

# ROGI News

ROGI meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday night of the month, with doors opening at 6.15pm. Members can visit the plant table, seed bank, library and stalls or just have a chat before the meeting. Please be seated by 7pm ready for the proceedings.

**Bayside Community Church**  
**Cnr McDonald Rd & Macarthur St**  
**ALEXANDRA HILLS**

## Don't forget:

- Pay your membership dues (**only fully paid members may attend**)
- Observe social distancing
- BYO mug if you want tea/coffee
- There will be no supper
- Swap and share has resumed
- ROGI Rewards has resumed
- Bring a basket/box/bag for your purchases
- Return washed seedling pots
- Any questions for Plant Clinic

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*This unusual fruit was growing at Hilltop Farm in Kings Scrub (on the Samford Edible Garden Trail). Citron (Citrus medica) is a large fragrant citrus fruit with a thick rind used for jam making. It is one of the original citrus fruits from which all other citrus types developed through natural hybrid speciation or artificial hybridisation. It is used widely in Asian cuisine, and also in traditional medicines, perfume and for religious rituals and offerings. The candied peel is used in the food industry and is a common ingredient in fruit cakes, plum pudding, sweet rolls and candies.*

## Jill's Jottings

At the recent biodynamics session, while stirring a mixture of cow manure and various other ingredients in a large bucket using our hands (and that's another story), some of us discussed our efforts to use the earth's resources in a sustainable manner.

We agreed that, once we're aware of the impact one person can have, we find it very difficult to *not* behave sustainably. It's difficult to decide to throw away something, because it may 'come in handy' later. We add an extra blanket rather than using a heater. We hang clothes on the veranda instead of using a dryer. We don't waste water. We diligently collect and then deposit soft plastic bags etc in the special bin at the supermarket. And so on. And all of this takes time, and effort, and space, and thought. It's easy to become a hoarder, because we don't want to waste *anything*. We want to 'do the right thing'. It's hard work, and sometimes it's even annoying. So why do we still do it? Why do we, and not our neighbours perhaps?

I was talking with Linda Woodrow at the Australian Permaculture Convergence about this very topic (after all, it is part of what permaculture is about), and we then started talking about her new book '470'. Linda's previous book *Permaculture Home Garden*, which is in the ROGI library, was written back in 1996, so it's a long time between books. And they're very different books – 470 is Cli Fi (climate fiction). Both books are set in Northern New South Wales.

Why did she write 470?

She had been feeling a bit disillusioned (similar to above) and tried to reason out why some people don't make the effort, don't seem to care. Maybe it's because they simply can't envi-

sion the future that could eventuate if humans continue on the current trajectory. So ... she started jotting down some scenarios that could reasonably be expected to happen if big changes aren't made now. And those notes grew and grew until they became the book.

Why the title 470?

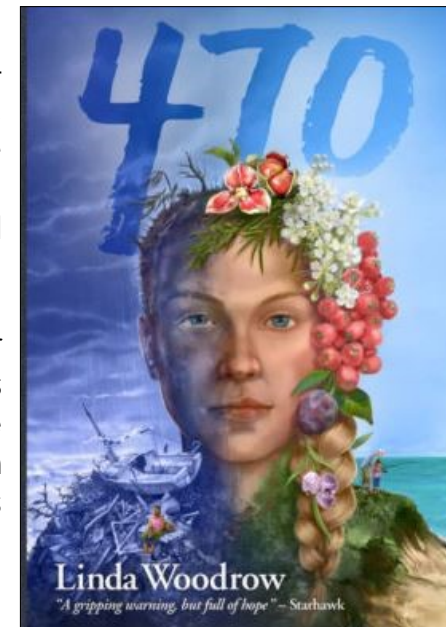
It's about parts per million of carbon in the atmosphere. The measurement on 31 May this year was 419.9, which is 2.96 ppm higher than one year ago. This is not good. 470 ppm is when things get really serious and life becomes extremely difficult.

Please borrow Linda's book from our ROGI library and read it. It helps us imagine what everyday life could be like if everyone doesn't come on board. Encourage those neighbours to read it as well. And continue to do all those good things that you are doing.

Back to the hands in the cow manure ... Enrol in the next Biodynamics Course with Rohanne and you will find out, and have the privilege of having a go at it!

May all your gardening dreams come to fruition.

