

Twelve Fine Oranges



Kings Cross Community Garden

March 2020

Hi Gardeners and Supporters

We have just passed the autumn solstice – the days are getting shorter, and the food we are growing is changing in accordance with the seasons. Welcome days after drought and fires.

Much has been happening at the garden.

Garden workers continue to come on their appointed maintenance days – checking for water needs, insects visiting; working bees are well attended. We continue to meet on Saturday mornings (9am) and Sunday afternoon (4pm) – these working bees are where the action happens – sowing of seeds, transplanting seedlings, feeding of plants as required, managing of compost bins and worm farms.

We have had ongoing harvests instead of particular harvest days – those who come along to work on the weekends have been able to take home tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchinis, salad greens including the spectacular Malabar spinach, culinary herbs, and more – our small garden has been very productive.

We have also had constant and growing contributions for the compost and worm farms. Thank you. We have struggled a bit to manage this bounty but believe we now have the system operating efficiently. We are also awaiting a Council provided scraps bin for overflow – so you can be confident that your food scraps are being productively recycled.

City of Sydney (Council) has formally approved plans for the refurbishment of Lawrence Hargrave Reserve. Their plans include the construction of Stage 2 of the Community Garden – and we trust that we will be consulted re. the design of the garden.

Website – we have an updated website which shows images of the garden, how to join up – thanks to great volunteers who continue to work on the site. Check it out <https://www.kingscrossgarden.org/>

Covid 19 – we continue to garden, following the social distancing and hygiene guidelines. Gardeners are asked to bring their own gloves, or if unattainable to take a pair from the box in the garden shed and make them your own ie take them home, wash and re use next time you are at the garden.

For those of you who can visit the garden we look forward to seeing you, and welcome your ongoing support.

NB re. support. A reminder re renewal of membership will go out in late June – your membership not only provides us with your social support but importantly is our primary source of income – allowing us to cover essential costs including seeds, seedlings and mulching materials.

All the best for the next season

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