

ROGI News June 2015

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE

Doors open at 6.15 so members can visit the library, shop or seed bank or just have a chat before our meeting starts. Please be seated by 7pm ready for our speakers.

Salvation Army Church, Cnr McDonald Rd & Macarthur St. ALEXANDRA HILLS

ADMISSION: Members: Gold coin. Visitors: \$5.

Please bring plate of food for supper after the meeting - savoury/sweet or nibbles preferably home-made. Tea/coffee provided.

You are welcome to provide a quality plant for ROGI Rewards to help share plants with other members. Bring a bag/box for your purchases and/or winnings.

COMING EVENTS

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| June | Wed 10 | 6.15pm | ROGI meeting |
| | Sun 21 | 7.30am | Field trip Macleay Is. * |
| July | Wed 8 | 6.15pm | ROGI meeting |
| | Sun 12 | 1.30pm | Garden Visit Garry & Sophie * |
| | S & S 25 & 26 | 9.30am | Field trip herb farm * |
| Aug | Wed 11 | 6.15pm | ROGI meeting |
| | Sun 16 | 1pm | Garden Makeover workshop |

* Book with Toni B on events@rogi.com.au or 0402 323 704

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- **Cash** payment at ROGI meeting
- **Cheques** made payable to Redland Organic Growers Inc. Pay at meeting or by post (PO Box 1257, Cleveland 4163)
- **Direct Deposit** BSB 633-000 A/C No. 136 137 296 (Bendigo Bank—Capalaba Central)

VERY IMPORTANT! Reference - Your initials and surname are essential to identify who has paid. This is our only way of knowing it's YOU. Please bring your membership application form to the next meeting. Email group@rogi.com.au for application form.

Membership fees for 2015 are now overdue. If you are not a financial member by the next meeting you will be charged the visitor's entry of \$5.

Please renew online at your convenience, and ensure that you complete a new membership form when you are renewing.

Please provide evidence of pensioner status to claim discount.

| Fees | New member/s joining in... | | | |
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| | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec of following year |
| Single | \$30 | \$22.50 | \$15 | \$37.50 |
| Family | \$50 | \$37.50 | \$25 | \$62.50 |
| Pensioner Single | \$20 | \$15 | \$10 | \$25 |
| Pensioner Couple | \$30 | \$22.50 | \$15 | \$37.50 |

JUNE GUEST SPEAKER

Margaret Foley is a local naturopath, nutritionist and herbalist who will tell us about the medicinal value of certain 'weeds' that may be thriving in your garden. This interactive presentation might just change the way you think about some weeds.



GUEST SPEAKER from MAY. Diatomaceous Earth (DE)

Guy Lewington from Mt Sylvania Diatomite company has explored the many uses (and effectiveness) of DE and has developed products to make the most of it in our homes and gardens. It is approved for organic and biodynamic certification.

DE is a naturally-occurring sedimentary mineral compound from microscopic skeletal remains of unicellular algae-like plants called diatoms. The diatoms are mined and ground up to render a powder that looks and feels like talcum powder. DE is mainly silicon, as well as calcium, sodium, magnesium, iron and many other trace minerals.

USES:

ORGANIC AGRICULTURE: DE stimulates healthy growth of plant root systems, conditions the soil by making silica available to plants and by helping the soil (and potting mixes) to retain moisture. Calcium is unavailable to plants without silica, so DE improves calcium uptake.

PEST CONTROL: to insects DE is a lethal dust with microscopic razor sharp edges. These sharp edges cut through the insect's protective covering drying it out and killing them when they are either dusted with DE or if it is applied as a wettable powder spray. If they ingest the DE it will shred their insides. DE will help protect your organic seeds (as well as stored grains etc) from attack by insects.

USING DIATOMACEOUS EARTH ON PLANTS:

DRY APPLICATION: Apply uniformly to foliage including underside of leaves. Dust when the air is still, preferably in the evening or early morning. Reapply after rain.

WET APPLICATION: Add 30 grams to every litre of water and spray plants vigorously. It will become active when dry. Any run-off of DE will then act as a natural soil conditioner. After applying you will see a layer of DE covering your plants - this will guarantee your plants are protected from heat, frostbite and other problems.

