NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2024

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### Manager's Note:

Welcome to our latest newsletter! Please read on and let us know what you think! Any suggestions or ideas are welcome! As the year rolls on, our Centre and garden are



running a lot of great activity, and we want more of YOU to come and join us. Please take this as an extended invitation and welcome to visit our Centre and garden and connect with us and our community. We would love you to visit, join one of our groups and activities or even use our spaces for your own activity. Check out our timetable and come and chat with us. As we head into winter, it is so important to remain connected with one another through these 'hibernation' months when we all have a habit of staying in staying safe from the cold. If you notice someone in your community might benefit from connecting with people, why not invite them down to the centre for a coffee catch up, a hearty lunch or some exercise if that's your thing. All these things can brighten your day and bring joy and energy to us here at the Centre and garden.

Warrane Mornington

I can confirm that the Centre has warm heaters, great hot drinks (barista coffee) and a toasty-warm café area when you can meet friends or just chill out with a delicious beverage.

I also have it on good authority that nobody stays cold

### lot to come and lend a hand to help keep us growing! See you soon.

camaraderie and chat is first rate. Besides, we want you

for long at a garden working bee, and that the



### **Board Member Recruitment**

Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre are currently seeking to recruit two Board members and a President for the Board of Governance. If you consider yourself to have strong social conscience, community representation and/or valuable skills to support effective governance of the organisation we encourage you to apply.

Please scan QR codes below for further information.



QR Code Board Member Information



QR Code President Information

### Acknowledgment of Country

Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre acknowledges the traditional and original owners of the land on which we work and meet, the Mumirimina, and all palawa peoples of lutruwita/Tasmania. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and thank them for their custodianship of this unceded land.

### **OPENING HOURS**

Monday 8:30am-3:30pm Tuesday 8:30am-3:30pm Wednesday 8:30am-3:30pm Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm Friday 9:00am-3:00pm Supported by the Crown through the Department of Premier and Cabinet



### International Women's Day

### Food Donations

A very big thank you to the Clarence Pensioners Association and CWA Lindisfarne for your ongoing support with food donations. We are incredibly grateful for your support and contributions.

Pictured below: Clarence Pensioners Association President, Shirley with WMNC's Assistant Manager, Kerryn receiving donations



On Friday 8th March we celebrated International Women's Day with an incredible group of women in a Kokodama workshop, thanks to Bunnings Warehouse Mornington and Clarence City Council. What a beautiful afternoon we got to spend together being creative.

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### Basket Making Workshop #2

This workshop, delivered by the Resource Work Co-op, taught participants the basics of processing non-native plants into usable fibres, and how to use natural and reclaimed fibres in coiled basket making.

Although we had planned to run this one at the garden, for a second time due to weather, we instead used the Centre – this time in the newly named Sunroom.

Thanks to Clarence City Council & Australia Post for their community grants program funding that allowed us to deliver the Resourceful Workshops series for free or at heavily subsidised costs for participants.









## **CENTRE RESOURCES**













### The Sunroom

Come join us at the Centre in our new outdoor area 'The Sunroom'. Whether you're looking for a meeting space, somewhere to chat



with a friend or just some quite 'me time', come indulge in a variety of beverage options in a relaxing atmosphere.

Coffee varieties/Hot Chocolate \$3, Tea varieties \$1.

### Shower & Washing Facilities

The Centre has a shower, washing machine and drying facilities

available for those who need support. Please call 6244 6346 for more information.

### **Room Hire**

If you are seeking a room to meet a client, host a meeting/forum or a gathering, we may be able to assist you.

The Centre has a large indoor space, an undercover weatherproof outdoor space (with heater available), private counselling room and kitchen facilities available. If you think our centre might meet your needs, please give us a call on 6244 6346 or email info@wmnc.org.au to make further enquiries.

