

Kings Cross Community Garden

30th July 2020

Hello KXCG members

Sadly, after a brief respite, we have temporarily closed down our Garden again. We recognize that with a number of cases identified in the area, we need to take extra care of our community. Hence, we ask you not to visit the garden without taking every care. If you come into garden, and you can access the garden shed please make sure you add your name to the Covid 19 Contacts Register. We have also decided to close our scraps collection until further notice.

COVID 19

If you have been to any of the venues identified on the state government website <u>www.health.nsw.gov.au</u> – self isolate, get tested at one of the sites on the website e.g. Rushcutters Bay, and look after yourselves. We will be happy to see you, when you are cleared.

The good news is that the garden continues to thrive. Our members will continue to ensure that garden needs are met and luckily, we will not need to water for the immediate future.

If you visit the Lawrence Hargrave Reserve, when one of our people are in the garden feel free to ask if there is any produce (e.g. leafy greens) that you can have.

Springtime

It doesn't feel like it right now, but spring isn't far away and we would like to know from you, what you would you like to grow in our garden this spring? Up until now we have focused on plants that produce well, tasty heritage varieties, culinary herbs and some unusual plants like pineapple sage that you can't buy. Please send your suggestions to kingscrossgarden@gmail.com.

Membership

You will all have received the membership renewal for 2020-2021 message and if not please let us know. Membership and donations are our main, if not only source of income. Ongoing costs – whilst not high at the moment – will increase once Stage 2 of our garden begins.

Stage 2

We have identified 2 areas of the reserve, which would allow us to extend our garden. Our main criteria are to ensure enough sun for growth and sharing the Lawrence Hargrave Reserve with the community – i.e. with dogs running and playing, people exercising, sharing lunches in the sun, and with those visiting one of the memorials. City of Sydney Design Department will take these into account when deciding on the next step; and then will liaise with us with regard to the actual design. At the moment we can expect this next stage to commence early next year.

We hope that the next time we write to you COVID 19 will be under control. We know that the garden will grow on regardless, providing herbs, veggies and joy to many.

Stay well,

Ali for Kings Cross Community Garden