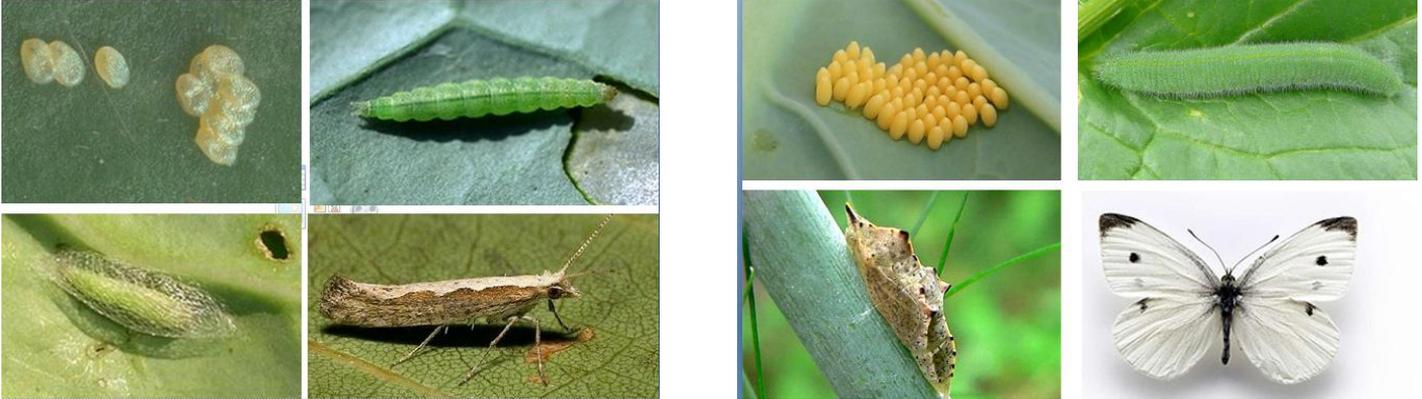
There is no withholding period for eating your vegetables or fruits when using food grade diatomaceous earth. You can actually take DE internally for parasite control.

Guy also told us about how a basalt product from the mine, palagonite, was used in conjunction with chook manure by Bauer's Organic Farm (a neighbouring farm at Mt Sylvia) and noticeably improved the flavour and shelf life of the vegetables.

<http://www.mtsylviadiatomite.com.au>

CRITTERS OF THE MONTH for MAY

Diamondback moth (L) & **Cabbage white butterfly** (R) eggs, larva, pupa and adult.



These are pests of the brassicas – cabbage, broccoli, kale, cauliflower etc.

It is very disappointing to find these precious plants have been decimated overnight. What can you do about it? Here are some ideas ...

TRAP CROPS. These are a great idea - plants you put in your garden and these moths and butterflies are going to put their eggs on them in preference to the ones you actually like.

Sacrificial Trap Crops: Examples are cabbages of **Chinese origin**, like **Bok Choy** (*Brassica rapa*). The moths and butterflies prefer laying eggs on these plants over European cabbages. Also African such as **Ethiopian Cabbage** (*Brassica carinata*). Be aware that this is a **sacrificial** trap crop, so these pests are still going to complete their life cycle on it. So get rid of it (sacrifice it) before the caterpillars pupate.

Dead-end trap crop: Better than a sacrificial trap. These moths and butterflies are incredibly attracted to ***Barbarea vulgaris***, and will lay eggs on this plant over other brassicas. When the caterpillars hatch, they take a bite out of the leaves and they die of toxicity!

PLANT OF THE MONTH for MAY **Land Cress *Barbarea vulgaris***

A hardy short-lived perennial to 60cm. Fertile moist soil, but will tolerate short periods of dryness; full sun to part shade. Use flowers and leaves fresh to add mustard flavour to salads, soups and sandwiches.



I'm using several *B. vulgaris* around the garden, but I'm not game enough to rely on it totally, so I've made **decoy butterflies**. Apparently the white butterflies won't invade another's territory – worth a try. Also strong-smelling plants nearby will (hopefully) confuse the pests.