### Computer | Scanner | Printing

Do you need to access a computer? Need to print or scan something? We can help! We have computers, a printer, scanner and laminators (A4 & A3) available for use. Printing prices: 10c per A4 page in B&W 50c per A4 page in Colour



Term 2: Program Timetable
8:30AM Gentle Flow Yoga9:45AM Flow YogaLAST MONDAY OF MONTH 9AM - 10:30AM Yin Yoga11AM Chair Yoga3PM - 4:30PM Youth Drop In
MORNINGS NILS Appointments10AM - 12 NOON Food and Fun5PM Pilates Mat
WED8:30AM - 9:30AM Community Breakfast9AM ONWARDS Food assistance available11:45AM Community Lunch (Fortnightly)10AM Gather Cook Grow (Fortnightly)
10AMAFTERNOONSPilatesNILSMatAppointments
IOAM - 12 NOON Garden Muster @ Community Garden10:30AM Wellness Workout
SAT Eastside Repair Cafe Dates: 25 May & 29 June
SUN8:35AM Pilates Barre/Fitness9AM - 12 NOON SUNDAY OF MONTH Monthly Working Bee @ Community Garden
EVERYDAY   Drop in & Chat   Printing / Photocopying     \$3 Coffee   Community Garden     Computer Use   Book Library     Emergency Food Relief - By Appointment Only   Scan for more details
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### Food Assistance

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Each week we receive a limited amount of food from Food Bank to distribute to those who need some assistance. These items are available for pickup from <u>9am each Wednesday</u> and are offered on a first come first serve basis (no holds available).

If you are in need of further Emergency Food Relief, please call the Centre on 6244 6346 to arrange an appointment.

We also greatly appreciate food donations from the community to help support this program.



Do you need some Emergency Food Relief?

Call us on 6244 6346 or drop in to make an appointment
Attend the appointment to see how we might be able to assist\*
Collect emergency food relief designed to best support you

\*any information shared will be kept confidential

Some fresh produce will also be available at the Centre on Wednesdays from 9am (byo bag).

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### Food Donations & Reusable Bags

We welcome any in-date pantry items that you no longer require. Along with clean reusable bags, we often need staple pantry items to keep our Food Assistance pantry topped up.

We seek items such as:

• Flour, Rice, Noodles, Pasta

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- Pasta Sauces
- Canned Vegetables, Legumes,
- Soups
- Canned Spaghetti/Baked Beans
- UHT milk
- Cereal
- Clean reusable bags

All donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped at the Centre during opening hours.



### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

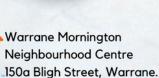
Join us for a <u>FREE</u> breakfast

every Wednesday

between 8.30am - 9.30am

Toasties, cereal, hot drinks and juice available







### Loui's Van

Loui's Van is at the Centre every Tuesday evening from 6:10-6:30pm. All are welcome!



The Loui's Van volunteers provide food (including soup and sandwiches), hot and cold drinks, information about services, support and companionship.

### Wellness Workout

Looking for an exercise class that focuses on strength, flexibility and balance in a fun and relaxed environment? Then this class is for you!



Wellness Workout runs every Friday at 10:30am and costs \$5 per class. Please bring a water bottle and hand towel.

If you are thinking of joining the class, please give us a call on 6244 6346.

### Food & Fun

Held every Tuesday 10am-12noon, come along and enjoy the friendly atmosphere. There's morning tea among friends and you can participate in a fun game to win grocery prizes. It doesn't matter if you've never played before, there will be people around who will help you out on the day. All very welcome to come along and join the fun!



Chair Yoga

With Jeanette

WHEN: 11am Monday

COST: \$5 **Bookings Essential** Limited Spaces Available

150a Bligh Street, Warrane

Contact Us: 03 6244 6346



The No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is a service that supports people on low incomes to purchase essential household items and services. We can support you to make your loan application here at the Centre. Please call NILS directly on 1300 301 650 to begin your loan application prior to calling us to book in your appointment.

### Eastside Repair Cafe

Toss it away? No way! If you have a broken item in need of repair, a repairer with the skills



and tools can advise on fixability and show you how to repair it at these FREE events.

A confirmation of repair skills available each event is shared through social media and Repair Cafe's emailing list in the week prior to events. Email: eastsiderepaircafe@gmail.com

Come along (with or without a broken item) and check it out. Grab a cuppa and chat with the friendly volunteers to find out more.

**REDVIB** CAFE Feb 24 Eastside April 6 in 2024 May 25 June 29 Warrane Mornington Aug 10 Neighbourhood Centre 150A Bligh St, Warrane Sept 14 Nov 2

Bring a broken item along and learn how to repair it, for free!

