



Community Garden News – New to KSC? A guide to the Kyneton Community Garden

Kyneton Community Garden, which is open to anyone in the community, is located at the Kyneton Secondary College. It came about from an agreement made in September 2013 between KSC and the local sustainability group, Kyneton Transition Hub. This was a great win for the Kyneton community as there were already great facilities in place.

Wicking beds made from apple bins provide good access for everyone and minimise water use. Wicking beds have a reservoir of water underneath to reduce water loss through evaporation and provide just the right amount of water to the plant.



Currently we are harvesting tomatoes, celery, golden nugget pumpkins, cucumbers, potatoes and several herbs. We'll have eggplant, strawberries, cabbages, butternut pumpkins and lots more tomatoes ready soon. Most of our seeds and seedlings are donated, but we will be doing more seed saving in the future.

The fox-proof chook run houses six very happy chickens and bantams. All have names, mostly provided by students. Our chickens are Duck, Goose and Do; and our bantams are Buffy, Blondie and Skunk.

The compost bays have been pumping out great quality compost which we have used with soil from the chicken run to fill a number of our wicking beds. These beds are especially productive.

The produce is shared between the volunteers, and some is donated to the Kyneton Community Lunch which is on at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute every Wednesday during school terms. Besides producing vegies, our key focus is on educating gardeners about sustainability.

As the Community Garden activities are coordinated by Kyneton Transition Hub please direct any enquiries to KynetonTH@gmail.com or phone Julie (Community Garden Working Group) on 5422 3023. Or check out our website: www.kynetontransitionhub.com. We're happy to host you at times that suit you and provide you with information on wicking beds, compost tea, native bees, biochar, permaculture, gardening in Kyneton conditions and other topics.

Join us any Tuesday from 9.30 am (to about 11.15).

Workshops are held on the second Tuesday of the month during school terms at the usual time.

During school hours please check in at the school office first.