You can enclose the patch in **nets** with fairly fine mesh – make sure you enclose the entire plant. This works perfectly as long as a butterfly or moth doesn't get in first.



Exclusion method.



Decoy butterfly made with white artificial flower petal and 200lb fishing line attached to a post.

Another organic method is to use **DiPel**, sourced from *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) a natural bacterium that controls a wide range of leaf-eating caterpillars. Caterpillars infected by DiPel cease feeding almost immediately and die within one to four days. It needs to be applied thoroughly and reapplied after rain.

Good luck with your brassicas. Let us know what has worked for you.

GARDEN VISIT Janet C. Sunday 24th May

Hidden away down an easement in Cleveland is 1,700m² of gardening delight. Janet and Gary have skilfully blended practicality, productivity and sustainability without losing sight of the aesthetics of their beautiful garden.

Thirty years ago the house was built on part of Price's red soil farm where they'd grown cucumbers. Over the years, the garden has undergone six incarnations, the most recent concentrating on vegetable and fruit production.

Here are some of the many highlights:

- The long southern side of the **easement** has lots of winter sun which Janet puts to good use. Low-growing purslane is growing below where the gate swings. Several fruit trees, including espaliered apples and acerola, are interspersed with annuals, many of which were proudly displaying their tempting wares. The many camellias were poised to burst into bloom on the northern side of the driveway.

- Inside the gate is a magnificent fountain surrounded by a narrow circular garden and set in a verdant lawn.
- There are six **compost bins**, including a tumbler, a bay system and several 'daleks'. Some are given over to breeding **soldier fly larvae** which are a chook favourite.
- Two **worm farms** occupy a very shaded corner and 'worm wee' is constantly collected for use in the gardens.
- Janet and Gary collect **coffee grounds and food waste** from a few businesses in Cleveland to help keep the compost, soldier flies, chooks and worms producing.
- The lucky **chooks graze fresh greens** in the form of plantain, wheat, barley and others that Janet grows in ice-cream containers especially for them. Amaranth and comfrey are growing right beside the chook run and it has been nibbled away level to the fence.
- Other creatures are catered for on the premises with a hive of **native bees** and a 'hotel' for **beneficial insects**.
- We walked from the shaded side of the house into the rear yard and were taken aback by the beauty of the lush green sun-drenched lawn surrounded by flower and vegetable beds with various fruit trees providing a deeper green backdrop. Breathtakingly beautiful.
- Many of the edible plants are in pots of all types, shapes and sizes, including colourful tough tubs, grow bags with handles and 'RocketPots' as well as the usual terracotta and plastic pots. The **portability of pots** allows the plants to be moved to follow the sun seasonally.
- A lucerne bale garden was successfully growing tomatoes and dill.
- Deep **mulching** is in evidence everywhere: there was a big pile of chipped wood mulch (from Sam the Tree Man) awaiting dispersal.

Sustainable features

- On the north-facing house roof is a 5 kWh **solar power** system.
- **Water** for the garden is pumped up from a bore, and water from the shed roof is collected in a tank.
- Their new pride and joy is the latest model BMWi3 zero emissions **battery electric car**. Some of us even got a 'test drive' in it at the end of the afternoon.

We could have spent several hours exploring the many nooks and crannies, but sunset comes early in late May and we hadn't tasted the tempting afternoon tea offerings and browsed the swap-and-share table. If you missed out and would love to visit Janet's garden, email info@rogi.com.au and you just might score yourself a private tour.



Tropic Sweet apple blossom.



Espaliered acerola in easement.



Clockwise from above: chook ready to nibble comfrey; insect hotel (with spider web); native bee hive; part of front yard; worm farms; easement facing east; exclusion net over brassica bed





Clockwise from bottom left: one of the rocket pots; a variety of garden beds that get lots of sun; 3 types of pots – grow bag, foam box, tough tub; various chook greens growing in containers; kang kong in tubs; battery electric car



WHAT IS A ROCKET POT?