Jill Nixon, ROGI President



## Coming Events

JUNE	<b>Saturday 5</b>	<b>IndigiScapes Environment Community Fair</b>
	<b>Thursday 10</b>	<b>ROGI Meeting</b>
	<b>Sunday 27</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> (see page 14)
	<b>Wednesday 30</b>	<b>Seed Savers Group</b> (see page 14)
JULY	<b>Thursday 8</b>	<b>ROGI Meeting</b>
	<b>Sunday 18</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> (see page 14)

## Membership Information

- Team App** (preferred method of payment)  
Please click here: [https://www.teamapp.com/user\\_session/new?\\_detail=v1](https://www.teamapp.com/user_session/new?_detail=v1)
- Direct Deposit** to BSB 633 000, Account Number 136 137 296  
Bendigo Community Bank Victoria Point  
Bendigo Community Bank Wynnum-Manly  
N.B. Reference: Please include deposit ID: YOUR NAME MEMB
- Cheques** made payable to Redland Organic Growers Inc.  
Pay at meeting or by post to:  
Redland Organic Growers Incorporated  
PO Box 1257, Cleveland. Qld. 4163.

Member Category	Members Renewing For 2021	New member/s joining in...			
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct 21-Dec 22
Single	\$30	\$30	\$22.50	\$15	\$37.50
Family*	\$50	\$50	\$37.50	\$25	\$62.50
Pensioner Single**	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$25
Pensioner Couple**	\$30	\$30	\$22.50	\$15	\$37.50

**Family** - two (2) adults residing at the same address and their children under eighteen (18) years of age.

\*\* Please provide evidence of **pensioner** status to claim discount

## June Meeting

### Take your pick

Whatever your organic gardening knowledge or interest, there will be something for everyone at our June meeting.

Various experienced gardeners will share their knowledge in 20-minute sessions to make sure everyone gets to hear **three** of the talks.

Choose from:

- **Why you need chooks, and how to care for them.**
- **Why you need worms, and how to care for them.**
- **Creating new plants for free - how to take cuttings.**
- **Making fermented fruit beverages.**
- **Know your soil - learn how to do some tests.**
- **Making salad dressings using herbs from your garden.**



Also, ROGI experts will be on hand during the evening for one-on-one gardening advice for individual horticultural problems.

The usual attractions will be there—the well-stocked library, the seed bank and seedlings (at bargain prices) - plus for sale are local honey, organic gardening inputs and more. You may bring something gardening-related for the 'swap/share' table.

**This meeting is not open for visitors.**

**Entry free for ROGI members. To find out how to join, go to the MEMBERSHIP tab at [www.rogi.com.au](http://www.rogi.com.au)**  
**To comply with COVID-19 regulations, sign in at entry.**  
**There will be drinks, but no supper. Bring your own cup.**



## May Speaker - Gary Entwistle

Gary Entwistle is the horticultural curator of South Bank and Roma Street Parklands. The South Bank site originally housed Expo 88, and the Queensland Government intended to sell it afterwards for commercial development. However, public lobbying saw 17 hectares of South Bank remain public parkland, and in 1992 the South Bank Parklands opened. Their popularity sees them attract an average of 11 million visitors a year.

South Bank is renowned for its beautiful arbour of magenta bougainvillea. Growing in one metre of soil, the plants initially struggled, as phosphorus from the galvanised poles they were growing on leached into the soil. Uptake of nutrients was compromised, and after some experimentation, microbiological additives were used to correct this. Ongoing maintenance involves the removal of two-three cubic metres of bougainvillea a day! Along with all other green waste, it is recycled at Roma Street Parklands, where it is triple chipped (to remove thorns) and added to their compost.

The *Epicurious* garden was started in 2008, to demonstrate to locals how a produce garden can be successful in subtropical

Queensland. *Epicurious* refers to someone who is in constant pursuit of great food, drink and adventure. There are over 20,000 edible plants in the world, and yet only 20 make up 90% of the food we eat. That's why this garden exists - to inform, educate and hopefully inspire us to new possibilities.

Seasonal, edible plant life is grown, including herbs, vegetables and fruit trees. The garden is run by volunteers, who do most of the decisions and design, with a horticulturist overseeing it. Produce is available on a harvest cart several times a week, operating on a first-in, best-dressed basis.

