



Golden Beach Community Nursery & Open Garden

Hosted by the Golden Paradise Beach Ratepayers & Residents Assoc. Inc.

Nursery open Friday & Saturdays 10am – 12noon*

** when volunteers available*



Welcome to Summer

What a great Spring we had! Local gardens are really blooming and so are the plants in the Nursery. We have had excellent plant sales in the past few weeks with many satisfied customers taking advantage of the low prices. Thank you to the G.B. Surf Life Saving Club for the donation of plants after their market day.

Welcome to new members/volunteers Chris, Gail and Carol who enjoyed their morning meeting new people and talking about plants and gardens while potting up some tube stock.

What is happening in the garden

Spring was the time to weed, feed, add soil wetta and mulch in preparation for Summer. And now Summer is here you need to ensure your plants have adequate water and nutrients and sometimes enough shade, particularly plants that will be experiencing their first summer at the beach. Shade sails can be very effective. Sometimes you will also need to provide some wind protection if your garden cops the hot northerlies. Some thick shade cloth or hessian attached along a wire fence will help provide wind protection. If you haven't mulched yet then now is the time. Once your plants have finished flowering give them a light trim and you will be rewarded with new growth. Deep watering, preferably in the early morning, every three days and fertilize at least monthly. Do the work now and your garden will survive the summer.



Summer Fun - Make a Scarecrow Competition Saturday 26th January 2013

In this our inaugural year of the **Scarecrow Competition** it will be open to children Under 12 only. The entry fee will include the cost of the frame for the scarecrow. Children can be as creative as they like and Scarecrows can be male or female, celebrity look-a-likes, Aussie Swaggie, Princess, or the traditional 'straw man'. So start collecting things like straw hats, wigs, clothing, scarves or tiaras. Anything goes!
Entry forms with full details of the competition will be available at the community centre office at the end of December.

Community Garden

As part of the Ratepayers & Residents master plan, and when funding is received to complete the RV access road, the Community garden plots will relocate to the area behind the Church. When earth works are complete to prepare the site the project can then go ahead. To those people waiting for a plot, thank you for your patience. Addition funds and support is required to enable us to continue our work in the community nursery, enhance the surrounding area with planting of native shrubs and establish the open garden. In the meantime the small group of dedicated volunteers continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10am. Future meeting dates 11th December; 8th January; 12th February.

If you don't have the time to join us but love your garden you can join the Yates online garden club at www.yates.com.au Yates also have a children's section!

Merry Christmas & Happy Gardening

Merrilynne Hayes

Volunteer co-ordinator