

From the Garden Bench...

It is my pleasure to take over the role of the Editor of Growing Together. My thanks go to Ruth for setting up the newsletter and I hope the readers will look forward to getting a copy and enjoy reading it. Also I would like to thank Ruth for all her hard work and dedication to the Community Garden over the past five years. She will be missed.

There is always plenty to do at the Garden. For a pure hit of feel good therapy, get into gardening! I have found from my own personal experience that I always feel better after getting out and getting into it, so to speak. It's even more fun with a group of like minded people. In closing, there is a lovely saying I would like to share with you " ... You are nearer God's heart in a garden, than anywhere else on Earth"

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Next Committee Meeting: 12th July 2014

Busy day in the garden ...

Always plenty to do in winter. Lawns need mowing and weeds need pulling. Many hands make light work.



...Well, it was for some anyway! Young Toi Williams was supervising

Thank you to all our Supporters

- Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire
- Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Resource Centre
- SJ Mini Excavators and Rock Breaking
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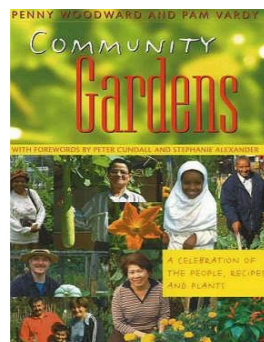
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 Penny Woodward and Pam
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Come in, the gate's open ...



Past and present combine in a lovely garden feature

Growing Together

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

Vandals Strike Again

Vandals have struck the garden once again. Garden Manager, Steve Marsden attended the garden on 18 May to find several of the small trees had been hacked off and the BBQ area littered with alcohol cans and rubbish. Outdoor chairs provided for use by garden visitors were also broken and strewn around the garden. A police report has been filed. Please keep an eye out for suspicious behavior and report to the police. This is not the first time vandals have damaged the Community Garden. The storage shed has been broken into and items stolen on several occasions. There have been several instances of malicious damage as well. It is so disappointing to see this sort of behavior in our small community. Surely we can find the culprits and stop this from happening again. Community service in the Garden to repair the damage, perhaps?



Some of the damage to the community garden plants and chairs

Community Garden Volunteers support local fundraiser

A group of our volunteers shared morning tea with many locals at the Raise Your Cup event to raise funds for the Cancer Council. It was held at the Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Resource Centre just down the street from the church in Mundijong. The event was a great success and another example of locals helping locals. Community counts, in the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

Kaz, Toi,
 Belinda,
 Carol, Steve,
 Marilyn and
 Richard at the
 Raise Your Cup
 for Cancer morning
 tea at the
 SJRC.



WE WANT YOU!

We are looking for Volunteers to enjoy some time in our garden

Mundijong Heritage Community Garden

For further info Contact Steve
 9525 9347

Gardening Mornings

Do you have time to spare?
 Want to make new friends?
 Into getting your hands dirty?



THURSDAYS 9-12 NOON

Home grown produce community exchange

Have you got excess fruit and vegetables you just don't know what to do with?

Bring them to the Community Garden and share them around! Exchange lemons for silver beet or mandarins for cabbages or whatever is available for the season. The community garden also has a good variety of vegetables available for members to take home. So when your citrus trees, grape vines and fig trees are loaded with fruit, think of us.

There is nothing quite as good as picked fresh from the garden.



There will be plenty to share around for members

Neighbourhood Watch sizzles

The Community Garden was the venue for the second in a series of four free community sausage sizzles.

The community get togethers were organized by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's Community Services Team, Mundijong Police and members of Neighbourhood Watch.

A great opportunity for some community networking, the event was well attended by around thirty people from the local area. It was the first time for some to visit the Community Garden. Positive feedback was given regarding the surrounds and the hard work put in by the volunteers. With perfect weather, the event was enjoyed by all.



New raised garden beds donated

Thanks go to friend of the Community Garden, Richard Wilkinson for the generous donation of three raised garden beds. He uses recycled timber to build these and they are ready made to be assembled on site. Richard will make them to order if anyone is interested in having some for themselves. Contact Richard direct on 9277 9914.



The raised garden beds assembled



Friend of the Garden, Richard

What's Growing now in the Garden

With some rain at the beginning of the winter growing season, the veggies are away to a good start. Peas are climbing their support quickly and the cabbages are double the size they were only a few short weeks ago. With three new raised garden beds to fill, more vegetables and herbs are planned to go in to take advantage of the prime growing conditions. Call in to the garden to see what else is growing now.



Church building to be resurrected



Some of the damage to the interior walls of the church building.

Funding applications are being lodged to finance the urgent re-stumping of the Church. Due to the age of the building, major works are needed to return her to her former glory. Attaining the great age of 109, the building has sunk dramatically, causing damage to the floor and interior. As well as the re-stumping, the wall linings on some of the interior walls need repairing or replacing. Some areas of the ceiling will need repairs in the future. Our funding officers are busy searching to secure finances.

Can you help?

Do you have skills in the building trade? Are you willing to donate your time to a great cause? Even if you only have a few hours a month, we need your help. Our little Church is in dire need of repairs including re-stumping, lining and painting. Even with funding we will still require volunteer labour to fulfill the project. Please consider making a donation of your time to this worthy project. Volunteering is a very rewarding thing to do for yourself and others. You will be most welcome! Please contact Steve Marsden, the Garden Manager on 9525 9347 for further details.

Mundijong's former Methodist church built in 1905 stands proudly in the centre of town.

The Church building is the venue for a meeting of AA on Monday evenings from 7- 8.30pm. A regular meeting of Al-Anon Family Groups meets here weekly. Contact Al-Anon on 9325 7528 for further details.



Changing Times

The Mundijong Heritage Church Committee held a meeting at the Church on Saturday 3rd May. This meeting was a great success, as many members of our community participated. Much discussion and forward planning was able to be done, with some good outcomes for the future of the Church and Community Garden.

Welcome New Committee

Welcome to the new members of the Mundijong Heritage Church Committee. These wonderful people from our community have raised their hands to volunteer their services to forward the Church restoration project and to grow our Community Garden.

The following positions have been filled:

- Chair: Steve Marsden
 - Secretary: Cassandra Rupert
 - Treasurer: Evan Maltby
 - Funding Officers: Marilyn Marsden and Peter Sutton
 - Newsletter Editor: Belinda Lester
 - Garden Manager: Steve Marsden
 - Membership Records: Ferry Searles-Young
 - Volunteer Register: Carol Prout
 - Photographic Records: Allen Smith
 - Community Arts: Samantha Nordberg
 - Liaison Uniting Church: Marilyn Marsden
 - Liaison SJ Shire and Landcare: Steve Marsden
- Well done and thank you all!