South Bank Parklands is a wonderful destination for Brisbane visitors and family entertainment - with swimming, walkways, restaurants, parklands and gardens. Would you like to be inspired? *ROGI is visiting the Epicurious garden on Sunday 27th June. See page 14 for more information.*

By Ann Roffey





# Samford Edible Garden Trail 2021

About four carloads of ROGI members were fortunate enough to secure tickets to the inaugural Samford Edible Garden Trail on May 16. Organisers were forced to shut down the registrations at 1200 attendees, an amazing number for this first-time event! With eight gardens to choose from, gardeners were spoilt with the best of the region's productive plots on offer. Here's a few of the highlights ...

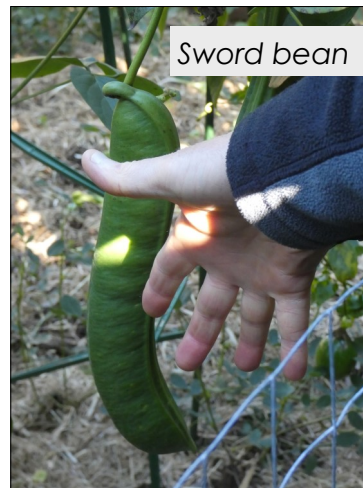


## Garden 1: Productive Suburban Plot in Arana Hills

In July last year the front yard was transformed from traditional grass and garden beds with trees to fruit trees and raised vegetable garden beds. It took 10 months for them to complete. After removing the jacaranda, the grass was dug up and then newspaper, cardboard and mulch put down. An apple and citrus trees were planted. Raised garden beds and their soil were moved from the back yard to the front. It was hard work initially, but they are now reaping the benefits - harvesting sweet potato, pumpkins, okra, eggplant, corn, tomatoes and more!



Left: Utilising vertical space as well as horizontal



Sword bean



Tamarillo, planted late 2020

Left: An arbour for the passionfruit vine and New Guinea bean (not from New Guinea and not a bean!) <https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/plant-profile--new-guinea-bean/9436512>

Below: They have a lot of problems with the wildlife eating their produce (bush turkeys and possums), so fruit and veges are covered with wire where possible.



Above: A good idea - utilising lopped palm trees.



## Samford Edible Garden Trail 2021 (cont'd)



Seedlings are grown in broccoli boxes and then transplanted into above ground garden beds, as the soil is mainly decomposed granite. The owner's kelpie keeps bush turkeys at bay.



Above & right: A big emphasis on recycling in this productive garden ... an old rainwater tank cut in half and repurposed as a garden, and a spa bath (right) converted to a wicking bed.



### Garden 3: Upcycled, Down-to-Earth Garden in Highvale

A tradie's garden complete with mini swale vegetable garden and an orchard built on a slope. Soil created from truck loads of horse manure and upcycled wicking beds.

Left: Galangal is a hardy perennial herb growing 1-2 metres. It is related to turmeric and ginger. Rhizomes can be harvested most of the year, and can be used fresh or dried to flavour curries, soup, meat and fish.  
<http://greenharvest.com.au/Plants/Information/Galangal.html>

Right: Malabar chestnut. Sometimes known as saba nut, this medium sized fast growing tree is mainly grown for its edible seeds. They can be eaten either raw or roasted. The young leaves and flowers can be eaten like a vegetable.  
<https://greenharvest.com.au/Plants/Information/MalabarChestnut.htm>





## Samford Edible Garden Trail 2021 (continued)



Above: The front yard is planted out with annual vegetables, herbs, flowers and some fruit trees.



### Garden 5: Perennial Permaculture Garden, Highvale

The aim of the owner is to create a garden ecosystem that produces nutrient-dense vegetables, fruit and herbs for her family. It includes flowering plants (some that are edible), water and habitats for beneficial insects and animals, as well as plants that provide functions such as soil cover and improvement, shade, microclimate formation and more. The ground is covered with living plants or mulch to protect the soil from heat and erosion, and a no-dig methodology is used to reduce compaction and disturbance of the soil. Plants are also grown that can be pruned and thereby used to create compost for the garden. There is no use of any kind of chemical or natural pesticides, herbicides or fungicides.

Left: A 'Lots-of-Lemon' tree doing extremely well planted in the ground.

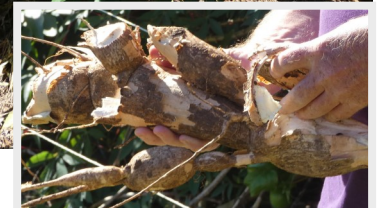
Right: Pinto peanut is grown as a ground cover in the orchard, providing erosion control and soil improvement. It is nitrogen fixing, and tolerates competition from grass.



Left: Pigeon pea is planted to provide shade/wind protection for young fruit trees. It is fast growing and nitrogen fixing. Peas can be harvested; leaves are good for animal fodder. Also useful for green manure and mulch production.



Left: A tromboncino zucchini crossed with Jap pumpkin looks like this!



Above: Cassava is a large 3-4m shrub which is extensively cultivated world-wide for its edible starchy tuberous root. The leaves CANNOT be eaten raw as they are toxic. The plant is very hardy and tolerant of a wide range of soils.

<http://greenharvest.com.au/Plants/Information/Cassava.html>

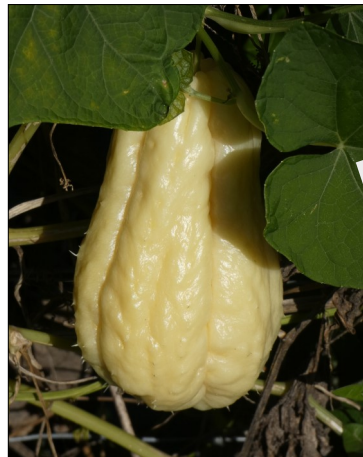




## Samford Edible Garden Trail 2021 (cont'd)



According to the owner, broad leaf papaya is more resistant to black spot than the regular variety. Available from Daley's Fruit Tree Nursery.



Below: White choko is reportedly less slimy and the fruit are easier to locate on the vine. Has a delicate, nutty flavour.



Someone loves pineapples! A milk crate is put over ripening fruit to protect from wildlife.



Right: Loofahs growing on a chain wire fence - it is a vigorous annual vine. Has the potential to become weedy. Young fruits are used as a squash substitute, mature fruits are dried and used as a bathroom sponge.

<http://greenharvest.com.au/SeedOrganic/VegetableSeeds/LeekToLuffa.htm>



### Garden 8: Sustainable Hilltop Farm

A sustainable house and garden, with a subtropical orchard with over 220 trees, 80 bush tucker trees, and an extensive automated aquaponics system.



Peanut butter tree, *Bunchosia armeniaca*. A small tropical fruit tree native to South America, and a distant cousin of the acerola cherry. And you guessed it ... the fruit has the taste and texture of peanut butter!

Above right: The Peruvian apple cactus is a large, erect, thorny columnar cactus found in South America. It is also known as giant club cactus, hedge cactus and cadushi. Fruit are similar to dragonfruit in colour, size and appearance; texture is more apple and less jelly.



## Samford Edible Garden Trail 2021 (continued)



A fully enclosed fruit and vegetable garden, with the fencing utilised as a trellis for growing a passionfruit vine.



Right: Costa, the king of gardening made an appearance ... he was overheard lamenting that his home town Sydney had yet to host a garden trail.

Left: Dwarf ducasse bananas were the most popular banana grown in the area.



All in all, it was a busy and very inspiring day in the beautiful Samford valley. The organisers seem keen to host another edible garden trail next year. ROGI is hoping to visit a few of the gardens before then, so keep an eye out on our calendar.

If you couldn't attend, but would like to see what the fuss was all about (there's some great videos), go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/samfordediblegardentrail/>

By Ann Roffey

Left: Dragon fruit growing on a cross shaped support.

Right: Bamboo used as a windbreak against fierce southerly winds. The owner spent a year tracking weather events and the position of the sun throughout the seasons before planting out his food forest.