Rocket[®] Pot containers root-prune trees by guiding root tips to open air. A RocketPot's open wall and floor permit high oxygen permeation of the growing medium. Very fine root tips thrive and grow in the moist air in the pore spaces until they reach a cusp. They are guided to open air at the cusp end where they lose apical dominance. Root branching occurs well back within the root ball and several new roots grow to adjoining cusps. The process repeats at an accelerating rate until the growing medium is colonised with fresh new roots. Suddenly, when all of the medium's pore space is filled with roots, root growth slows.

Growth of the head of the tree slows too in equilibrium with its roots' system. Plants can be held safely for much longer than other pots. The roots do not spiral and plants look healthy.

When the RocketPot is removed and the tree is planted, the abundance of active roots grow outwards and downwards to colonise the new site.

The tree grows like a rocket.

Taken from

<http://www.trentcom.com.au/rocketpot-overview.shtml>



JUNE FIELD TRIP

THE GARDENS OF MACLEAY ISLAND

Sunday 21st June. 7.30am – 3.30pm

\$25 includes bus and barge.

This needs to be paid by Friday 12th June. Please pay Toni or Lindsay (Treasurer) at meeting or by direct deposit
BSB 633-000 A/C No. 136 137 296

We will be travelling in a fleet of buses on the barge and around the island visiting various gardens of interest. At time of writing there are still a few seats available.

Be in touch with Toni 0402 323 704 to book your spot.



JULY FIELD TRIP

MUDBRICK HERB COTTAGE FARM, Mudgeeraba

9.30am – about 12.30

\$25 includes a luscious 'herby' morning tea.

Hear Sandra talk about using the abundance of herbs you have grown in your garden. Everyone will get the opportunity to make a couple of things themselves to take home, and will get a booklet of notes with recipes from the day.

As this is a very popular field trip, we have secured Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th so more of you can attend. Talk with Toni 0402 323 704 about which of these days you can come.

There are only a few spaces left.

Car pooling is recommended.

OAKLANDS STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN, Alex Hills

UPDATE

Oaklands Street is buzzing! Preparations for our **Open Day on Sunday 13 September** are well under way. The nursery is brimming with thousands of seedlings nurtured by our wonderful Glenda. The original swale has been planted with an avenue of mulberry trees providing shade and a green welcome to the garden. At one end of this avenue Gennaro has provided us with an elderberry. The next (new) swale has been planted with hundreds of seedlings in what promises to be a stunning floral display. Another new swale will be an Asian display garden with cassava, yams, turmeric, arrowroot and more. A further new swale has been earmarked for rosellas in the coming warm season. Several volunteers including Anne, Helen, Russell and Darryl have been involved in setting up a large herb garden and water feature (work - of art! - still underway).

The human face of the garden has not been neglected either. We are proud that our membership drive commencing with our stall at the recent Redlands Good Gardening Expo has brought on board some excellent new volunteers. Kara helped us host a very successful and stylish morning tea for interested



parties and is a willing and able volunteer with great communication skills. As Kara is an established bee-keeper we see the potential for another dimension to the garden in the making. We plan to have future morning teas for a men's shed group and service clubs which have benefited the garden.



An exciting development at the garden is that we now have Asian volunteers - Moe Moe from Burma and Rina from Malaysia, both from the multicultural group. Moe Moe has chosen bitter melon, bottle gourd, winged peas and watercress for warm weather crops and has provided rosella seeds for the abovementioned swale. Her own collection of rare herbs includes culantro, (pictured: not cilantro! It is also known as Mexican coriander), more commonly grown in humid, disturbed areas at the edges of forests in the Far East, Latin America and the Caribbean and many Asian countries. Moe Moe has already provided us with plants of culantro. It has a stronger more pungent aroma than coriander but can be used interchangeably with it. In Moe Moe's culture, it is always used with fish. We look forward to learning more about how to grow and use tropical herbs and vegetables and to catering to a multicultural community.

Another new volunteer, Wendy, recently brought her 100 year old father along for an outing, and on another day her grand-daughter, to enjoy the beautiful and peaceful surroundings.

