

COMMUNITY GARDENS

(Council's website lists a total of nine community gardens in the Newcastle region.)

http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/environment/community_greening_centre/community_gardens

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Sandhills Community Gardens

The Sandhills Community Garden is adjacent to Carriage Shed, Foreshore Park, Newcastle. The Sandhills Community garden are always open. The concept of these gardens has been designed to encourage the community to 'pop in' take what you need and leave the rest for other locals.

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Hamilton South Community Gardens

The Hamilton South Community Garden, known as the 'Chilli gardens', is located at the disused tennis courts just behind the community hall in Fowler Street

These gardens were established in 2002 as an organic garden.

Usually a regular gathering takes place on Wednesdays between 7.30 – 9.30am, however the gardens are open to any member anytime. New gardeners are encouraged to join.

The individual plots do not provide food for sale but food is shared, not only within the group but also among the needy.

Contact: Gordon Botham on 02 4969 3070

Silsoe St Community Gardens

The Silsoe Street Community Garden is located at 56-58 Silsoe St, Mayfield (opposite Ackerson Street). The garden shovelled the first load of soil in 2009. The organic gardens provide and fantastic arena for social gatherings and is open for visits all day.

Regular working bees take place the first Saturday of every month between 2 – 4pm and 3pm-5pm during daylight saving.

New gardeners are invited to join our organic shared plot system. Our working bees provide a local neighbourhood meeting spot where kids are welcome.

Contact: Jenny Cameron on 02 4960 9558 or via email: jenny.cameron@newcastle.edu.au

March St Community Gardens

Located in March Street, Kotara, these gardens, established in 1999, are celebrating over 12 years of cheerful and productive community gardening.

Everyday the community members socialise and participate in growing organic vegetables during daylight hours.

The plot system is individual however surplus produce is often shared by the grower.

There are limited plots and new gardeners are encouraged to visit or phone and place their name on the volunteers register.

Working bees are on the last Friday of the month and anyone interested is encouraged to visit and have a good look at the bountiful produce and flowering plants.

The March Street Community Garden also features chooks, bees, worm farming, composting and propagation.

Currently plants are for sale in the form of seedlings of herbs and vegetables at \$2 each at the March Street Community Garden. The money raised supports the gardens to pay for their developing needs.

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Ernie Hughes Memorial Community Gardens

The Ernie Hughes Memorial Community Gardens is situated on the old bowling greens of Mayfield Ex-Services Club.

It is a relatively new garden honoured after the late bowler, Ernie Hughes.

The group participate in regular monthly working bees and are open from dawn til dusk every day working their organic plots.

Mixed and individual plots are built into the fabric of the garden, with emphasis on adopting an organic and permaculture ethos

This purpose build garden provides 75sq/m of designated wheelchair gardens & access; recreation & relaxation areas; a kids' garden & general play area; perimeter flower gardens & citrus orchid. Our produce is not for sale.

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Kooragang City Farm

The Kooragang City Farm is located at Milham's Road, Ash Island (via Hexham).

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8am-2pm every week members of these gardens meet and eat! Since 1995, regular working bees have been held every Tuesday and Friday, 8am-2pm.

The gardens are managed with a holistic approach that combines organic and permaculture principals.

They are always welcoming new gardeners and all plots are group only however, encouraging room for experimentation and growth

Alternate beef cattle farming is integrated into the fabric of these gardens and aside to vegies there is compost-making, herb growing, bushfoods, an orchard, and wetland and rainforest regeneration.

Vegetables are not for sale and is shared between all the volunteers but holistically managed beef is for sale.

To join this group the contact person is Rob Henderson via email rob.henderson@cma.nsw.gov.au, phone 4964 9308. Website: hcr.cma.nsw.gov.au/kooragang.

Fig Tree Community Garden

Craig Manhood & Bill Robertson

FIG Tree Community Garden supporters have reaped what they've sown for the past eight years.

But after a dispute with the land owner, the future of the Albert Street garden is uncertain.

At the Croatian Wickham Sports Club, the garden has transformed a bare plot into a suburban oasis, where herbs, pumpkins and chickens flourish.

But since the club's board rejected a proposed five-year management plan earlier this month, the garden has gone virtually untended.

Licensee and manager Pavo Sudaric said no one was being forced to leave but admitted the club could not approve the plan.

As a result, the committee has stood down.

A working party is scrambling to find a solution to keep the not-for-profit organisation afloat.

Former Fig Tree Community Garden president Bill Robertson said he was frustrated at the board's decision.

"If you want move forward on the site we need new ideas," he said.

"That's why the committee has stepped down, we're hoping another group can come in and maybe get a clear hearing with club management."

Garden supporters are invited to an emergency meeting this Thursday, May 3 at Croatian Wickham Sports Club, 6pm.

Albert St, Wickham (02) 4961 3177

Tighes Hill Community Garden?????

Carrington Community Garden

Growing our own food, living sustainably, making new friends, teaching our children about food and resources and celebrating cultural diversity is what we are all about!

We want to create a space where we can come together as a community and GROW!

Our garden is a shared garden open to the whole community, with an organic focus. We hold monthly working bees where we maintain our garden and feast at the completion of a hard days work.

We welcome anyone and everyone to come and be a part of the garden regardless of your gardening ability.

Website: <http://carringtoncommunitygarden.wordpress.com>

MAYFIELD : Church Street

Our Place at 31A Church Street is a public place on privately owned land. It already has many of the characteristics - it involves people socially and emotionally, is attractive, provides multiple experiences, it has a history, invokes memory and engages intellect. Our task is to show more people in the local community how this is open to them too.

Website: <http://churchstreetcommunitygarden.blogspot.com/>

Newcastle Community Gardens

New Lambton Multicultural gardens

The Lambton Multicultural Garden is located at 3 Illalung Road, Lambton.

The garden focuses on one of the Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre Inc objectives to promote social and educational interaction among people of diverse backgrounds by providing a pleasant, informal, non-sectarian, non-political atmosphere at the Centre.

The Multicultural Community Garden involves volunteers from culturally and linguistic diverse backgrounds together with Anglo Saxon background from around the area.

The project helps the community to get together and develop tolerance and acceptance between people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

The garden was established in July 2009.

Although the hours of operation vary, the times for regular working bees are the first Sunday of the month from 10am to noon. This group of community gardeners often get together for morning tea and participate in cooking demonstrations or exchange recipes from different cultures.

New gardeners are encouraged to become involved even if English is not your second language. Breaking down the language barriers and involving our New Australians and their cultural heritage provides for many interesting foods to eat, especially when grown organically in our gardens.

Contact

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