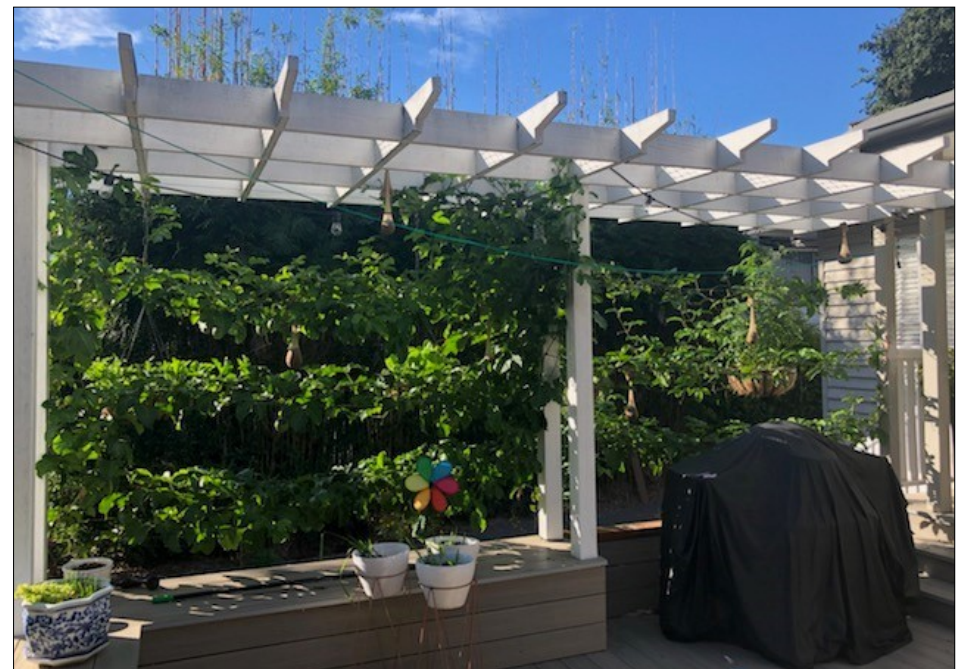
## Plant of the Month—Passionfruit

By Leigh Malyon

While passionfruit varieties differ, they're all going to have sweet, tart, juicy yellow interiors that are interlaced with black seeds, with hard outer casings. Originating from South America, this gorgeous fruit grows on vigorous vines - so you have to make sure you have a good sturdy trellis with room to climb and spread, in a beautiful sunny position. Provide well-drained soil, water regularly, and shelter from strong winds. I have since read that in days gone past, every passionfruit vine was planted on top of a lamb or sheep's liver, ox heart, or some other piece of offal to provide iron - or, you can use pelletised chook manure.

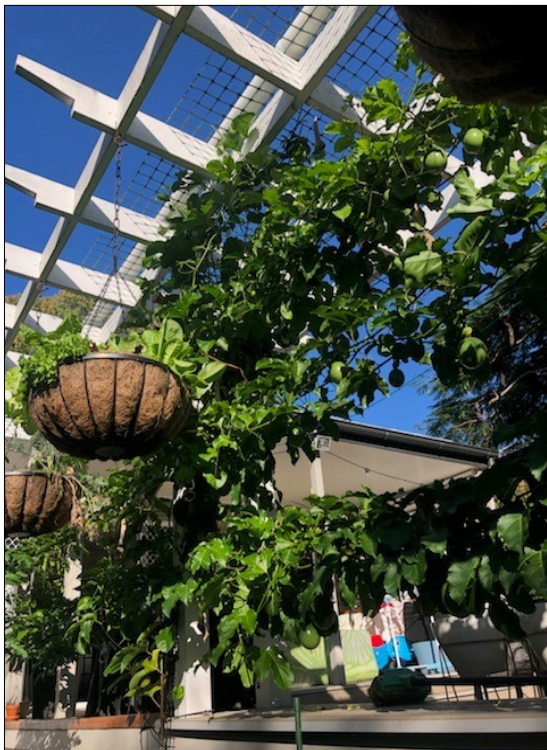
I love passionfruit, and decided to plant *Panama gold* and *Panama red*, which are varieties suited to a subtropical climate. The *Gold* has flowered, and fruits as big as a tennis ball are hanging. However, the *Red* hasn't started to flower yet, but is still growing strong. I planted my two passionfruit vines last September/October and decided to grow them over my very strong trellis on the back deck. It runs from north to south, and is protected by westerly winds. As the vine was growing I latched the tendrils to the wire to keep it in shape, and the huge delicately intricate lacy petals magically unfurled. The bees are also working their pollinating magic. So far I have used Seasol liquid fertiliser and a pelletised flower and fruit fertiliser.

Soft plastic fencing has been placed on the top of the trellis. As the vine grows along the wires (using the espalier technique) and gets to the top fourth wire, it should then grow along the top of the trellis looking towards the sky - and hopefully fruit will drop down through the plastic fencing. If the fruit is too large I can easily use a ladder to collect them, or just cut the plastic fencing a little to let the fruit drop in the sunlight and ripen. Presently the passionfruit vines receive sunlight from first light till after 3 pm.





## Plant of the Month—Passionfruit (*cont'd*)



I had trouble with a bush rat that lived in the bottom of my bamboo, and hopefully I've fixed that problem. Now I have possums that nibble the new leaves as they climb along the top of the trellis. I am going to place chicken wire loosely over the top of the vine and hopefully distract the critters. Knee-high stockings half-filled with blood and bone have also been tied along the wire as a deterrent (see photos). I have set it up to be quick and easy to pick the fruit from my deck when ready to eat - hopefully at the end of this year!