In April several Oaklands Street volunteers attended a Community Garden Network Gathering hosted by the Graceville Community Garden. A panel of speakers comprising Tim Auld from the host garden, Dick Copeman of Northey Street City Farm, Naomi Waldron of the Vera Street Community Garden and Roman Spur from Spurtopia gave an overview of their gardens and the challenges they faced. There was a tour of Graceville Garden's bush tucker garden, a fascinating living display and demonstration of the top bar bee-hive, and one demonstration each of the huge compost system built of surplus railway sleepers donated to the garden and the worm-farm by Tim. Next year this event will be hosted by UQ at the Gatton campus.

Helen Hart

CRITTER OF MONTH (from APRIL)

Assassin Bug (friend ... usually)

Order: Hemiptera (true bugs) Family: Reduviidae (assassin bugs)
Pristhesancus plagipennis (possibly, Common Assassin Bug)

Identification

They are easy to identify due to their elongated head, narrow neck and formidable curved proboscis. They are often brightly coloured (brown, red, orange) and have long almost spider like legs.

Life Cycle

Assassin Bugs undergo incomplete metamorphism (no pupae). The nymphs have 5 (4-7) instars (moult). They can be



identified by their upward pointing abdomen shape. The stages of their development involve changes to the abdomen shape, and colour, with the last instar developing non-flying wings. In the second instar the curved proboscis is clearly seen. www.brisbaneinsects.com has a wonderful description of these changes as they kept the bug from adult to egg through the 5 changes.

Proboscis (Rostrum) The prey is seized with the front legs, hairs assisting. The proboscis stabs and injects digestive juices (enzymes), liquefying the insides of the prey. The fluidized juices are sucked out.

Interesting Facts

- Creates a sound with its proboscis rubbing in a groove socket, to deter predators
- Actively hunts its prey
- Can cause severe intense pain in people when stung
- Bred as pets/pest control to reduce bedbug and cockroach populations (lives for 1-2 years - from the internet- not confirmed)
- Scientists are studying its use for insect control, however they will eat bees
- Will kill non-pest species
- 3 segment proboscis (most hemiptera have 4 segments)
- Will significantly reduce caterpillar, fly and beetle populations, hence a good bug to have.



Probably instar 2, taken through a magnifier (insect collected courtesy of Rhonda)



Probably instar 4, note the upward pointing abdomen. Also shown in photo is the 3 striped potato beetle, a pest which can decimate cape gooseberry.

At the April meeting there was some discussion about how to differentiate the nymphs of the fruit spotting bug (Family Coreidae) from the assassin bug nymphs. The problem is the small size of the bug nymphs and the fact they move. However the antennae of the fruit spotting bug are significantly longer and have a lobe on the end of the antennae and legs, whereas the abdomen of the assassin bug is upward pointing and has relatively longer legs. Their behaviour is different with the fruit spotting bug trying to look bigger by outward pointing the antennae and then running away fast; the assassin bug moves more slowly away (it knows it can sting). (Observations from a few encounters and hence not a scientific report).

Enjoy your bug hunting
Dave Praeger

WIN a MINI GARDEN MAKEOVER and WORKSHOP in August

Are you a bit confused about what to do in your garden?

Not sure of the best spots in your garden to grow your vegetables?

Why not enter our Garden Makeover Competition?

To be eligible you need to be:

- a ROGI member
- the garden owner
- a Redlands citizen
- available on Sunday 16th August;
- prepared to host ROGI members at your garden for this workshop and we'll all learn together while helping your garden to flourish;
- agreeable to your name and photos of the workshop being used in ROGI News, internet sites and local media.

The last page of the newsletter has an entry form for you. Entries close Friday 26th June. Post your entry to ROGI, PO Box 1257, CLEVELAND 4163 or scan and email to info@rogi.com.au

HORSE MANURE Victoria Point; you do the shovelling; as much as you like - one bag or a trailer load; free, but negotiate a barter system. Free of weeds. Contact info@rogi.com.au or see Jean at a ROGI meeting.

WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD. It entitles you to buy from the ROGI Shop and borrow from the library, and to buy seeds for only \$1 from the seedbank.

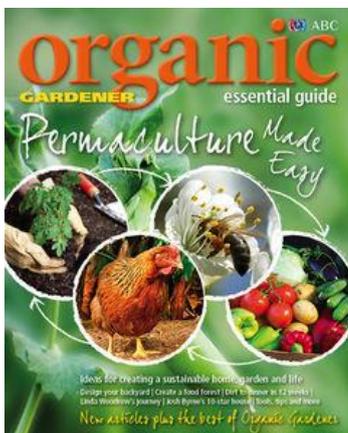
LIBRARY NEWS

Hi to all our members.

Please check out the books we carry in the library on your next visit. With the weather getting cooler it is a good time to catch up on reading and planning your gardens.

Thanks go to Jan Houghton who has kindly donated the very first issue of Organic Gardening Magazine featuring Peter Cundall. This magazine is full of relevant information for the new or even experienced organic gardener. It covers the following:

What is meant by organic growing, How to begin, The no-dig method, The sheet composting method, Bio-dynamic methods, Soil enrichment without chemicals, Compost – greatest of all fertilizers, The organic vegetable garden, Controlling pests without poisons, Disorders of fruit and vegetables, Grow your own fruit organically, Green manures, and a year round planting guide for all zones of Australia. This magazine also covers Companion Planting and detailed info on crops ie the onions, legumes, brassicas, root crops, cucurbits, seed, flowers and pods, stalks, stems and shoots, leafy vegetables, vegetable fruits and potatoes and tubers. So it covers everything in one magazine. Great time to grow your brassicas and potatoes now as well as the peas and beans. I grow potatoes using Peter Cundall's no dig method with great success. Just thrown them on the lawn and cover them with straws and manures. They are easy to harvest as you just lift the layers. You then have heaps to compost for the vegetable garden. Or just add extra compost and manures and start a garden there.



ORGANIC GARDENER ESSENTIAL GUIDE - PERMACULTURE MADE EASY

There are some great articles in this book. Design basics Linda Woodrow's permaculture journey, Josh Byrne's eco home, Dirt to Dinner in 12 weeks by Linda Woodrow. Vegie Patch plants, food forests and food forest plants, strange fruit, handy hens, bee keeping etc. This book is easy to read with some great tips for creating a sustainable home, garden and life. Even has some great tips on food-fermenting and how to make your own wheel hoe.

Our member, Greg Lindner, has kindly donated DELISH by Neville Passmore and Trevor Cochrane. Thanks Greg.

This book is a combination of growing tips as well as getting your produce to the table with some delicious recipes. Well worth taking home and having a look at.



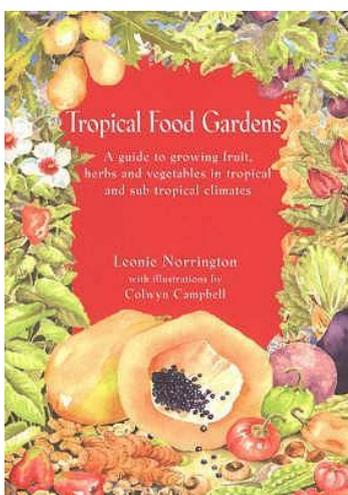
TROPICAL FOOD GARDENS by Leonie Norrington

This book was kindly donated to us by Angela Stafford. Thanks Angela.

A great little read full of practical advice suitable to gardens from Sydney to Darwin. This is well suited to our area. Great variety of fruits and vegetables and herbs included.

Don't forget to bring your library books back and please come and check out our other books.

See you in the library.
Mandy and Joh



GARLIC An organic guide to knowing, growing and using garlic. by Penny Woodward

This book covers in depth everything you need to know about growing your own garlic and more. When to harvest, how to store, plaiting and preserving what you grow. Information & viewpoints have been collected from commercial, home & boutique growers. Over 60 different types of garlic grow in Australia and the book covers soil types, when and how to plant, and pests & diseases. The photography is excellent.

