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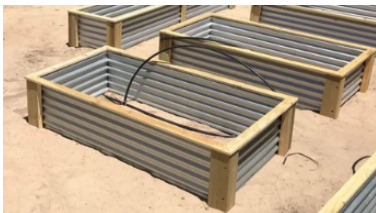
Newsletter

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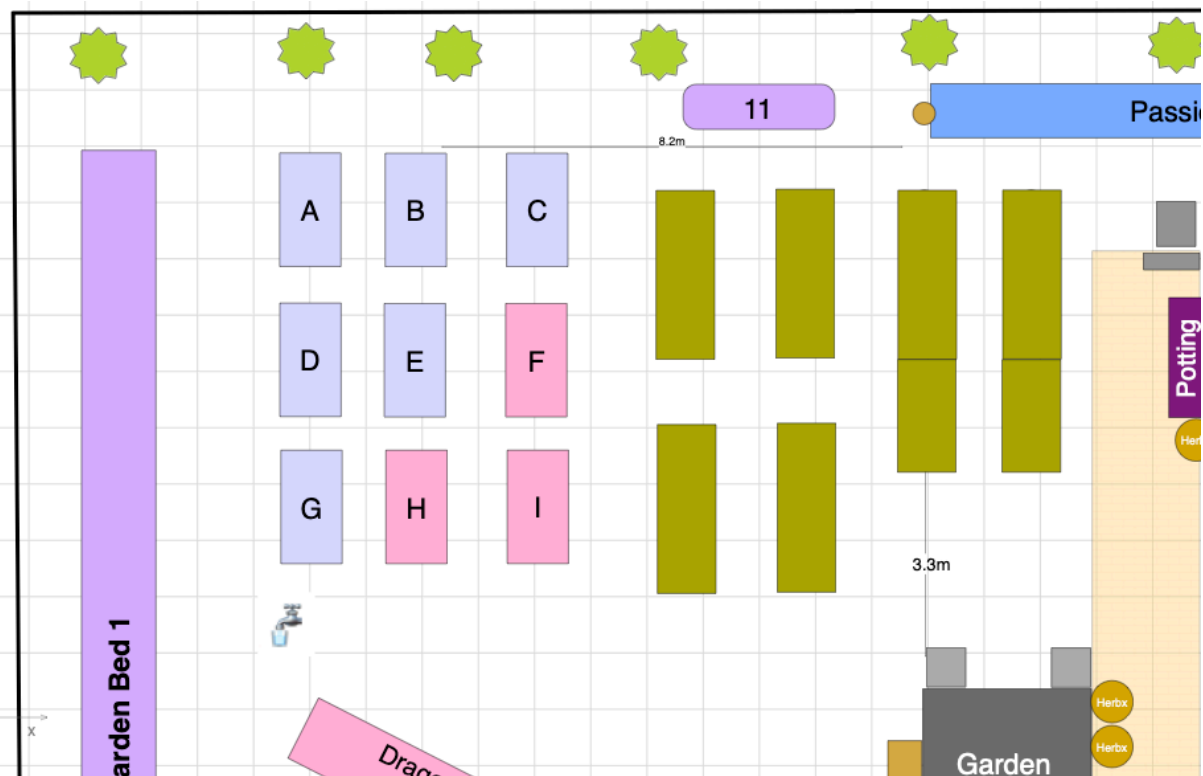
New Garden Beds

..... in 2026



After much deliberation and consideration, the plans are now in place for the continued development of the north west area of the gardens. New garden beds will be installed to replace the old beds used to grow lemongrass, ginger, turmeric and chillies.

New beds will also be installed to incorporate the cable trellises in the area beside the potting bench and shade house. It is hoped that this will help eliminate the issue of weeds over-running these beds which have not had borders in the past. These beds have been ordered and should pop up like mushrooms in the early new year, depending upon the supplier being able to provide them at that time. They will match our other high raised bed in the Pale Eucalypt colour but will be only 450 mm high, so won't require as many resources to fill them ready for planting in the autumn.



"The Great Garden Gallop"

with the Melbourne Cup being run this week I thought we could have our own little garden race!



Live from the Veggie Patch Raceway!

And they're off and racing! Straight out of the gates it's *Oh No, the Bush Turkey's Into the Citrus Again* exploding to an early lead — feathers flying everywhere! *Friday, the Butcher Bird* swoops in right behind, sharp on the wing, while *The Grubs are in the Borlotti* burrows up the inside rail — cheeky move early on!

The early leaders are off to a pretty clean start except for *I Can't Work the Padlock* who is still stuck at the barrier gate. *The Artichokes are Spiky* gets a little rough in traffic there, *Hold Your Hoses* trying to stay untangled — might've copped a splash! *Wally the Scarecrow* lumbers into stride on the outside, arms out, steady as he goes, and *Comfrey Tea's a Brewing* — oh, that one's bubbling up beautifully at the back, just waiting for the right moment!

Now joining them — *The Pink Ladies* and *The Orange People* going head-to-head with *Purple Group* right behind, *Green Team* hugging the inside rail, *Blue Group* drifts a touch wide coming past the compost bins.

