

# Monash Permaculture Garden 2010

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### 1.0 News from the garden

#### 1.1 What's growing?

- 1.1.1 A female pumpkin has recently appeared though fruiting is not expected.
- 1.1.2 Beans and peas have been planted in one of the Northern beds however they are being munched by some of the local wildlife.
- 1.1.3 The bed nearest the tool shed was planted out with root vegetables - beetroot, radish and carrots.
- 1.1.4 Silverbeet from the same bed were transplanted to the old potato bed, nearest the Southern entrance, and don't appear to be faring too well.
- 1.1.5 The warrigal greens got a pruning back and the sweet potato runners were burried under the soil to promote root and sweet potato growth.
- 1.1.6 Some seeds being propagated in one of the labs are about a week off being ready to be planted which include broccoli and other brassicas.

#### 1.2 What's good to pick now?

- 1.2.1 The alpine strawberries appear to still be fruiting.
- 1.2.2 And the perennials are, as always, available for harvest including the warrigal greens and nasturtiums.

#### 1.3 How are the worms?

- 1.3.1 The worms are going well however the bins need to be rotated every two weeks to prevent build up
- 1.3.2 If the food builds up too far the bins will turn anaerobic which will encourage micro-organisms that produce foul odours - not nice!

#### 1.4 What's the weather and local wildlife like?

- 1.4.1 The weather has been nice though there hasn't been much rain.
- 1.4.2 As for the wildlife, we found a little mouse in the compost - his name is Tinkerbelle (Tink).
- 1.4.3 We're still trying to figure out what's munching out peas and beans but suspect it could be the possums and Tickerbell.

#### 1.5 How's the pond?

- 1.5.1 The pond still seems to be leaking from the same spot and possibly others. Fixing the leak could be quite difficult over the coming season due to the wet weather so another method may be required before spring comes.

## 1.6 Working bee & workshop report backs!

- 1.6.1** We have almost completed the temporary greenhouse – just need to attach the sides and place the seedlings inside.



- 1.6.2** More photos are available (contact Cassie)

## 1.7 Project updates

### 1.7.1 Sign

- 1.7.1.1** We are in discussion currently about having our very own permie people (Jay and Shruichi) doing the pyrography on the timber frame of the sign along with the small signs in the garden beds.

## 1.8 Uni liaison report backs, achievements and opportunities

### 1.8.1 Blackburn Rd proposal is well under way.

- 1.8.1.1** Large piece of land with opportunities for a Wholefoods relationship, community involvement and volunteer opportunities.

- 1.8.1.2** Satellite images attached to email.

### 1.8.2 Major projects

- 1.8.2.1** i.e. Sign, shed, greenhouse and water tank

- 1.8.2.2** Slow progress with liaison but should hopefully start seeing some of these popping up sometime soon!

- 1.8.3** To get involved in any projects or to get more information, please contact [we.eat.monash@gmail.com](mailto:we.eat.monash@gmail.com)

## 2.0 What's next?

### 2.1 Calendar of events

#### 2.1.1 Workshops coming up

- 2.1.1.1** Compost workshop on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm! Come along for some great fun!

- 2.1.1.2** Propagation workshop will also be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. So a great time to come and learn some skills or teach us!

### 2.2 Uni liaison

- 2.2.1** Campus Food plan to SMT(E) subcommittees

- 2.2.2** Water tank 'small grant application' to tOES

## 2.3 Projects

### 2.3.1 What's next on the management plan?

#### 2.3.1.1 Gazebo/pergola, arbor.

2.3.1.2 None of these have been started and planning and discussion should start over the next couple of months so they can start happening.

## 2.4 Things we need

### 2.4.1 Skills & plans

2.4.1.1 Need to contact Engineers Without Borders/ Monash Engineering Society/ Architecture students for help with construction

### 2.4.2 Materials

2.4.2.1 Timber for pergola/gazebo

2.4.2.2 Bamboo for arbor

## 3.0 Story of the week

3.1 Tell us what you've been up to in your garden, or a friend's. Or where you went in the last little while related to gardening/permaculture/food/'appropriate technology'. How does your garden grow?!

3.2 Send your story to the we eat monash email.

## 4.0 Beyond Monash

### 4.1 Permablitz

4.1.1 Blitz (Box Hill North) – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
10am-4pm both days

4.1.2 Edible Weeds Walk with Adam Grubb (East Brunswick) – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm, \$20/\$15 concession

### 4.2 Festivals and markets

4.2.1 City of Casey's Green Living Festival (Cranbourne) – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
10am-4pm (Free)

## 5.0 Get involved

5.1 Come join us on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 2pm or contact us if you want to get involved with one of the projects.

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