Read about cooking with garlic, using garlic greens and different folk remedies used around the world, for example adding garlic to the water or feed for your chickens makes them healthier and increases laying and making sprays to repel and kill pests; and the benefits of planting garlic near certain crops.

Penny has had years of experience growing garlic and her book is informative and easy to read. Who would have guessed a book on garlic would be so interesting.

Time to plant is almost over. This book is in the ROGI Library.

Enjoy.
Joh



ROGI member Sharr, has a family daycare business and would like your help. When you shop at Wray Organic at Cleveland, please place your receipt into the box. It costs you nothing so that Sharr and her charges can benefit from this fundraiser.



ROGI is a beneficiary of the My IGA Card Program for the **Cleveland IGA** store.

This is how it works:

- Pick up a My IGA Card from the store
- Register online
- Tick ROGI as the community group you wish to support

Then, every time you shop in the store and use your card, not only do you receive discounts, you are also helping to raise funds for ROGI.

ROGI uses its funds to help provide more services to members such as new library books, discounted gardening products, paid expert speakers, and free or low-cost field trips and workshops.



PLANTING AND SEED SOWING GUIDE

June and July

Artichoke; Jerusalem artichoke

Asparagus

Bean: Broad, French (Not broad beans in July)

Beetroot

Cabbage

Capsicum/Chilli

Cauliflower (Not in July)

Carrot

Celery

Chicory

Endive

Florence fennel

Kohlrabi

Leeks

Lettuce (Not in July)

Onions/garlic (Not in July)

Parsnip (Not in July)

Peas

Potatoes

Radish

Silver beet

Spinach

Other spinach: Brazilian, Warrigal (Not in July)

Swede

Sweet potato

Tomato

Turnip

MEMBERS' SALES TABLE

Next to the ROGI Shop, this is where you as a member can place items you've produced that are surplus to your requirements and that **you wish to sell** to other members eg eggs, honey, jam, seedlings, lemons, avocados – things that have cost you money (& time & effort) to produce. See Frank, Marion, Linda or Janet at the ROGI Shop.

JUNE MEETING SPECIAL NEWS

One of our members is Franco from Lunar Farm Organics. He will bring along some of his biodynamic produce and seedlings for sale to members. He tells me that there'll be freshly-harvested coriander, kumara sweet potatoes, beetroot, lettuce and curly kale, and some sweet corn. The seedlings will be broccoli, lettuce, Tuscan kale and cabbage. We're hoping that Franco's stall will be a regular at ROGI meetings.



Please bring along something to carry home your purchases.

GIVEAWAY TABLE

Right near the front door is the spot to deposit gardening-related items that you want to give away. Please ensure that you have supplied names and other relevant information as necessary for the benefit of the person taking the items home.

PLANT CLINIC

Are you not sure if your plant is a weed or a 'goodie'? Does it have a deficiency or is it a disease? It may have a pest of some description. Bring along your sample, plant, fruit, leaf, root (as many parts of plant as you can) in a sealed plastic bag (if it's a diseased plant or a pest) and fill in the form. If you have a question (no sample) just fill in the form. Place the plant parts together with the form on the **Plant Clinic** table well before the start of the meeting. Someone will have a look and may be able to answer your questions.

ROGI REWARDS

There is a table dedicated to the gorgeous plants that several people will take home at the end of the evening 'ROGI Rewards'. Just make sure you sign in when you arrive to be eligible for this.

You are welcome to bring along a nice plant from time to time for this table.

WE STILL WANT YOUR STRAWBERRY PUNNETS

One of ROGI's activities at our public events is making a seed-sowing pot out of newspaper. After making this pot visitors sow a seed in it and take it home in a punnet for safe-keeping. We used many hundreds of these at Indigi Day Out on the weekend, and we need to replenish our stocks. **250gm cube-shaped strawberry/tomato punnets** are the best.

Next up is the September open day at Oaklands St Community Garden behind Aldi at Alex Hills, so please bring them along to every meeting and we'll store them until they're needed.