Here comes *Elevated Zucchini Bush*, sprouting up through the middle — look at it grow! *Summer Squash* right on its heels, *Watermelon Bed* rolling smoothly on the outside. *Passionfruit Trellis* climbing beautifully and *Worm Farm* digging deep mid-

pack.

Compost Heap breaking down the distance now, **Hoping for a New Shelter** sneaking through quietly at the rear. **Raised Beds** lifting strongly beside **Rosella Bushes** — **Hand of Bananas** slips just a little on the turn — oof, nearly lost it there!

Pineapple Feijoa spiking up through the pack, **Grumichama** loping along with **Round and Round the Mulberry Bush** making it very interesting — the crowd loves it!



Summer Squash is flagging in the heat as **Powdery Mildew** is all over it and they have both been rounded up by **My Happy Place**, the race favourite.

Now look — what's this?! **Dragonfruit** is breathing fire down the straight! **Bulk Storage** thundering into contention behind **The Black Team**, massive late run!

But wait— **Albie the Choko**! **Albie the Choko** has found wings down the inside! The crowd's roaring — they hit the home stretch — **Dragonfruit**, **Compost Heap**, **Round and Round the Mulberry Bush** — they're neck and neck — but **Albie the Choko** finds another gear! The crowd's on their feet - **Albie** digs in, stretches, surges, and yes —

Albie the Choko wins the **Great Garden Gallop**!

Dragonfruit fires home second, **Round and Round the Mulberry Bush** rolls home in third — and trailing the field, **Wally the Scarecrow** waves them in with **Comfrey Tea's a Brewing** simmering across the line, **The Black Team** bring it home in style, followed by **Oh No, the Bush Turkey's Into the Citrus Again**, who looks like he's heading straight back for the citrus patch!



What a race! What a garden! What a finish! What a spectacle!

That's **The Great Garden Gallop**, folks — the only race where

November/December 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 28 November at 4 pm***



🌮 Wednesday 12 November 2025 - **Taco Night** at Park & Cove Restaurant at Peppers Resort - \$5 Tacos from 4.00 - 7.00 pm, Happy Hour Drinks 4.30 - 6.00 pm

📎 **NCG Committee Meeting** - the next meeting is being held on 2 December 2025 at 2 pm 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 28 November, 2025 via email please.

🎄 Wednesday 3 December 2025 - **Christmas Celebration** - Please note due to catering deadline **money must be paid by Friday 14 November, 2025**. See further information in flyer below.



Raised Zucchini Pots

With the heat of summer upon us and thunderstorms and humidity occurring almost daily lately, vine crops such as zucchini struggle to thrive. Fungal issues such as powdery



mildew appear quickly and can devastate the whole crop. With this in mind our gardeners decided to try an experiment of growing a couple of zucchini plants in pots raised on a pedestal, albeit not a very flash one. We have stacked together two milk crates secured them with garden stakes and secured a large pot on top. Our experiment is off to a great start with the seeds germinating in double quick time. We are taking care to only water from the base of the plant, although the rain will have other ideas. It is hoped that they will cascade out of the pots, (not sure what we will do if they touch the ground, maybe some more milk crates will be needed). We look forward to them providing us with a bumper harvest of zucchinis in the not too distant future.

Seed Snail Success

Our members may remember earlier in the year I germinated capsicum plants from a seed snail and subsequently planted them out into a large pot in my courtyard garden. Well, take a look at them now!

While they took a little time to find their feet they have taken off lately thanks to some timely fertilising at the beginning of spring and a couple more hours of sunlight each day now that the sun is higher in the sky with summer approaching. You can see my first harvest peaking out from under the leaves there.

Contributed by: Kaylene Grewar





Crops That MUST Be Pruned If You Want Bigger Harvests



1
Tomatoes
Cut suckers for more fruit



2
Peppers
Must cut crowded stems



3
Basil
Prune basil every 1-2 weeks



4
Zucchini
Remove old leaves fast



5
Cucumbers
Cut side shoots early



6
Beans
You must trim vine tips

PRUNING TIPS



Source: Facebook/Growing Gardens Made Simple



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.

Susie Barling
Amber Lomas


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*A big shout out this month for their support of
our garden community to*



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Gardeners are the only
people who willingly go
outside to get dirty,
sweaty, bitten and
sunburned and call it
relaxing ❤️

Recipe of the Month

Asian Cucumber Salad

Ingredients

- 350g Lebanese cucumbers, sliced
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 shallots, finely sliced
- 1/2 tsp ginger, grated
- 1/2 clove of garlic, finely minced
- 1/8 cup rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 tbs soy sauce
- 1/2 tbs toasted sesame oil
- 1/2 tbs maple syrup or honey
- 1/2 tsp sambal olek or sriracha
- 1/2 - 1 tbs toasted sesame seeds



Instructions

- Place sliced cucumbers in a mixing bowl and sprinkle with salt,
- Allow to stand while gathering remaining ingredients,
- Strain the cucumbers but do not rinse,
- Place cucumbers in a large bowl with all remaining ingredients,
- Toss to combine,
- Adjust the salt, syrup and sambal to taste,
- Refrigerate until ready to serve, best served the same day.

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