



Noosa Community Gardens

Newsletter

August 2025

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All Aboard

Visiting Local Community Gardens



NCG Garden Members at Eumundi Community Garden

Recently eight of our members, at the invitation of the Pomona Community House, joined other interested gardeners from around the region on a very enjoyable bus trip to several local community gardens.

The tour started in **Pomona Community Garden** where time was spent visiting their compact garden at the Lawson Shed. Then we boarded the bus and headed to **Cooran Community Garden** to visit their relatively new community garden which has seen considerable development in the short time that it has been established. Some very artistic members have put their mark on this area with creative ideas making garden art from recycled cans as well as painting up surrounding bollards.

After a lovely morning tea, it was back on the bus and off to **Cooroy Community Garden** to visit the space looked after by Noosa Permaculture. As you can imagine

every garden is different, with varying amounts of community participation and infrastructure. Cooroy have been very fortunate to secure several grants that allowed them to construct a magnificent pavilion which is used by other groups in the community for various events.



Cooran Community Garden

This project was not without its challenges though, project manager Sandra described the task of creating the cob walls and the month's of work that went into constructing this part of the project. Last but not least we moved on to the **Eumundi Community Garden**, which once again is a well-laid out garden in a fairly compact area. The one thing that was common to all of these gardens was the enthusiasm of those involved and the pride that they all took in showing us how they do, what they do, with the resources, space and time they have. All in all a very enjoyable day and quite a few ideas picked up along the way.

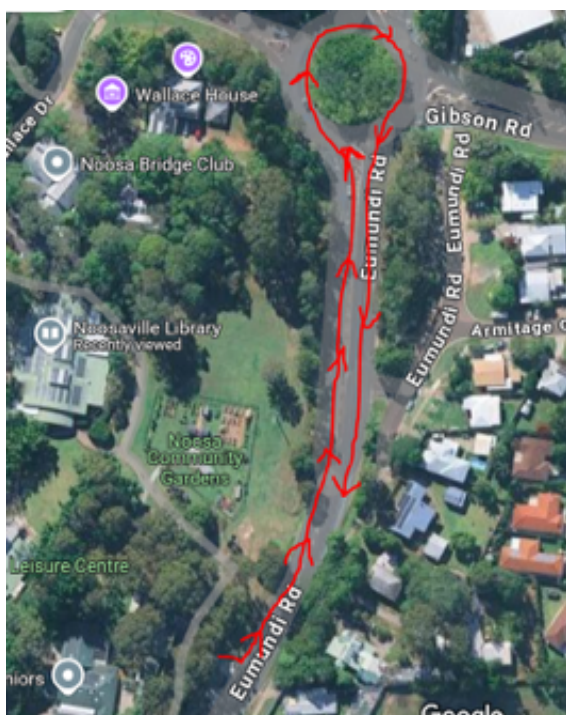


The Pavilion at Cooroy Community Garden



Eumundi Community Garden

Road Safety



Recently concerns have been raised by Council regarding the safety of Precinct members entering and exiting the community gardens via the access driveway off Eumundi Road.

Members are asked to only turn left when exiting the gardens and if wishing to head south, to travel down to the Gibson Road roundabout and then proceed back along Eumundi Road. See the red arrows on the map at left.

Due to the trees and shrubs that exist along the roadside adjacent to the garden the view of cars exiting is obscured from motorists proceeding south along Eumundi Road.



Please do not forget that the AGM will be held at the conclusion of our Friday gardening session on 22 August 2025 from approximately 10.30 am. All members are encouraged to stay and be part of this meeting.

If you are a member keep an eye out for the meeting agenda and papers which will be emailed out shortly.

August/September Upcoming Events

🥂 Regular Social Get Together - Last Friday of the Month from 4 pm - **Tunes by the River** - BYO drinks, nibbles to share and your chair. Please remember partners and friends are most welcome to come along and share in our fun. You'll find us in our usual spot on the grassed area between the Boathouse and the boat ramp. ***This month it will be Friday 29 August at 4 pm***



🚜 Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 August 2025 - **Cooloola Farmers Trail**. For more information following this link <https://www.cooloolafarmtrail.com.au/>. Members may like to arrange car-pooling among those wanting to do the trail

👉 Friday 22 August 2025 at 10.30 am - **NCG Annual General Meeting** is being held at the gardens in Wallace Park, following the gardening session.

👉 Tuesday 2 September 2025 at 2.00 pm - **NCG Committee Meeting** is being held at 5/28 Lionel Donovan Drive, Noosaville. All members are welcome, please RSVP via email to noosacommunitygardens@gmail.com if you will be attending, so we can ensure we have enough seating. You are also welcome to submit agenda items by Friday 29 August, 2025 via email please.

🌸 Friday 5 September 2025 at 4.00 pm - **Spring Fling**, a gathering in the garden to celebrate the start of spring. More details to come.

Seven Crops That Need Pruning to Produce More

Many crops can perform even better with a little pruning. Pruning is not just for large fruit trees, it can be very beneficial for small crops. In many ways it's just cleaning up the plant by removing dead foliage, allowing better airflow and redirection of energy into a

productive direction.

1. Tomatoes (Indeterminate Varieties) -

Cut off all the suckers and lower leaves from the stems (up to the first set of fruit) to allow for better air circulation and better fruit production. Pinch the suckers around the base of leaf joints weekly to avoid too many stems growing, you can leave one or two in addition to the main stem. Don't go overboard, you need to leave enough foliage to protect the clusters of fruit from sun scald.