ROGI SHOP PRODUCTS

| Products Dry | 3kg | 2kg | 1kg | 500g | 100g | Each |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|--------|
| Soil Conditioners | | | | | | |
| Blood & Bone | 7.50 | | 4.00 | 3.00 | | |
| Blood & Bone 25kg | | | | | | 29.50 |
| Blood & Bone 16kg | | | | | | 24.00 |
| DE Fine Food Grade | | 15.00 | 8.00 | 4.50 | | |
| DE Fine Food Grade 20kg | | | | | | 110.00 |
| DE Pet & Garden | 16.00 | | 7.00 | 4.00 | | |
| DE Pet & Garden 20kg | | | | | | 80.00 |
| Dolomite | 5.50 | | 3.00 | 2.00 | | |
| Eco88 | 8.50 | | 4.00 | 2.50 | | |
| Gypsum | 5.50 | | 3.00 | 2.00 | | |
| Humic Acids | | | | | 3.50 | |
| Organic Booster | 6.50 | | 3.50 | 2.50 | | |
| Organic Xtra | 6.50 | | 3.50 | 2.50 | | |
| Organic Xtra 25kg bag | | | | | | 18.50 |
| Organic Xtra 16kg bag | | | | | | 14.00 |
| Organic Xtra 5kg bag | | | | 2.50 | | 7.00 |
| Rock Dust #3 25kg bag | | | | | | 29.50 |
| Rock Dust #3 Mix | 6.50 | | 4.00 | 2.00 | | |
| Sea Mungus | | | | | | |
| Turf Master | 5.50 | | | | | |

*DE is Diatomaceous Earth—can kill insects by desiccation.

Tools & Equipment

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| Soil pH Test Kit | 15.00 |
| Banana Bags | 3.50 |
| Fruit Fly Exclusion Bags set of 4 | 5.00 |
| Paper Pot Maker | 28.00 |

| Products Wet | 5 litre | 1 litre | 500ml | 150ml | 100ml |
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| Soil conditioners | | | | | |
| Eco-Amingro | | 18.00 | 10.00 | | |
| EcoFish | 32.00 | | | | |
| Eco Naturalure | | | | 15.00 | |
| Eco-Neem | | | | | 16.00 |
| Eco-Oil | | 22.00 | 16.00 | | |
| Fish & Kelp solution | | 13.00 | | | |
| Potassium Silicate | | | | | 3.00 |

Pest & Weed Control

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| Burn Off | | 9.00 | |
| Eco-Pest Oil | | 10.00 | |
| Naturassoap | | 17.00 | |
| Pyrethrum Spray | | | 20.00 |
| Wild May (for fruit fly) | | | 2.00 |

Aloe Vera

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| Aloe Vera Raw Material | 33.50 | 9.50 |
| Aloe Vera Raw Bio Fertiliser | 37.00 | 10.00 |

Browse and buy from the shop up until 6.55 and again after the meeting.

For any pricing or technical advice, or if you have a suggestion, please call Frank on 3390 2277

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Below: Leigh, Jenny, Jan, Carolyn, Inger, Rai and Mary enjoying delicious food after visiting Janet's garden in May.

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WIN a MINI GARDEN MAKEOVER and WORKSHOP on 16th August

Eligibility criteria: ROGI member; the garden owner; live in the Redlands; available on Sunday 16th August; prepared to host ROGI members at your garden for this workshop and we'll all learn together while helping your garden to flourish; agree to your name and photos of the workshop to be used in ROGI newsletter and internet sites and local media.

Entries close Friday 26th June 2015. ROGI, PO Box 1257, CLEVELAND 4163 or email info@rogi.com.au
Winner announced at the July ROGI meeting and in July ROGI News

If you win: Linda, our organic gardening horticulturist from **Ecobotanica**, will plan the makeover with you for a compact area of your garden when she visits your garden before the workshop. You then will have the items you need ready for the day so we can help you realise a bountiful patch.

Check Linda at www.ecobotanica.com.au

TO ENTER...

Name:

Phone:

Home address:

Email:

In the space below write, in 50 words or less, why you'd like (or need) your productive garden to have a makeover.

The most convincing application will win. Good Luck!