## Plant Clinic

by Greg Lindner



There was only one question at our May meeting, that being is the curry plant edible? Note, this is *not* the curry leaf tree. One article on the Gardening Australia website entitled "Weed Alert - Curry Plant" is actually on the curry leaf tree. There are quite a few websites that loosely use the term curry plant for the curry leaf tree.

I asked a few people present at the meeting, and some said it is edible while others said it isn't! I then did a Google search and found one website that says it is edible, but I found another site that says it isn't edible.

Is the curry plant with the silvery coloured foliage toxic? The answer is no, so you won't die if you eat it. My conclusion is that the plant is edible, but not palatable.

Below is a quote from [flowerpower.com.au](http://flowerpower.com.au): (I've highlighted "sparingly" because I think this is the key to using it in cooking.)  
*"An evergreen shrub with strongly aromatic silver foliage emitting a curry-like smell. This herb can be added **sparingly** to add flavour to chicken and savoury dishes, as a medicinal herb and used as a companion plant to repel pests from the vegetable garden. It can also be dried for potpourri and used in flower arrangements."*

Another quote from [mountainvalleygrowers.com](http://mountainvalleygrowers.com) (edited)  
*"What does it taste like?" ...not very tasty, curry plant smells strongly like curry spices. ...When curry plant is mentioned with food, it is always used sparingly, a few leaves in a mayonnaise or a sprig tucked in a cavity of a chicken. The flavour is not curry but is strong. It is also difficult to describe. However, trimming your curry plant in the garden will leave you pleasantly reeking like an Indian restaurant the rest of the day. The taste of the small flowers has been likened to blue cheese. They are extremely potent so we use only a very small amount."*



## Linda's Crop Rotation Favourites for June

You may remember from a previous ROGI article, that the practice of crop rotation breaks the pest cycle and helps to improve soil fertility, soil life and soil quality. Here are four favourite edibles to grow now in your crop rotation. *All the following seeds are available for \$1 per pack from ROGI.*

**Crop #1** is a **green manure** crop that improves soil when growing and/or when crop residues are dug into the soil by adding natural nitrogen and plant material. I love beans and peas for winter.

Greenfeast peas are an excellent choice. Plant 10-20 seeds per square metre, and rake them into the soil or cover them with 1 cm of compost. They'll germinate within two weeks, growing to maturity at about 10-12 weeks - producing the sweetest pods of garden-fresh peas that you could wish for.



Gai Lan broccoli

**Crop #2** Following the green manure crop, **plant leafy green vegies**. You simply can't go past a favourite for me, which is *Gai Lan*, also known as Kailan or Chinese broccoli. If you love broccolini, you are going to love this one. It grows quickly, with successive crops of little broccoli heads that are dark green, sweet and tender. Eat the leaves, flowers, heads and stems too. Sow seed directly into rows about 10 cm apart, or transplant seedlings when 5 cm tall. I grow it almost all year round as it's so hardy.



**Crop #3** If you've just dug in a patch of leafy greens, follow them with a crop of **flower and fruit plants**. We can grow excellent crops of sweet corn now. The Seed Bank at ROGI has *Bicolor* sweet corn seeds, which are not treated and that produce two cobs per plant. Plant at least 12 seeds for best results.

**Crop #4** A sowing of **root vegies** follows flower and fruit. Beetroots are quite sensational when grown organically. Varieties in the Seed Bank are: *Golden Detroit*, *Red Detroit*, pink-ringed *Chioggia* and *Bull's Blood*. Sow the seed directly into your garden.



Happy Gardening,  
Linda Brennan

**NOTE:** Linda runs wonderful organic workshops at Ecobotanica here in Capalaba.

Check them out at: [www.ecobotanica.com.au/classes](http://www.ecobotanica.com.au/classes)

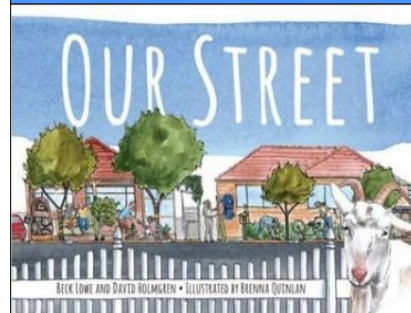


## Library News

A number of new books have been purchased, come and visit us at the next meeting (we are located to the left of the stage).



