

Dorrigo Community Garden Report

A huge thankyou to all volunteers who have given of their time and energy this past year in the community garden.

Lots of produce, tomatoes, beans and other vegetables were grown in the garden this past summer, a truly bountiful harvest for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget the chokos they were amazing !!

The raised garden beds too have been a valued growing area over the summer period.

Chris Valentine has taken charge of the top garden area reserved now for seed production including, producing a great range of seedlings which we have taken advantage of for the community garden.

The end of autumn saw a busy time in the community garden with many volunteers preparing the space by whipper snipping, weeding, moving the shade house ready for winter and stacking timber for the new compost/storage bays. A shared lunch around the fire-pit was enjoyed following a good mornings work.

The garden is continuing to develop with four x 9-metre-long beds recently completed in readiness for the season ahead. Thanks to a group of volunteers who worked hard over a couple of days where they cleared and prepared the site then spread woodchip, soil and hay. Well done and many thanks to all those involved. We will now wait a while before planting begins on the site.

The compost bays too will be given a facelift, improved and enlarged this coming year. All our garden waste needs a larger holding area so as to produce more compost for our growing garden needs.

Along with the bank below the old compost bays, we are slowly preparing the site for herbs and our citrus trees.

We need volunteers to continue to grow a successful community garden so why not come along and help grow something beautiful and nutritious for yourself and those in our community who need good nourishing food to eat.

**- Michael Hyland -
Community Garden Coordinator**
