

Twelve Fine Oranges

Kings Cross Community Garden

10th July 2021

Hello gardeners,

Happy Winter Solstice!

We hope you found a way to celebrate the longest day of Winter and the official sign from nature that we are now heading back into Summer - when the garden is at its very best!

Membership

We now have x120 garden members. Membership renewal notices for 2021 have just been sent out, so please make sure to renew yours by the end of July if you wish to continue supporting the garden. Please be aware that the renewal request is coming from quickbooks@notification.intuit.com. We are expecting a surge of new memberships once the garden redesign is completed later in the year.

If you would like to be added to the KXCG WhatsApp Garden group (garden management matters) or KXCG WhatsApp Social group (to keep in touch with garden friends), please let us know by responding to this newsletter email.

If you take photos in the garden and wish to share with the Instagram community, please post on either of the WhatsApp groups and we will post accordingly. If you could make sure you have permission from any people appearing in the photos to post online that would be great.

Garden activity

Our composting process is working well and the presence of black soldier fly larvae is a good sign. Thanks to everyone that contributes their time & energy to the success of the composting with chopping, emptying the bins and turning the compost regularly.

All your efforts make a big difference to the outcome. The composting process has been improved by mixing food scraps with soil/manure.

The soil provided to the garden by the contractors during construction work, has been tested and it is uncontaminated.

Several water pots – or Olla's by their ancient name - have been embedded within two of the garden beds and are proving to be very efficient in keeping those beds irrigated.

All new plantings have mainly been sourced from saved seeds and cuttings.

Crop rotation has proved to not be essential for the health of the garden as interplanting method had made it unnecessary.

We are planning to set-up a suggestion box of what members would like to see happen in the garden.

If anyone has some good recipes for the use of our abundance of herbs in the garden, please send them in via the what's app group.

Stage 2 of the Community Garden

As you have probably noticed the redesign of the park is gradually taking shape and despite the wet weather lately the contractors seem to be making good progress. It's starting to get super exciting as our garden extension emerges from the rubble.

At our last Committee meeting in early June, we had a presentation by Bas – a Kings Cross Garden Member and Landscape Architect - delivered on behalf of a small group of KXCG members.

The presentation outlined their ideas and suggestions for the design and function of Stage 2 of the garden. These ideas and suggestions had been distilled from discussions with garden & community members and other sources.

The committee is discussing the ideas presented and will report back to the membership once we have decided what direction we are going.

In the meantime, follow us on Instagram at 'kingscrosscommunitygarden2011' to stay in the loop with our latest news. We now have over 200 Instagram followers and between 100 – 200 views of each post!

We look forward to seeing you in the garden very soon!

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Kings Cross Community Garden