## Book Review



**Our Street**  
By Beck Lowe and David Holmgren  
Illustrated by Brenna Quinlan

*Our Street*, written by Beck Lowe and David Holmgren, is a beautifully illustrated story book inspiring children, parents and educators to reflect on Australian history while igniting a passion for a sustainable future.

The story book, aimed for upper primary school children, explores the continuity and change of suburban life on 'Aussie Street'. The reader is met with inclusive language and illustrations that allows for a diverse retell of each character's story and reflection of their own experiences, interpretations, and opportunities during their time on Aussie Street. The book largely focuses on sustainability and inspires the reader to reflect on how we can be more resilient and sustainable for our future.

Reviewed by Casey Dickson

### JULY NEWSLETTER - Why not make a Contribution?

Please send your items to the editor and help keep the ROGI Newsletter topical, interesting, local and relevant.

Email [info@rogi.com.au](mailto:info@rogi.com.au)

The July newsletter deadline is **24 JUNE 2021**

It's on again! Oaklands Street Community Garden's annual Open Day is back with stalls, food, music, talks and more. Keep the date free, all welcome!

**Open Day at Oaklands St Community Garden**  
**12th September 2020 ... See you there!**

Redlands Growing Together



## ROGI Garden Visits & Field Trips

### FIELD TRIP

**Epicurious Garden, South Bank Parklands**  
**Sunday 27 June - 10am to 2pm**

*A guided tour of The Epicurious Garden at South Bank Parklands by curator Gary Entwistle. The garden was designed to educate and inspire the home gardener. It is a productive garden made up of seasonal, edible plant life including fruits, vegetables and herbs. Make your own way in (train is the suggested option). A meeting point will be advised closer to the date.*

### SEED SAVERS GROUP

**Linda Brennan's house in Capalaba**  
**Wednesday 30 June - 9.30 to 11am**

*All members are welcome to attend. We'll be focussing on **Growing fruit from cuttings**. You'll also take part in seed saving activities, and are invited to bring seeds you'd like to save, swap and share. Please bring brown paper bags or envelopes to take shared seeds home in, as well as a small box to take home your potted cuttings. **Book your spot on TeamApp or ring Linda on 0416 157 470.***

### YANDINA FIELD TRIP

**Yandina Community Garden, Sustainable Cuisine,  
Shipard's Herb Farm**  
**Sunday 18 July**

*Yandina Community Gardens Inc. is a membership-based community group dedicated to providing education and practical experiences in Permaculture Principles. Visit a boutique nursery and extensive gardens at Sustainable Cuisine. See the large range of herbs, spices, fruit trees, rare edibles, non-hybrid seeds, books and DVDs at Shipard's Herb Farm.*

## Upcoming Garden Events

### Cactus & Succulent Society of Qld Annual Show

**Saturday 12 June - 9am to 3.30pm**

**Sunday 13 June - 9am to 3.00pm**

**Belmont Shooting Centre, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont**

**Entry: Adults and Children over 14 years \$5.00**

*Come to purchase unique plants grown by our specialist growers; speak to our members with decades of experience; appreciate rare plants on display in our annual competition; join the Society; purchase books.*

### Lindmar Open Garden & Plant Lovers Fair

**Saturday 26 June - 9am to 3.00pm**

**Sunday 27 June - 9am to 2.00pm**

**130 Blewers Road, Morayfield**

**Entry \$10-00**

*Lindmar is a beautifully presented acreage garden where easily accessible pathways take you past large gardens of flowering camellias, perennials and bromeliads, colourful borders and many shaded seating areas. Plant sales, expert garden talks, pottery, ceramics, arts and crafts and much more. Specialist growers of cottage garden perennials, orchids, tropicals, succulents, cactii and rare and unusual plants will be in attendance.*

### Queensland Garden Expo

**Friday 9, Saturday 10, Sunday 11 July 2021**

**Nambour Showgrounds**

*Queensland Garden Expo is a 'must-see' garden event for green thumbs and novice gardeners alike. Held in the Sunshine Coast hinterland town of Nambour, this three-day expo is Queensland's premier gardening event attracting 40,000 + visitors from all over Australia and New Zealand. Some of Australia's leading gardening experts take part in three days of lectures, demonstrations, and workshops. For more info go to: <https://qldgardenexpo.com.au/>*



**For Sale** (N.B. contact details in accompanying email)



These four Colorbond garden beds were custom made. They are 3 metres in length x approx 50cm high x 1.20 metres wide. Some paint is coming off. They are stained at the bottom from red soil, but I have not tried to scrub it off yet.

