQ*

The garden was the venue for the BBQ held by Neighbourhood Watch in conjunction with Mundijong Police and the SJ Shire.

The summer series of community get togethers have been popular in the past and it was great to see so many locals at the garden for this popular community event.

For many it was their first time at the garden and positive comments were received about how lovely the garden was. The BBQ was a great success for everyone involved. Thank you to the organisers for using the community garden as the venue.



Perfect weather for a family outing.  
The BBQ was kept sizzling by the blokes



Raffle tickets, neighbourhood watch and bush fire ready bags were available



## *From The Garden Bench*

**Belinda Lester Editor**

Change. Something that is inevitable in life. What we do with that change is what makes us who we are. It can either be scary, or exciting: its all in the way we view it. Breaking through the fear of change by taking the first step with faith can make all the difference. Trusting that no matter what happens, God's got your back. There is change in the air at the community garden and the church. It has been 8 years since this project was begun. A dedicated group of locals have been working away quietly, slowly, step by step, bringing the neglected church and grounds to where it is today. Changing times and faces, people moving away, new people joining. It's a fluid thing, community. It will be exciting watching the next stage in the development of this lovely little community space. I invite you to come and have a hand in it.

### *Next church service...*

**Sunday 22nd May at 10.30am**

The message of the service is  
**COMMUNITY.**

Please come and join us for an informal, café style multi-denominational service. Stay after for hot soup and fellowship.

**ALL WELCOME**



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*Mundijong Heritage Community Garden and Church: Public Group.*

*Add your friends and family and share your gardening and local stories.*



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