

Spring 2015

Mundijong Heritage Community Garden



Growing Together

Garden Open Days

Tuesday
& Saturday

JOIN US!

WHAT'S ON:

SPRING

14 SEPTEMBER:

**Mosaic Matters
9.30am**

12 OCTOBER:

**Mosaic Matters
9.30am**

17 OCTOBER:

**COMMUNITY
EVENT**

**SJFFA Preserves
Workshop
1.30pm-3pm**

18 OCTOBER:

**COMMUNITY
EVENT**

**Church Picnic
10am**

26 OCTOBER:

**Mosaic Matters
9.30am**

7 NOVEMBER:

**Committee Meeting
1pm**

9 NOVEMBER:

**Mosaic Matters
9.30am**

23 NOVEMBER:

**Mosaic Matters
9.30am**

26 NOVEMBER:

**COMMUNITY
EVENT**

**Neighbourhood
Watch Community
BBQ
5pm-7pm**

WEEKLY:

Monday: AA 7pm

Tuesday: Garden

Open Morning 9am

Friday: AA 7pm

Saturday: Garden

Open Morning 9am

Sunday: Al-Anon

6pm

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

SJ COMMUNITY FAIR 2015

What a fantastic day it was! Beautiful weather, plenty to see and do and crowds of happy people. With around 15,000 visitors to the Fair, it was our most successful Fair Day yet for both the community garden and the church. Nearly \$700 was raised by the end of the day with soup, plants and raffles being eagerly sought by Fair goers. Congratulations to our two raffle winners Mrs J. Maltby of Wungong and Mrs M. Green of Safety Bay. Due to the popularity and growth of the Fair, the church boundary was where the stalls started, putting us in the prime position of first port of call for visitors. An ideal opportunity to raise awareness of where we are and what we do with the wider community.

We were also a welcome respite from the heat of the day with many people taking the opportunity to sit awhile in the shade of the garden or have some quiet time out inside the coolness of the church.

A big thank you to our dedicated volunteers who made the day what it was, for without you, we wouldn't be where we are today. It was also wonderful to see some of our newer and younger members get involved for the first time in any sort of voluntary venture. From what I've heard they got a lot out of the experience. Plenty of smiles on happy but exhausted faces at the end of the day. Special mention to the all dayers: Marilyn, Steve, Jayne, Evan, Marinda and Samantha. One word... LEGENDS!



All ready for the big day



Marilyn in prime position



Jayne, Marilyn, Marinda & Elisha having fun in the soup kitchen



Dave, Jan, Richard, George, Kath & Tricia enjoying the church soup



Steve & Tam with the plant stall



Samantha's mosaic display

July Church Service

Our thanksgiving celebration service held recently was well attended by around 30 people, including many SJ locals and some Eastern states visitors.

Celebrating the completion of the chapel restoration of the church and paying tribute to the groups and volunteers who have brought us to where we are thus far, the multi denominational style Christian service was well received.

A short presentation to the community on the groups who use the building and grounds and a slideshow of the progression of the work done, highlighted the micro-community being built at 18 Paterson St in Mundijong.

A presentation was made of a donation from The Mundijong Heritage Community Church to Mobile Mission Maintenance W.A., who undertook voluntary work on the interior renovation. This will go towards the good works they do in poor countries around the world building schools and housing. Our way of paying it forward.

A shared lunch and social gathering after the service in the garden was enjoyed, with beautiful sunny weather making the day complete.



The carpark was full and overflowing on to the street



The garden was enjoyed by all

Biggest Busy Bee so far

Our recent busy bee at the community garden was well attended and the amount of work done by the crew was phenomenal. Getting ready for the SJ Community Fair, a large skip bin was hired and one of the volunteers brought along a trailer as well. With a mountain of weeds to pull, the weeding women got stuck into it with great vigour. With the rain and mild winter conditions the weeds were growing, well, like weeds! Carol, Ruth, Jayne and new members Lisa and Janette pulled weeds for most of the day, filling the compost bins and over half of the skip bin. A mammoth effort! A general tidy up and removal of rubbish filled the rest of the skip. Sam, Evan, Ben and Kaz provided most of the muscle and were helped along by everyone else from time to time.