2 – 4pm

repaircafe.org

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Eastside Repair Café is proudly supported by Clarence City Council's Community Grants Program





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### Yoga - Finding Joy Yoga

Contact Tina for more information: Ph: 0417 106 620 Email: tlschramm@gmail.com



Yin/Restorative & Yoga Nidra 9am - 10.30

Small class sizes, friendly, welcoming & community orientated. Beginners welcome

### Pilates - with Alison





### Mat Pilates and Group Fitness Classes

Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre

Professional classes in a relaxed and friendly community atmosphere.

For info contact steptotherighttas@gmail.com

### **Connect With Us Online**

Keep up to date with news and activities

www.wmnc.org.au

www.facebook.com/warranemornington

instagram.com/warranemornington\_nc

Clarence City Council and Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre

### DROP IN REC PROGRAM





Drop In for games, food & music MONDAYS 3:00-4:30PM WARRANE MORNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTER Activites aimed at students from grade 5 to 8 Run during school terms (03 62 446 346

### We want your ideas!

Do you have a skill or area of knowledge you could share with others in the community? Is there an activity you are interested in

that you would like to see happening locally on a regular basis? It could be a workshop/demo style gathering, a learn-how-together activity, a set time to work on individual projects with others, or something else entirely.

We're keen to explore new ideas that will connect people, build skills or improve wellbeing locally. Please call us on 6244 6346 email info@wmnc.org.au or drop in to flag your idea!

### 🐞 Important Dates

- 9 May Bunnings Mornington Mother's Day Event
- 17 May Neighbourhood House Week BBQ
- 14 May National Familes Week @ Garden
- 19 May Garden Working Bee
- 25 May Repair Cafe
- 10 June PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 12 June Wear It Purple Community Lunch
- 16 June Garden Working Bee
- 29 June Repair Cafe
- 21 July Garden Working Bee

# Newsletter Term 2 2024 Warrane Community Garden



### **Garden News**

As autumn hues begin to paint our landscapes, we harvest the last of our summer crops, and prepare the soil for late plantings and the winter rest. As we look ahead, we continue to see



the garden's future-a sustainable space where community thrives.

Our irrigation upgrades, funded by the Government's community garden grant from last year, began along with the installation of a wicking bed prototype which will both diversify our watering methods and prevent the runner grass from regular invasion. Our growing spaces & volunteers will be much happier come next summer as a result.

In this garden update edition check out pics from Harvest Festival; a great family morning with lots of fun activities & learning opportunities for all ages, workshops delivered, new visitors to the garden, and the successful introduction of the choko to our growing space.

We invite you to join us in Term 2 : Along with our regular Friday morning musters and monthly working bees, there's also an opportunity to join us at a National Familes Week intergenerational garden event on May 14. With fun for younger and older community members alike we hope to see you in the garden soon.

Happy Growing!





The Warrane Community Garden is an initiative of the Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre.

### **National Families Week**

Tuesday 14 May (11am-12:30pm) Warrane Community Garden will be hosting a National Familes Week event in collaboration with Clarence City



Photo credit: Mel Thurling

Council, Playgroups Tasmania, Rosny Library and Tasmanian Multiple Birth Association and the Story Project. Join us to enjoy storytelling, nature based activities and lots of playgroup fun and opportunity to explore the garden.

### National Award for Warrane Community Garden

Warrane Community Garden (WCG) was recently recognized as a Community Gardens Australia Community Garden of the Year -2023 Permaculture Champion.

Last Term over zoom, we were chuffed to have our win announced by Gardening Australia's wonderful Costa himself!

What we loved about receiving this award is that it recognises WCG's commitment to the ethics and framework of permaculture. People Care, Earth Care and Fair Share ethics are at the heart of all our team's decisions at the garden.

### Acknowledgment of Country

Warrane Community Garden acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this unceded land, the Mumirimina people of the Oyster Bay Nation. We recognise their continuing connection to the Country on which we now gather, garden and grow together. We pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community that continue to care for Country, to Elders past and present and to the many Aboriginal people that did not make elder status.

### Harvest Festival 2024

A clear day, many helping hands and lots of smiling faces made Harvest Festival 2024 our best yet. Thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended!

