



Veg Out Community Gardens St Kilda Inc.

Spring 2011

Open Day - Sunday 23rd - Oct

Our annual open day is fast approaching, Sunday 23rd of October, from 11am-5pm. Again we will need the help of all our plot holders to volunteer a small amount of time each to make this day a success. Rosters will be put on the noticeboard next to the office, fill in the times and activities you will be able to assist with. On the day we will have live music, bbq, pizzas, cakes, chai stalls and a bar. Also there will be kids activities, face painting, story telling in the fairy garden, sack races, egg & spoon races and painting.

We need your help, 1-2 hours on the day is all it takes. People to help prep and cook the pizzas and bbq. Serve at the bar. Help with the kids activities. You will be shown what to do. The roster is set up in hour allotments, just put in your name where you can help.

If you are a baker and can make cakes\biscuits which we can sell on the day please bring them along to the 'chai stall'. Please list all ingredients used.

There will be a clean up of Veg Out the day before (Sat 22nd) from 12pm onwards, again get down and help out.

Another big thank you to **Stephen Wood** for creating our Open Day poster, most of you would have seen around. If you haven't it is on the following page.

The **Open Day Sculpture Competition** is on again and entries will need to be put in by Saturday the 22nd. This years theme is '**Scarecrows and Scallywags**' great prizes for a range of categories.

VEG OUT ST KILDA 2011
GARDEN
OPEN
DAY

The Community Gardens in St Kilda invites
you all to join in with the colourful festivities.

SUNDAY OCT 23. 11-5PM

With
LIVE MUSIC

Children's Activities
Sculpture Competition
Face Painting
Bar, Chai & Cakes

Raffles
Spaghetti Eating Competition
BBQ & Woodfired Pizza
And Much More

CNR CHAUCER STREET & SHAKESPEARE GROVE
(BEHIND ACLAND STREET SAFEWAY).

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On the last day of 2010 our dear friend Angela Suter lost her 3 year fight against cancer. Angela was a member of Veg Out from its beginning. She loved Veg Out and expressed this through her constant and tireless hard work keeping the place well maintained. As Zoltan, Robyn and others will attest, unless she was off surfing or travelling, she would, without fail, be chopping the compost at working bees. After the compost was finished she would find other jobs and keep working for the rest of the day.

Ange worked with a light heart and in good spirits, just being there to pitch in and help get things done. At the end of the day of hard physical labour she loved to knock back a few red wines and have some laughs. She would generally be one of the last people to leave, hence the legend of the night spent with Lenny in the chook house after they were supposedly locked in the garden.

Angela's contribution on working bee days was heroic enough, but when the market came along in 2004 she redoubled her efforts. Each market Angela arrived at the market at about 9 am and worked on the sweaty greasy BBQ until the market's end, and then she would help with the tiring and thankless job of packing up. True to her form, she would be the last person to leave the garden on market days and it would be business as usual for her at the working bee the next day.

We didnt know that Angela had cancer until about three weeks before she died. She had decided she didn't want anyone to know. After the October market when Sabine asked her if she was ok she insisted she was and that her weight loss was due to a persistent stomach bug. Ange had been ill for about three

years. At this time she left her job at World Vision telling us that she was having a break and doing some further study. Rob was rebuilding the chook house and she would stop by the garden each day to help him out and make him some lunch. We didn't know but this was when she was undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

Angela was an unfailingly kind and gentle soul. She was also strong and independent. We miss her. By creating The Angela Award for the Best and Fairest Volunteer of the year we are remembering Angela, what she meant to us, and her hard work for Veg Out. We are lucky, we have lots of volunteers who turn up and take on the myriad thankless tasks necessary to run a community garden. All plot holders are entitled to nominate another plot holder they consider to be the best and fairest Veg Out volunteer for the year.

Forms can be found at the Veg Out bar and at the back\bottom of this newsletter. Nominations for the inaugural Angela award are to be given to Judith by Saturday, 22 October 2011 (you can slip them under the office door). The winner is determined by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary **(who are all ineligible to be nominated)** and announced at Open Day on 23 October.

