

Darebin Backyard Harvest Festival

Food Producing Gardens Open for Visits

For all bookings please call Tina on 8470 8673

The following food producing gardens across Darebin will open to the public this Spring from 12 – 27 November. Gardeners from diverse cultural backgrounds will share their passion and knowledge for growing all kinds of fruits, vegetables and in some cases even preserving the surplus. Learn more about some of Darebin's great community and school food gardens and be inspired with new knowledge to plant even more produce this Spring!

Date	Time	Location	RSVP	Description of garden/produces
Saturday 12 November **	10:30am- 12noon	Preston	Booking required	Medium size garden provides vegetables for all seasons; with grafting, animal manure and rain water tanks. This garden makes the owners almost self sufficient and the excess is used for preserves.
Saturday 12 November	12 noon - 1.30pm	Reservoir	Booking required	Formal and informal Mediterranean garden styles wind you through a great variety of fruit trees, herbs, veggies and ornamental plants. Only organic methods are used in this garden.
Saturday 12 November **	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Croxton Special School Enter via gate near play ground Woolhouse St Northcote	All welcome	School Garden. Check out this vibrant garden - a great model for a school garden with some plots for local residents and a common area for the school. Plot holders care for the garden and the chooks during school holidays.
Sunday 13 November **	10:30am- 12noon	Northcote	Booking required	This micro orchard garden produces mixed fruit (with multiple grafts), avocado and a trail of raspberries and boysenberries. The garden supplies one quarter of all seasonal fruit and veggies for a family of five.
Sunday 13 November	12noon - 1.30pm	Preston	Booking required	This gardener is re-discovering traditional gardening techniques and combines them with permaculture principles in this high density garden.
Sunday 13 November **	12 - 4.00pm	Northcote Library Community Garden 32 - 38 Separation St	Community Gardening Day. All welcome	Community Garden. One of Darebin's newest community gardens! Join the Friends of the Northcote Library Community Garden Day for their regular garden maintenance session.
Sunday 13 November **	1.30pm	Northcote Library Community Garden 32 - 38 Separation St	Garden Tour Booking required.	Community Garden. One of Darebin's newest community gardens! An informal talk and tour including garden establishment, the garden group and what's growing.

Tuesday 15 November **	2.00-5.00pm	Croxton Special School Enter via school office in Beaconsfield Parade	All welcome	School Garden. Check out this vibrant garden - a great model for a school garden with some plots for local residents and a common area for the school. Plot holders care for the chooks and garden during school holidays.
Thursday 17 November **	12.00 - 1.00pm	Gurwidj Aboriginal Women's Neighbourhood House 43 Clapham St Northcote	All welcome	Community Garden. A productive food garden set amongst a variety of indigenous plants.
Thursday 17 November **	1.00 - 2.00pm	Sprout Community Garden Cnr Clapham and Watts St Thornbury	Sprout's regular Open Gate - All welcome	Community Garden. Thornbury's best kept secret! A supported community garden - learn about the Sprout program which offers people with mental illness an opportunity to learn gardening and other skills. A tour of the garden itself and sharing of gardening tips. Produce, herbs and seedlings on sale.
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Thursday 17 November	4.00-5.00pm	Preston North East Primary Cnr Laurel and Tyler St Preston	All welcome	School Garden. Come and see the brand new veggie patches and what's growing at Preston North East Primary School.
Saturday 19 November	10:30am-12noon	Reservoir	Booking required	Passionately cared for, this large garden comprises a mini orchard and large veggie patch, supplying virtually all the owners' food needs
Saturday 19 November **	12noon-1.30pm	Reservoir	Booking required	This large front garden provides an ongoing supply of all kinds of vegetables and fruit to the owners. Intensive permaculture and organic principles are used. Passers by could not help but notice this amazing garden and the happy chooks in the background.
Saturday 19 November **	2.00-3.00pm	East Reservoir Community Garden. Strathmerton Street (via elderly citizens centre opposite Dunolly Cres)	All welcome	Community Garden. A new community garden developed as part of the East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal Project. The garden is community managed with shared garden areas and plots for individual gardeners.
Sunday 20 November **	10:30am-12noon	Northcote	Booking required	Large, nearly self-sufficient garden with fruit trees, bees, compost, veggie gardens and water tank. A permaculture style food forest, a mudbrick house with solar electricity, heater and hot water, composting toilet, recycled greywater and more!

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Sunday 20 November **	12noon- 1.30pm	Reservoir	Booking required	Another large garden growing different kinds of fruits and all season vegetables; making the owners self sufficient. Creative ways to ensure young vegetables are protected until established. Water tanks, grafting and composting to ensure that nothing is wasted.
Saturday 26 November	10:30am- 12noon	Northcote	Booking required	At first glance the front yard seems to be a floral garden and then the productive plants are seen growing attractively amongst the roses. An outstanding example of what can be achieved in a small garden and amongst ornamentals.
Saturday 26 November **	12noon- 1.30pm	Northcote	Booking required	This garden demonstrates what can be achieved with limited time; it contains a wide variety of fruit trees, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Water collection systems (tanks, diverted down pipes), mulching, seed swapping.
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Saturday 26 November **	2.00 - 4.00pm	Saint Raphael's Primary School Cooper St West Preston	All Welcome	School Garden. Check out Saint Raphael's garden club area and kitchen garden. Children will be preparing healthy snacks from the garden produce for visitors! Plants on sale.
Sunday 27 November **	10:30am- 12noon	Reservoir	Booking required	Large garden growing a variety of fruit and vegetables, making the owners self sufficient. Garden includes egg laying hens and a large green house. Grafting, water tanks and composting of all green growth.

Sunday 27 November **	12noon - 1.30pm	Thornbury	Booking required	This garden is run on aquaponics. The rest of the garden is providing the early summer vegetables which are dispersed amongst the ornamentals
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Sunday 27 November **	2.15pm	Northcote Library Community Garden 32 - 38 Separation St	Workshop Booking Required.	Community Garden. A workshop event - Summer Vegetables for Small Spaces. Booking required please.

**	Indicates new gardens to the Festival - gardens that did not open in March 2011.
	Home Garden
	Community Garden
	School Garden

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