



Noosa Community Gardens

# Newsletter



## December 2025

*Handy Hint: For a better user experience on your phone, try Landscape view.*



## Celebrating 2025 in the Garden



This week members enjoyed an end of year Christmas celebration in the garden. It is always with a sense of great pride that we gather in December each year to celebrate Christmas and the year drawing to a close, with the added bonus of being able to admire our garden achievements.

The weather was kind, everyone had cleaned under their fingernails and dressed up nicely for the event. Santa secretly placed some gifts into the decorated wheelbarrow to boost the festive spirit and a wonderful evening was enjoyed with some Christmas cheer and delightful food.

Members were also treated to a NCG Christmas Command Performance put on by the organising sub-committee, which you can view by clicking the button below, boy was it SPECTACULAR. Remember to make the right choice between naughty and nice and you are sure to have an amazing Christmas.



## NCG Christmas Command Performance Spectacular

*The Twelve Days of Garden Christmas*



# A Christmas Carol



*(To the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas")*

**On the first day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

A bush turkey to annoy me! 🦃

**On the second day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me!

**On the third day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

Three worm farms, 🪲  
Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me!

**On the fourth day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

Four compost bays,  
Three worm farms,  
Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me!

**On the fifth day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

Five citrus trees! 🍊🍋

Four compost bays,  
Three worm farms,  
Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me!

**On the sixth day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

Six garden groups,  
Five citrus trees!  
Four compost bays,  
Three worm farms,  
Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me!

**On the seventh day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

**On the eighth day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

Eight raised gardens, Seven dragonfruit,  
Six garden groups, Five citrus trees!  
Four compost bays, Three worm farms,  
Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me!

**On the ninth day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

Nine rental beds,  
Eight raised gardens, Seven dragonfruit,  
Six garden groups, Five citrus trees!  
Four compost bays, Three worm farms,  
Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me!

**On the tenth day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

Ten pumpkin vines,  
Nine rental beds, Eight raised gardens, Seven dragonfruit,  
Six garden groups, Five citrus trees!  
Four compost bays, Three worm farms,  
Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me!

**On the eleventh day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

Eleven committee members,  
Ten pumpkin vines, Nine rental beds,  
Eight raised gardens, Seven dragonfruit,  
Six garden groups, Five citrus trees!  
Four compost bays, Three worm farms,  
Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me!

**On the twelfth day of Christmas my garden gave to me:**

Twelve banana trees,

Seven dragonfruit,  
Six garden groups,  
Five citrus trees!  
Four compost bays,  
Three worm farms,  
Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me!

Eleven committee members, Ten pumpkin  
vines, Nine rental beds,  
Eight raised gardens, Seven dragonfruit,  
Six garden groups, Five citrus trees!  
Four compost bays, Three worm farms,  
Two garden sheds,  
And a bush turkey to annoy me! 🎵

*Compiled by Kaylene*

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***Looking back at the last year or so.....***



16 October 2024



22 October 2024



25 November 2025



25 November 2025



25 October 2024



25 November 2025



17 October 2024



24 September 2024



26 November 2025

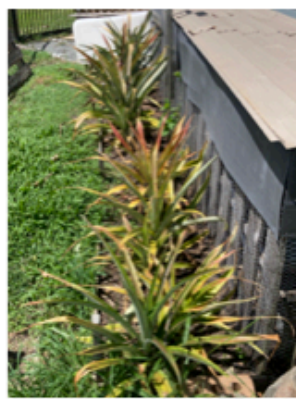


26 November 2025





31 May 2024



25 November 2025



30 August 2025



25 November 2025



28 April 2025



25 November 2025



From Little Things .....



20 March 2025



.... Big Things Grow

## Upcoming Events



👉 **NCG Committee Meeting** - the next meeting is being held on 3 February 2026 at 2 pm at 5/28 Lionel Donovan Drive, Noosaville. All members are welcome, please RSVP via email to [noosacommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto: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 January, 2026 via email please.

## Spring/Summer Group Updates

**Pink Group:** Well Spring certainly provided us with ideal conditions in the gardens, plenty of sun and the occasional shower meant that our crops of lettuce, tomatoes, radishes, corn, beetroot and cucumbers provided us with large harvests each week. As the weather has warmed up we have planted heat tolerant veggies including purple climbing beans, chillies and have planted up one bed with ginger for harvest next year. We decided to experiment with a raised pot for zucchini growing, (in collaboration with the orange team). It is hoped that this will help ward off the powdery mildew that plagues these veggies in the humid weather.



Albie the choko is doing us proud having once again reached the apex of the trellis although there is no sign of any fruit yet. And lastly we have planted peanuts as a heat tolerant crop for the summer, these grow well in temperatures between 22-30 deg C. These will take about four months to reach maturity and so should be harvested in the coming autumn.

*Contributed by: Kaylene Grewar*



**Black Group:** “Our Tick List” = Lots of Mowing & Trimming, ☒ Passionfruit trellis 99% complete, ☒ Choko bed & trellis, ☒ Cleaned up the Bulk Storage area, ☒ Existing Compost Bays doing well, in fact, selling Compost to Members & Friends when available, ☒ New Compost Bays materials now sourced, ☒ New Irrigation systems installed, ☒ New retractable hoses installed, ☒ More bed net frames, ☒ General Problem Solving & Repairs, ☒

*Contributed by: Doug Smith*

**Purple Group:** Our spring crop of corn was great and we had no rat attacks! We have planted various chillies and they all love the hot weather and there will be a bumper harvest soon. The eggplants in the two raised beds are looking lush and hopefully they'll produce a lot of eggplants as well.



We also contributed to the huge cucumber harvest with six plants in the wicking bed and just replanted some more because we know how much our president loves them ;-)



Taking turns watering the beds during the week in the hot conditions is a bit of a challenge as we "lost" some group members who returned to Vic & NZ over the summer and we can't wait to welcome them back in autumn/winter!

*Contributed by Susanne Huber*



Green Group: Asparagus plants are running away to the leaf stage before we get to harvest the stems. Like other teams, the green team is currently battling bugs and heat to produce a nice crop of beetroot, Florence onions, buttercrunch lettuce, perennial spinach and rocket. Unfortunately, the last of our delicious silverbeet and leeks will be harvested this week, and at present, there are no indications for further harvests from our artichokes and tomatoes. Sorry Doug, more cucumber seed plantings on the way this week.

*Contributed by: Sue Aspland*

### The Orange Team feel ATTACKED!

- Turkey **attack** - the first passionfruit plants - Solution - nets and bricks
- Bird (possible cockatoo) **attack** - the unripe citrus - Solution - nets
- Stink beetles and their offspring **attack** - the citrus plants - Solution - hand removal of adults, White Oil application, removal of infested branches
- Another type of stink beetle and moth **attack** - Borlotti beans - Solution - spray and prune impacted foliage



Borlotti beans have been harvested and shelled and are drying out.



- Beetroot and carrot are developing in their underground haven.
- Pak choi and Wombok have been planted, with nets creating a barrier to the white moth. *Even so, the heat may cause these brassicas to bolt!*
- Purple climbing beans are taking off at the passion fruit trellis.
- A few summer squash have been harvested. To help mother nature, we are hand pollinating the squash and watermelon.

*Gotta love gardening in the subtropics!*

*Contributed by Wendy McIlroy*

## **Membership News**



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.

Graham (Macca) McDonald

## **Longest Associated NCG Members**

This month we would also like to recognise our longest serving members who hale from the days when the community garden was located in Earl Street. We thank you for your dedication to the running of this amazing group.

**June Copeman**  
**Sue Gumley**  
**Erika Hackett**

**Susanne Huber**  
**Robert Mayfield**  
**Rhonda Smith**

## **🎄 Members Christmas Quiz Question 🎄**

**How many citrus trees did my garden give to me?**

To enter write your name and answer on the entry form provided on the morning tea table at the garden and place it in the marked container. Winning entry will be drawn on 19 December 2025 at the gardening session.

***(All Members are eligible to enter)***

## *Thank You to Our Supporters & Sponsors*

*A big shout out this month goes to those who contributed to  
our Christmas Party*



One Chef For You  
Boutique Dining Noosa

To Nathan O'Neill and his Team at  
Harcourts Noosa for generously  
allowing us to use the Harcourts'  
Gazebo

**Harcourts** Property Centre

### ***The Christmas Party Organising Committee***

Ailsa, Erika, Janette, Jules, Kym, Lesley, Louise, Susanne, Wiki and  
others who assisted with the staging of this festive event

***Just For  
A Laugh***

**Anatomy of  
a slug**



Head end

All of my  
freaking  
vegetables

Other end



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## Recipe of the Month

Who says you can't win friends with salad,  
put this one on your xmas table and your guests will come back for more.

### Layered Garden Salad

#### Ingredients

- ½ iceberg lettuce, chopped roughly
- 250g (2 cups) frozen peas, thawed
- 2 Lebanese cucumbers, finely sliced
- 6 hard boiled eggs, grated
- 250g mushrooms, sliced
- 125g tasty cheese, grated
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 4 tablespoons sour cream
- 1 tablespoon french mustard
- 4 spring onions, sliced
- 1 large tomato or 12 cherry tomatoes
- 2 rashers of bacon, diced, cooked crispy and drained on paper towel
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley



#### Instructions

- This recipe is best made in a large, clear glass bowl so the layers are visible,
  - Layer 1 - Place the chopped lettuce at the base of the bowl and scatter the peas over the lettuce,
  - Layer 2 - Place the sliced cucumbers in a visible ring around the side of the bowl, any remaining slices can be placed on top of the lettuce and peas,
  - Layer 3 - Add the sliced mushrooms,
  - Layer 4 - Add the grated egg,
  - Layer 5 - Add the grated cheese,
  - Layer 6 - Combine the mayonnaise, sour cream and mustard, mix well and spread in an even layer on top of the cheese,
  - Layer 7 - Decorate the salad with the cooled crispy bacon pieces, halved cherry tomatoes or tomato wedges and chopped parsley,
  - This salad is best assembled on the day of serving, but many elements can be prepared the day before. (For a vegetarian version, leave out the bacon).
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As we look back over the past twelve months, once again we have achieved much in the garden this year. Every year it goes from strength to strength and I am sure our longest associated members will agree that it has come a long way since this time in 2021 when it was decided that the gardens would be moved to this current site.

While our infrastructure developments are bigger in some years than in others, it is often the totality of many smaller projects that make the biggest difference, I think this has been one of those years where we have seen many small improvements made and projects completed and while individually they seem to only have minimal impact collectively they make the garden a much better place to work, grow, nurture and enjoy what we have built together.

Farewell to 2025, thank you to all our members and friends of NCG who have taken the time to read our newsletter and have followed our progress this past year. Watch out for the first 2026 edition of our Newsletter in February.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
Regards Kaylene  
NCG Secretary/Newsletter Editor



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## ***Links to other Newsletters & Community Information***

**Organic Gardener**

**QWaLC Naturally Together eNews**

**Noosa Council - Weathering Together, Disaster Preparedness**

**Noosa Council Community Connect Newsletter**

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