A truck load and a half was moved and spread by Belinda, Mindy (one of our new members), Susan and Elisha. Felt like a mountain by the end of the day! New paths laid and garden beds made, existing beds topped up with manure and plants fertilised. Paving swept and BBQ cleaned.

A well deserved break for a shared lunch and a cuppa and then back to it for the afternoon shift.

Andrea got stuck into clearing out, cleaning and organising the shade house and garden shed as well as helping with the general tidying.

Ben and Evan also unloaded and moved our new water tank and some carpet that was donated as well as laying the carpet in the chapel.

A massive day for everyone and as you can see by the pictures a fantastic result! Thank you so much for all your hard work, it was great fun too!



What a difference a day can make. The beautiful garden after the Busy Bee was finished.



Thank you to our marvellous volunteers. You're worth your weight in gold.



Welcome to the Garden

Welcome to our new members Marinda, Janette and Lisa who have joined us recently. Your much needed helping hands are most appreciated.



SATURDAY WORK DAYS

It's been a busy time in the garden since the last Serpentine Valley Crier magazine came out.

Our last big busy bee and further exposure in the community via the media, more interest has resulted in us implementing an additional open work day. Due to many people not being able to come on a Tuesday morning due to work commitments, we are now also open on Saturday mornings



Elisha, Janette & Marinda

from 9am. A regular group is forming and we welcome more members. A good cross section of the community is evident with members ranging from children, young people, mums and dads and grandparents.

It's great to see people getting together and enjoying time in the garden, getting some valuable vitamin D and sharing laughs and gardening tips. Morning tea is usually a highlight of the morning with members taking it in turns to bring along something special to share. We certainly have some good bakers on the team! With the warmer weather just around the corner, the BBQ will soon be put to good use for lunch too.

Over the next few weeks vegetables will be planted in our new garden beds with the focus being on growing enough to share the harvest between members. Lots of leafy greens, peas, beans, summer crops and herbs are already started.

NEW TANK GUTTERS DOWNPIPES

Funding to connect the church building to rain water has been approved and a new galvanised tank, gutters and downpipes have now been installed. With the recent good rains, the tank is filling with fresh drinking water.



The big prune

Recently the community garden has had a dramatic transformation due to the removal of several trees next door. The big peppercorn tree over our seating area and some smaller trees along the fence line are no more and have been replaced by a lovely new fence along the boundary.

The historic Marri tree has also received some much needed pruning out of all the dead limbs that were posing a safety risk.





Funky Fermenting Workshop

A fun and insightful afternoon was had at the Mundijong Heritage Church and Garden at our Funky Fermenting masterclass. I am sure there will be the smell of sauerkraut and kimchi throughout Serpentine Jarrahdale.

It was Tina's second workshop and she showed us how to ferment garlic, mustard, ginger and lemon, as well as the standards.

Three door prizes were won and lots of yummy taste testing was had.

Thank you to Tina, June, Mundijong Heritage Community Church and Garden and to the lovely people who came and saw.



Instructor Tina Old



Sharon Phillips, SJFFA Co-Ordinator



Attendees listening intently

MOSAIC MATTERS

The Mosaic Matters Art and Social Group is now underway at the community garden.

The newly started group meets at the Mundijong Heritage Community Garden fortnightly during school terms from 9.30am til 11.30am.



Beginning with a meet and greet and a general outline of what the goals of the group would be, it has been full steam ahead for the enthusiastic art lovers.

Learning the basics together has been a fun learning experience with plenty of laughs and inspiration. Memberships have been steadily increasing and a real rapport is forming. Projects for the community garden have now started, the first of which are mosaic decorated pavers.

The last session before the school term break is Monday 14 September 9.30am-11.30am and then recommencing after the break on Monday 12 October 9.30am-11.30am, meeting fortnightly for the remainder of term 4.

