



August 2025
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The DGC committee meeting was held on 7 Aug 2025 at 7.30 pm.

The next DGC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 13 August 2025**
7.30 pm at the RSL Hall , cnr Doncaster Road and Leeds Street. Doors open at 7.15pm

Our speaker is Craig Castree on Soil health affecting the Health of edible gardens

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July Speaker

Charlotte Harrison from Sustainable Gardening Australia spoke about natural pest control in the garden. Charlotte encouraged Club members to visit the SGA website (<https://www.sgaonline.org.au/>) which includes many useful articles written by academics.

She provided advice on how to manage a range of pests, including aphids, snails and slugs, cabbage white butterfly, rats and the Queensland fruit fly (QFF). For detailed advice, refer to controlling pests naturally : available at :<https://www.sgaonline.org.au/articles/wisegardening/pests/>.

She highlighted the importance of accurately identifying the culprits damaging our plants in order to treat the problem. She highly recommended the book Garden Pests, Diseases and Good Bugs by Denis Crawford who is Victorian based.

She requested us to mark the QFF management dates in our calendar now. Key dates are in the chart below:



QFF Management - Calendar

Action	Purpose
<u>August:</u> Place male pheromone traps at bud burst (one per 200m)	Monitor for presence of QFF
<u>September:</u> Female protein traps and bait (one trap or bait per 20m, replace after rain) OR spray with kaolin clay	Trap and kill breeding females
<u>September/October onwards:</u> Net fruit trees after pollination (net must not be touching fruit)	Exclude QFF from crops
<u>At harvest:</u> Harvest all fruit before it falls Remove residual fruit	Reduce feed and opportunities to overwinter

Hello Gardeners All

The winds have been, and still are, blustery. I hope your gardens have been as safe from breakages as mine. If the BOM is correct regarding a dry August to October it won't be long before we will need to deep soak our fruit trees so they will be productive in the summer. It is easy to think the ground is damp enough when it is cold outside but there will not be any great depth of moisture having had very ordinary winter rain.

My Savoy cabbages appear to be growing hearts with utter neglect from me. The parsley, bok choy and silverbeet are also productive. I'll be making Parsley Pesto at the weekend and freezing it. This is the 3rd year I have some (4) self sown Asian pickle cabbages, (Seila sold them some years ago) and are best for pickling although I have steamed loose leaves.

If the crop is off your citrus trees, it is time to prune them. Our Imperial mandarins and Washington naval oranges have been delicious. See pic below of our harvest.

With the days warmer than average we should be able to plant carrot seed. They like the constant damp of the rain to germinate. It is so much more difficult if one needs to water the seed three times a day.

I have a Minature pink Snapdragon which has flowered on my patio all winter. 'The Camellias are doing well with the red Czar in gorgeous bloom and another old fashioned variegated pink one - the flowers hang down- just coming out.

Here are some pictures of the harvest from my garden.

Rug up for Happy Gardening Pauline.



A big thank you to all members who brought in recyclable cans and bottles. Please note that only bottles/cans with the 10c refund stamp can be recycled.



Upcoming calendar events:

Month Committee Meeting:	07 August	hosted by Margaret Salter, 7.30pm at 70 Church Road Doncaster
Month Meeting:	13 August	at the RSL Hall, 7.30pm at cnr Doncaster Road and Leeds Street Doncaster East
Craig Castree will speak on Soil health affecting the Health of edible gardens. