



Portland Community Garden Inc.

PO Box 27, Portland VIC 3305

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2017



PRESIDENTS REPORT - Snippets from the Annual Report

As we complete another year at the Portland Community Garden Inc (PCG) I am reminded that the development/project at 81 Henty Street Portland continues to mature and evolve. The focus remains the same and that is to develop a first class project which engages support from the whole community regardless of a person's age, race, religion, ability or socio economic circumstance but the name of our organisation has changed to better reflect function of the site.....

My personal observation over the past year has been that while the large funding grants that developed the infrastructure have been expended the project is still moving forward in a very positive way. A group of individuals regularly call the PCG their place to visit, create and grow food and this has led to the sharing not only of produce and wood work items but of knowledge and live stories that have strengthened both the story teller and the person they shared their story with. This is indeed my kind of garden and a small but critical part of the PCG mission. The Federal Government's Work for the Dole (WFD) program has proved to be an opportunity for the community garden project to secure funds and labour to carry out a range of projects but also to change the lives of those people who are making a valuable contribution to our community.

During the last year we have completed a range of projects including:

- Visits from organizations including Probus, CWA, Portland Neighbourhood House, Residents from Seaview House & BUPA & Unemployed groups to name some.
- HOT House and Shade House constructed
- Expansion of the barbecue and wood fired oven and paving and seating at western end and behind the main building.
- Manufacture and installation of large raised garden beds for growing Rhubarb for sale
- Construction of large timber bays for composting
- Installation of steel sculptures by Jimmy Wilson – Chester the Scarecrow
- Manufacture of recycled wooden pallets and small crates for sale.
- Expansion of the workshop including installation of extensive wood working equipment in the main building

My personal vision for the Portland Community garden project continues to be about people working together leading to a stronger more connected and resilience community. It has been a privilege to serve as the President on this project in 2013 - 2017 and to share with everyone involved in the considerable success we have achieved.

We do live in a remarkable community and the Portland Community Garden Project has pulled together a diverse range of community leadership and the board of management is looking at a strong future in what is an increasingly complex world.

Yours in community service

Wayne Barrett

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ACTIVITY DAYS & CALENDAR

Saturdays 10.00 -1.00pm
Sundays 10.00 -1.00pm
Twilight Thursday 4.00 – 7.30pm

November 30th 4pm to dark

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER



Register with
Secretary Joy
0417531857

BUTTERFLIES - BED HOLDERS

The gardens are beginning to show some new season vegetables.

The farm plots have been sown with Rhubarb, Onions & Broad Beans.

BOUQUETS OF APPRECIATION

- Allan Barrett for giving his valuable time to chair the AGM Election of Office Bearers.
- Angela for looking after the Farm Plots.



From the BEES - BOARD

Allan Barrett thanked the outgoing Board members for their office over the past twelve months after which he took the meeting for the election of office bearers :-

President: Wayne Barrett
Vice President: Max Oberlander
Treasurer: Richard de Koning
Secretary: Joy Downes-Firth
Members: Sharron Braddy, Graeme Firth, Dennis Hilder
Trevor Hornby, Gerry Leonard

The Board acknowledges the valuable support of Treasurer Richard de Koning.

BOARD INFORMATION

The Board meet on the second Wednesday - by-monthly (1st meeting 2018 is in February)

Agenda items are welcome and need to be lodged with the secretary, one week before the meeting.

NOTE: *The Annual Report is available from the Secretary - 0417 531857
It will also be available on the PCG Website very soon.*

From the COMPOST - SECRETARY

- Thank you to the members who have given positive feedback with the introduction of a monthly newsletter.
- The Plot numbering system is still ongoing but with the proposed drone image of the layout a "map" will be developed to assist with this task.
- Have you purchased your Worm Wine yet? If not & want some Call Max 0459 233 011

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