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Welcome to Chelsea Heights Community Garden

- **HEALTH** – A First aid kit and emergency contact numbers are available in the front (cream) shed. We strongly recommend a tetanus shot (as we use horse manure). We have beehives & encourage beneficial insects into the garden. If you have any allergies, please be aware & take what precautions you need. All garden members **MUST** follow the Chelsea Heights Community Centre COVID safe plan and Victorian government restrictions in place. This includes signing-in by QR code or the sign-in book in the shelter.
- **GARDEN ENTRANCE** – The code to the gate lock will be given upon completion of the induction and full payment of fees. Please do not share the code with anyone.
- **WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING** - Drinking water (no drinkable water available in the garden), gloves, appropriate closed-in footwear, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, hand sanitiser and masks.
- **DO NOT PICK from, or weed, any other members plot.**
- **GARDENING DURING THE WEEK** – Wednesday mornings from around 10.30am you will find people in the garden. Gardening together is more fun than gardening alone, so come along and join in and get some handy hints along the way. Bring a snack and we'll put the kettle on!
- **WORKING BEES** – are held on the **3rd Sunday of every month, starting at 10am.** We have an amazing group of gardeners, so please join us for a few hours of gardening, eating, socialising, and learning. Bring the kids along too. We encourage you to join us more often than the minimum of 3 times a year, as per our application form.
- **CHILDREN IN THE GARDEN** -Children need to be **supervised at all times** by their parents/guardians.
- **WATER** – Be water wise, we only have limited tank water (not for drinking so please bring your own). Remember to turn the water taps **OFF**, regardless of if there is time left on the timers. **DO NOT FORCE** timers back to Zero. We also have a summer watering roster you can join.
- **WE ARE AN ORGANIC GARDEN** so only organic/biological sprays & fertilisers are permitted. Nourishing the soil is your first priority.
- **COMPOST** – Good compost = good soil = healthy plants. Come along and help us make it and you can take this skill home. Diseased plants/old tomato plants are to be put into the general waste bin.
- **EVENTS** – We occasionally hold open days/classes or talks. All members will be informed and encouraged to join in.

2023-2024 Working Bees Dates

17th September
15th October
19th November
17th December
21st January
18th February
17th March
21st April
19th May
16th June

- **PLOT ELIGIBILITY** – if there is a waiting list for plots, **then you must join us as a communal member** and attend working bees/Wednesday sessions when you are available.
- **PICKING PRODUCE** – Please only pick from communal areas if a particular produce has been 'advertised' via Slack. Otherwise, communal produce will be placed on the 'share table' in the shelter. **Please take only your fair share.** Herbs can be picked fresh from the garden anytime.
- **UNATTENDED PLOTS**– From time to time we understand that you may not be able to come down to the garden, so, please contact us so we can help with watering etc. If you are going away or are unwell, **Green manure** is a good alternative crop, and it will nourish your soil, so please ask us about it.
- **CHOOKS** – **ONLY** people rostered for feeding the chooks are allowed to collect the eggs, this is your reward.
- **DOGS** – dogs are welcome to visit the Community Gardens but must be kept on a leash at all times to ensure the safety of other visitors. If other members of the community garden feel unsafe or request that the pet be removed, we ask that members respect their wishes. It is also the responsibility of the owner to clean up after their pet. Assistance dogs welcome of course.
- **NO SMOKING AND NO ALCOHOL** in the garden at any time.
- **MAINTENANCE** Please put your hand up to help out with a bit of repairing/building/projects etc. Contact Tim/Prisco for more info.
- **Slack** is a desktop and phone app we use to communicate between members. We encourage members to use it. It's informal and keeps you updated on current news and activities in the garden. Contact Tim/Michelle for more information.
- **PUBLIC TOILETS** These are located in the building at the far end of the tennis court fence **or** in the Community Centre, via front door, when it is open during school terms between 9am and 3pm.
- **EARTHA** Plants donated or propagated by members are available for a small donation. Currently Eartha is taking a long holiday and would love a little help keeping the place tidy.