If you would like further information contact Samantha Nordberg 0448 520 3125



Members with their first mosaic pots: Andrea, Kaz, Carol, Pam, Samantha Nordberg (Co-Ordinator), Sasha and Tricia

PRESERVING FOODS AT HOME



Join experienced local Christine Skitt in a fun and informative workshop on making jams, homemade sauces and pickles. Do you have excess fruit from your backyard orchard, or lots of chili's? Then come and learn the basics of the wonderful art of preserving and save it all from going to waste.

Saturday 17th October from 1pm-3.30pm
COST: \$25 & \$20 conc.

Mundijong Heritage Community Church
18 Paterson St, Mundijong

Contact Sharon on 0499 836 200 for bookings
Or email enquiries@sjfoodandfarmalliance.com.au

Church Picnic

The next event for the Mundijong Heritage Community Church will be held on **Sunday 18th October at 10am.**

A multi denominational Christian service will be followed by a traditional church picnic with fun family orientated games. Egg and spoon race, wheel barrow race, three legged race and a treasure hunt are some of the games planned. Mums and dads are encouraged to bring along the littlies and to join in with the fun.

We encourage everyone to bring along your picnic food and drinks to join us for a combined luncheon.

Baby Korbin

Welcome to our newest member of the community garden

KORBIN TE PAEA WILLIAMS
born 30th June 2015 weighing 5lb 3oz.
A son for Kaz and Ben and a little brother for Manaia, Jada and Toi.

Congratulations to you all.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BBQ

26th November from 5pm-7pm

The garden will be the location of an upcoming event in November to be 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 we are happy to be the venue of such a popular community event. Mark the date on your calendars and come along and join in.



Our page on Facebook is going from strength to strength. Raising awareness of what we do and who we are in the public arena we have become media savvy through this page.

We currently have 70 members and are still growing. Posts are shared to the page from various sources with articles of interest and updates from the community garden. Things that are happening in our local community and topics relevant to our micro community at 18 Paterson Street, Mundijong. If you're on Facebook, join us and join in!

Gratitude

helps you to grow and expand; gratitude brings joy and laughter into your life and into the lives of all those around you.

— ELLEN CADDY





From The Garden Bench

What a busy winter we had this year! So much happening, improvements made and new faces at the Church and the Garden. The SJ Fair was fantastic and it was great to see so many people visiting the garden. There's plenty planned for Spring too, so don't forget to check out the "What's On" column on the front page. If you're on Facebook, join our page and keep up to date with the goings on at the garden and contribute some posts yourself. Our community is growing... Be a part of it! Life is what you make it, so make it good. Blessings to you all, **Belinda Lester Editor**



State Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

If you have been reading Growing Together for a while you will be aware that there are two Alcoholics Anonymous groups that meet in the Church. Have your wondered what AA is? What do they do? Are they some secret sect? Who can go? An opportunity to have these questions and more answered is coming up in November.

The state anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held on the 26th November from 7pm til 9pm at the North Perth Town Hall.

This is an open public meeting and everyone is invited.

*Topics and sharing include:

- AA Explained
- Guest Speakers
- Al-Anon Family Groups Speaker
- Members of other Agencies invited
- State archives on display
- Alcoholics Anonymous literature available for sale
- Sharing from Members

- *Supper provided following the meeting
- *Doors open from 6pm with refreshments provided

Further information from the State Office 9325 3566 or Ian 0433 307 842



Next church service

Sunday 18 October at 10am

Please come and join us for a informal, multi denomination

style Christian worship, followed by a picnic lunch and family games.

ALL WELCOME



Find us on the web

Go to www.serpentinevalley.com.au. Click on the menu bar and follow these directions: Click on community directory, then environmental groups. We are listed there as Mundijong Heritage Community Garden. Previous editions of Growing Together Newsletter are available as PDF downloads.

Thank you to all our Supporters

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- SJ Mini Excavators and Rock Breaking
- Claire Bates Graphic Design
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- Landcare Australia
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- Bendigo Bank Byford
- Tony Simpson MLA
- Alcoa
- Mundijong Garden Supplies and Hire
- Vintage Realty
- Department of Local Government and Communities

And all our Members and Friends



We are now on Facebook!

To see what's happening search for: *Mundijong Heritage Community Garden and Church: Public Group.*

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