



PRESIDENTS REPORT - Wednesday September 6th 2017

- Back at work for dole program after knee replacement and according to physiotherapy assessments I am ahead what they would normally expect for mobility
- Not a lot to report around the garden because of all the rain
- We have a core group of active people both on the board of management and community volunteers emerging and this is helping me with everyday activities and planning for income from the sale of produce
- Have been a lot of visitors to the garden since I have been back and plenty of discussion about future ideas
- The WFD guys have along with community volunteer Andrew Gardiner have started making chopping boards from recycled hardwood and jarrah flooring
- I have donated one chopping board from WFD activity to Heywood Football Club for their raffle
- Max Oberlander and Gregg Housden have been working with the loader to clear mountains of woodchips and green waste. Max has also sold several loads of compost
- Angela Cleary has been working with Admella Fruit and Veg and other businesses in the area to secure a market for produce we are going to grow as the garden dries out and the heat returns as part of the Urban Farming concept
- Sharon Braddy has continued helping out with renovating areas of the garden
- The Rhubarb plants are growing well and we are still looking for more red varieties. Hope to plant a substantial area of asparagus this year as well
- The WFD are well underway to concrete along the rear of the main building, build a gate and hand rails around the concrete at the barbecue area. Fence in the main garden patch using 1.8m high shade-cloth and various concrete paths and a shade cloth covered area over the worm farms to protect from direct heat
- WFD participants have recently finished the renovation of the strawberry patch
- We are in the process of installing a new Carbatec bench top jointer/planer to assist with wood work projects
- I have applied for a 5 x m marquee through a Pacific Hydro grant
- We have taken delivery of the \$2000.00 Rotary Tiller and hopefully the when garden dries up we can use it and also publicise the garden
- United Way did some filming on site and thank you to all those who participated. The Port of Portland will also be using our site in their promotions
- I thank everyone who has participated by taking control of each project or event as it has helped me in my role enormously
- Portland Signworks have made 3 brass branding irons with our logo and Graeme and Joy have organised a handle for one
- WFD are currently making 10 more literacy boxes from pine donated by WTSales and I am hoping to brand them

Wayne Barrett

ACTIVITY DAYS & CALENDAR

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

October 8th Sunday
October 26th Twilight
November 4th Saturday
November 30th Twilight
December 9th Saturday
CAR BOOT SALE DAY

There will be times when President Wayne calls an occasional unscheduled activity to do a particular job as needed. Members will be contacted by email and/ or facebook

BOUQUETS OF APPRECIATION

The visitors who keep trickling through the space with such positive comments about the development of your garden.



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From the BEES - BOARD

- ANNUAL MEETING: Early November
- WEBSITE: will be updated in the near future
- NEWSLETTER: now monthly
- WHEEL BARROW FUNDRAISER: postponed to a later date
- RED GUM CHOPPING BOARDS: popular
- PCG LABEL: Labels for worm wine bottles created.
- WORM WINE: Large quantity to sell. See Max Oberlander
- PLOT NUMBERS: A chart is posted in the Main Building indicating which plots are currently hired.

From the COMPOST - SECRETARY

- Members will be notified of the date and time of the AGM via email.
- We will now produce 2 types of newsletters, each of which will be available bi-monthly.
This newsletter is the Members Newsletter and will be sent soon after each Board Meeting - bi-monthly.
The 2nd newsletter is the Community Newsletter and will be sent out on alternate months for Members and the general public with the intention of it going to Information Centres, waiting rooms, caravan parks etc. It will have "Tips & Tricks", "The Recipe Patch" and images.
- Construction of gates as entrance to the Urban Garden are completed, they look great.



ON SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER

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