President	Rob Taylor
Vice President	Barrie Richardson
Treasurer	Tim Walsh
Secretary	Judith Birch

Health and Safety around the garden:

" PLEASE KEEP PATHS CLEAR"

It's lovely to see all these beautiful new babies at the community garden - a whole new generation of potential gardeners for the future.....
and equally so it is lovely to see the joy on the faces of the proud parents.

Though, it's not so cool seeing the elderly or other physically challenged struggling to get through the path along the verandah, particularly next to the sandpit.....Perhaps they're on their way to the toilets?.....

Plus, many a time other people are struggling to get through the path on occasions like the Farmers' Market, carrying/moving heavy or awkward items to the Peanut Farm Oval.....

Both of the above individual's journey through the path is quite often blocked by prams and other objects, whilst other people are quite oblivious chatting and often standing in the pathway at the same time.

Currently, there is a design of a new sign for an allocated "Pram Parking" spot (should be painted soon in due course).

Meanwhile, please be mindful of others and PLEASE KEEP PATHS CLEAR.
There is plenty of space for everyone.

Still on topic of paths. It is everyone's responsibility to maintain the pathways by their individual plots.

Hence, not allowing plants to overflow from your plots, thus creating tripping hazards etc.

eg. - If you have herbs like mint and vietnamese basil/mint which are notorious spreaders, please consider growing them in pots instead, as your neighbours might not be as keen as you are on these.....

Another pointer, - Stinging Nettle and baby shoots of the Canary Palm needs to be constantly monitored - not left for others to do just on working bees

- should be a team effort by all.

Also, please do not leave shovels, spades etc. over paths when not in use - another tripping accident waiting to happen.

Anyway, happy gardening to all.

Genia Biedron (Health & Safety)

Thanks & Acknowledgements

- Thanks to Rob and his ever changing band of helpers for the huge effort over the past year redoing the plot borders. The place looks fantastic.

Working Bees

Working Bees are held on the first Sunday of each month, except for January.

Upcoming working bee dates are: 2nd Oct, 6th Nov and 4th Dec.

Plotholders must participate in at least 3 working bees per year (and that means doing communal work, not simply working on your own plot). Working bee days are lots of fun, and a wonderful lunch is enjoyed by all. So come down at 11am with a smile on your face.

Please be aware – if you're not around and you never assist with anything, your garden will be reallocated.

Veg Out News

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Veg Out News welcomes contributions from all gardeners, artists and friends.

So if you have some tips on cultivation, thoughts, cartoons, community notices or writings to contribute, or just simply something you want to say, please e-mail us at the above address.

The news and views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the editor, or the Veg Out committee.

Veg Out Charter

To create a unique, safe and supportive haven within the City of Port Phillip for all citizens.

To promote a sense of community where trust, effort, knowledge, skills and responsibility are shared; where creativity, quality and the environment are nurtured; and where equity and philanthropy can flourish.

We need your email address

If you want to receive invitations to events, a PDF of the newsletter, information about your plot and other stuff, we need your **current, up-to-date email address**. Please email it, along with your name and plot number (if you have one) to mailinglist@vegout.asn.au

Important Dates

Carrots By Candlelight will be later in December. A date will be mailed out soon..



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The Angela Award

Veg Out Volunteer of the Year

Nomination Form

Angela Suter held a plot at Veg Out from its beginnings. She was a person who consistently turned up at Veg Out to work and volunteer to do anything that needed being done, no matter how dirty or unpleasant. She was always kind to people and had a great sense of fun.

The Angela Award remembers Angela's commitment to Veg Out and her community by recognising a volunteer who throughout the year has consistently turned up and worked hard to keep Veg Out looking beautiful.

If you hold a plot at Veg Out you are eligible to nominate a person for the Angela Award. The award will be decided by Veg Out's President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary who are ineligible as nominees whilst they hold office.

Nominations for the inaugural Angela Award are to be given to the Secretary by Saturday 22 October 2011. The award winner will be announced at Open Day Sunday 23 October 2011.

NOMINATION

**I wish to
nominate(name),(plot no.)
as the Veg Out Volunteer of the year 2011.**

Name:.....

Plot:.....