**\$140 each (or near offer)**  
**Gina, Wellington Point**

Stingless native bee hives (with bees). Three tiers made of cypress or external ply, painted with Resene paint.

**\$260 each**  
**Garry, Alexandra Hills**



Two Down Under folding camp chairs with carry case, cup holder and a removable pillow.

**\$35.00 for both.**

Will sell separately.

Ideal for camping, the beach, park or garden visits!

**Garry, Alexandra Hills**



Collapsible escape-proof animal and bird trap.

**\$15**  
**Garry,**  
**Alexandra Hills**



## Used Pots Needed

Please **return seedling pots (that have been washed)** to the plant table so that they can be reused, especially the 4-cell ones like these:



Also other clean used pots (small sizes up to 120mm diameter). Square pots are good too.

*Bigger pots, such as those you get through ROGI Rewards can be put on the swap/share/giveaway table in the foyer.*



*Calendula*



*Queen Anne's Lace*



*Salvias*

*Plant these flowers now to attract bees and beneficial insects to your garden.*

## Seed Sowing Guide

### June

Artichoke; Jerusalem Artichoke  
Asparagus  
Bean: Broad, French  
Beetroot  
Broccoli  
Cabbage  
Capsicum/Chilli  
Cauliflower  
Carrot  
Celery  
Chicory  
Endive  
Florence Fennel  
Kohlrabi  
Leeks  
Lettuce  
Onions/Garlic  
Parsnip  
Peas  
Potatoes  
Radish  
Silverbeet  
Spinach, Other Spinach: Brazilian, Warrigal  
Swede  
Sweet Potato  
Tomato  
Turnip

### July

Artichoke: Jerusalem Artichoke  
Asparagus  
Beans, French  
Beetroot  
Cabbage  
Capsicum/Chilli  
Carrot  
Celery  
Chicory  
Endive  
Kohlrabi  
Leeks  
Lettuce  
Peas  
Potatoes  
Radish  
Silverbeet  
Swede  
Sweet Potato  
Tomato  
Turnip

For a list of seed bank stock, please go to the ROGI website [www.rogi.com.au](http://www.rogi.com.au) and click on the RESOURCES tab.

Please keep in mind these are only guides. Micro climates and weather conditions may mean that certain seeds may be sown before/after the recommended times. **ROGI Seed Bank is available at all ROGI meetings and Garden Visits. \$1/pack members, \$2 non-members.**



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Other gardening groups using organic methods:

### Brisbane Organic Growers Inc (BOGI)—

1st Thursday every month (except Jan),  
 Albion Peace Hall, 102 McDonald Rd, Windsor,  
 6.30 for 7.30pm. 3357 3171 <http://bogi.org.au>

### Qld Herb Society—1st Tuesday every month,

Albion Peace Hall. 7.30pm. 54268299  
<http://www.qldherbsociety.org.au/qhs>

**Oaklands Street Community Garden**—Wednesday & Friday 9 - noon, Sunday 2- 5pm. Oaklands Street, Alexandra Hills. 0408 259 445

## Meeting Information

Please consider contributing to any of these at various times:

### ROGI REWARDS:

**Good quality** plants and other garden-related items brought along by members. Everyone who attends the meeting is eligible for a ROGI Reward. **Please label plant with its name and some details before placing it on the table.**

### MEMBERS' SALES:

Items you've produced that are surplus to your requirements that **you wish to sell** to other members – seedlings, eggs, honey, lemons, jam, sustainable craft items – things that have cost you time, money, and effort to produce. Please make sure items are labelled, named and priced. It is preferable that you staff the stall yourself or time-share with a friend.

### FREE SWAP/SHARE/GIVE-AWAY:

For items you don't want payment for— empty pots, cuttings, unwanted volunteer plants (named), surplus produce, shredded paper, strawberry runners and so on. You may want to work out an arrangement with other members to do some swapping outside of the meetings.

### PLANT CLINIC:

Bring along your plant problems—insect/plant/weed (as many parts as you can - fruit, leaf, root) in a sealed plastic bag. Fill in the form on the Plant Clinic table (located just inside the door to the main hall) before the meeting starts. Someone will have a look and may be able to answer your questions. Any solutions will be given to you on the night and published in the newsletter. *Please be aware that, although we do our best, there may not be anyone present who can solve your problem or identify your plant, especially if it is not related to organic gardening.*