Special mentions to:

Clarence Climate Action · Clarendon Vale Primary School's 24 Carrots Kitchen Garden · Charlie McCarthy · Island Seeds · Tess Knight · Boots and All Line Dancing Crew · Rotary Club of Bellerive · Clarence Arts & Events · Clarence City Council Service staff and YNAG · Corpus Christie Catholic School · Warrane Primary School · Bunnings Mornington · Cugini Restaurant · Milkwood · Understory Network

Warrane Community Garden's Harvest Festival 2024 was supported by the Tasmanian Government in partnership with Relationships Australia Tasmania, through the Healthy Tasmania Fund for Neighbour Day.





**Prize Winners!** Harvest Festival - Major Raffle Prize Winners 1st - Orange A39 2nd – Green V75 3rd- Green V66









Harvest Heads - Our Young Headwear Winners



### Fabric Dyeing Workshop #2

This was the second workshop delivered by Coralee from Inspired by Nature as part of our Resourceful Workshops series. Big thanks to Clarence City Council & Australia Post who have both supported us with funds through their community grants programs to subsidise these opportunities!



### Green Leaves Bellerive visit the garden

We have recently welcomed the little people of Green Leaves Bellerive to the garden to explore, learn and grow!

















### **Working Bees**

The garden's regular monthly working bee is the third Sunday of each month 9am-12pm.

We also meet weekly on Friday mornings between 10 -12 for a more casual morning muster.

All hands are welcome no matter what your level of gardening experience. Come along and meet other volunteers contributing to the wellbeing of the garden and its visitors.

A few things that we ask you to bring are:

- your own reusable cup (tea/coffee/water are provided)
- your garden gloves
- favourite weeding tool if you have one.

If you would like to get involved at other times or just on individual projects – like the orchard, the espalier trees, the grapevines, the native garden etc...please get in touch to find out more!

### Term 1 Monthly Working Bees

9am - 12 noon



Sunday 19th May Sunday 16th June Sunday 21st July















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### Garden Guidelines

To help everyone feel safe and welcome at the garden these guidelines have been developed in consultation with the community.

#### Pets in the garden

Please ensure pets are on lead when walking through the garden and keep them off garden beds and the growing mounds (which also have food plants).

#### Children in the garden

The garden is a working food garden. To keep them safe, children should be supervised by an adult when visiting.

#### Care for all visitors

The garden is an alcohol, drug & smoke free zone.

You can read more about the guidelines process on our website.

### Chokos

Choko (Sechium edule), also known as chayote, belongs to the gourds family and grows on vines.



In Tasmania, it is the spiny choko that

suits our climate best. The fruit, stem, seeds and leaves are all edible. The abundant fruit is roughly pear-shaped, with coarse wrinkles, measuring 10 -20 cm in length at harvesting. The flesh has a mild flavour, and a texture somewhere

between potato and cucumber.

High in fiber and vitamin C, it can be boiled, fried and baked. It can also be eaten raw; added to salads or salsas, often marinated with lemon or lime juice.

Keep an eye out for them on the Share Stand through autumn!

### The Garden Hub

Warrane Community Garden is on a mission to provide comfortable shelter for our volunteer and participant activities in all weather. We'd like to hear your thoughts and questions on the plans that are developing. This project will construct an accessible and sustainable multipurpose space for gathering, learning & growing community.

We're calling the project the Hood in the Hub but we still need a good name for the building itself once completed. Let us know your suggestions!

Detailed early sketches of the garden hub can be viewed at the Centre with a 3D model. You can also request a copy be to be sent to you via email.

### Things to do at Warrane Community Garden

- Bring a picnic to enjoy
- Draw the flowers and plants
- Join our Summer watering roster
- Adopt a tree to take care of
- Pick some herbs for dinner
- Become a weed warrior
- Ask about using the BBQ
- Join in our weekly Friday muster
- Attend our monthly working bee
  - Dance, sing, explore...

& more

### **Garden Share Stand**

The garden stand has been installed to share free produce, plants, and seedlings with the community. If you have an excess of garden produce, please feel free to add them to the stall.



### **Group Visits**

If you would like to organise an activity with your group in the garden, please get in touch about access to facilities.

### **BBQ Use**

If you would like to use the BBQ for a family gathering please get in touch about access to facilities.

### **Keeping In Touch**

If you would like to get involved at the garden or learn more please visit:

#### https://wmnc.org.au/community-garden

Alternatively, contact Katie - Garden Coordinator 6244 6346 garden@wmnc.org.au Page 5