2. Capsicums - Prune the top of capsicum plants once they are about 20-25 cm tall. Early pruning will allow for denser, bushier plant growth with more flowers. Remove all lower leaves that may touch the soil and avoid pruning once the fruit has set.

3. Basil - Pinching basil regularly promotes branching and delays flower. You should cut right above a leaf pair once the plant has about 4-6 true leaves. Never cut basil too low as this will stress the plant and it may not recover from this type of heavy pruning. Remove dead and damaged leaves as necessary.

4. Zucchini - When it comes to this veggie you should remove the large lower leaves to improve air circulation and spot pests before they take over. Again, there's no need to strip the plants completely, a light prune is all that's needed.

5. Cucumbers (Vining Types) - These varieties should be pruned, starting with the side shoots first to allow for better airflow and to make them fit in tight spaces. Use clean scissors or pruners to remove all yellowing leaves and runner that don't contribute to fruit production.

6. Herbs - Types like mint and oregano should be cut back regularly to encourage denser, more flavourful growth. It can also help with legginess and other common problems that these herbs typically have.

7. Eggplant - Like cucumbers, you should cut the side shoots from eggplant crops and trim the lower leaves too. Since eggplants are on the heavier side, staking them to prevent breakage after pruning is a good idea.



Garden Trivia

1. Which small leaf vegetable, resembling mini cabbages takes its name for a European capital city?
2. Which vegetable is also known as the 'love apple'?
3. Which Australian rock band, briefly performed as The Vegetables in 1978 singing 'We Are The Vegetables'?
4. Which foodie phrase means 'untroubled'?
5. What is the popular name of a package of 3 capsicums that are green, yellow and red?
6. During the middle of the 19th century which vegetable was used to colour wine?
7. Which edible root vegetables were paid as wages to the ancient Egyptian labourers who built the Pyramids?
8. True or False - Corn is not a member of the grass family?
9. Eggplant is known as what in Italy due to widespread belief that a diet rich in eggplants leads to madness?
10. In the late 1800s, the US Supreme Court ruled which item to be considered a vegetable because of the trade tariff back then that taxed imported vegetables but not imported fruits?



Source: Top Trivia Questions.com

This month we welcome the following new member/s to our group. We hope that you find your time spent in the garden productive and that in addition to growing some wonderful produce you also develop many new friendships.



John Crawford

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Garden Trivia Quiz Answers

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| 1. Brussel Sprouts | 6. Beetroot |
| 2. Tomato | 7. Radishes |
| 3. INXS | 8. False |
| 4. Cool as a cucumber | 9. Crazy apple |
| 5. Traffic Light Peppers | 10. Tomatoes |

Letter to the Editor (Satire)

G'day NCG, (Sister Garden)

This is Wazza again, El Presidento of "Numbat Community Gardens".

Been a while, hows yas bin doing ?

I assume youse will be having your AAGM soon. We did, and big surprise, we now have 3 x Committee Members. New Member, Bazza and his 6 dogs, thought he was at the pub for his AA meeting, but ended up getting voted onto our Committee. Hope that doesn't mean future Committee meetings go for longer than 10 mins. Bazza takes a while, to get to the point. I was a little concerned about the Vote for President, it went down to the wire at 1-1, but my casting Vote snuck me over the line. It's tough being the President, one day you are the Pigeon, the next day you are the Statue. But don't worry, Cora got voted in unopposed, to do "everything else". Another exciting year ahead.

So, I hope me delegating writing to youse for a few recent newsy letters was ok ?

I didn't want to let the Sisterhood down up there.

Hope my fellow Numbat Members didn't embarrass our NCG, in front of your NCG ??

I know youse Noosa-ites are a bit more classy than us lot.

Bazza has been back a few times since joining. Looks like he is going to be a valuable dude, and regular attendee, providing our morning tea drinkies continue, and our Working Bees don't clash with his Bail & AA meetings.

Speaking of Bees, I see you have a Native Bee hive. Very Fancy !!

We don't, but we have a good collection of Wasp and Hornet nests.

Have been giving the Sting-hose spray a real workout lately. Geez they get angry when you start swinging the maddock close by. A real carnival of pain if you are caught in the swarm. Someone suggested setting fire to the paper wasp's nest, but can I say, that a flaming Finger Lime Bush is not a pretty site, on many fronts...

Gloria nearly had a convulsion, running around screaming about some "burning bush" from that Bible Book she reads, it's a Best Seller apparently. Most energetic I have seen Gloria in 5 years.

Another tip, always use a garden hose to put any Fire out, not the Sting-hose.

Anyway, bee good (get it?)

See Ya,

Wazza (the Pres)

the other NCG

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Recipes of the Month

Apple & Rhubarb Crumble



Ingredients

- 1 bunch of rhubarb, trimmed, cut into 2 cm pieces
- 3 granny smith apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp caster sugar
- 1 tsp orange rind, finely grated
- 2 tbsp orange juice
- 1 cup SR flour
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 80g butter, chilled, chopped
- thickened cream, custard or ice cream to serve

Method

- Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan-forced,
- Grease a 1.5L ovenproof dish,
- Combine the rhubarb, apple, caster sugar, orange rind and juice in the prepared dish,
- Bake, covered, stirring once, for 30 minutes or until the fruit is just tender,
- While the fruit is baking combine the flour and brown sugar in a large bowl,
- Using your fingertips, rub butter into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse breadcrumbs,
- When the fruit is tender, remove from the oven and sprinkle the crumble mixture over the apple and rhubarb mixture,
- Return to the oven and bake, uncovered, for 25-30 minutes or until the crumble is golden brown,
- Serve with thickened cream, custard or ice cream as desired.

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