

Presidents Report

It has been amazing getting to know many of you better during my year as President. It certainly has been an interesting year.



With the help of our members we have completed projects and added many more exciting ideas to look into with the approach of summer on its way.

I would like to thank the committee and everyone who helped out with planting, running events and just being interested in gardening and everything else that stems from it. A huge thank you to Daniel Burgess, Joanna Stacey and Jacqueline Adams for helping make everything run smoothly. It has been a huge learning curve running a club and you've helped make it an enjoyable rollercoaster ride I'll never forget. I look forward to seeing what the next committee will be able to achieve with the support of all these amazing people.

Continue to learn, grow and share what you've learned with others, you'll be surprised how much can grow with a few helping hands.

- Richard Donovan



A summary of the past year:

We have replaced our small garden shed with a larger garden shed that took us a few days to complete. We also purchased a few different gardening tools to fill up the larger space.



We have also implemented the use of the tumbler composting system, and established 2 weed barrels for our noxious weeds to decompose in.

Our Strawberry Tower project has been in hibernation over autumn and winter, but work will resume on that shortly now that we have some healthy strawberries growing in the garden beds.

Members

The number of members in our database has steadily increased from 149 at the end of 2014 to 192 at the time of writing. The database is dynamic in that it allows the member to update their details, including unsubscribe if they're no longer interested. There hasn't been much use of this system, with reliance on the Facebook channel. The Facebook group has grown by 54 members since the start of the year.



Learning Sessions

We've held a varying amount of garden sessions so far this year, as well as providing fun and engaging fermentation workshops that may be continued in the future with the next committee.

In the garden sessions we have planted a variety of different plants, with a recent focus on companion planting. We have also hosted a Japanese Student group working bee that was successful and has opened up the potential for future working bees for international students from elsewhere around the world. Now that we're in spring, we have prepared our garden beds for summer crops.

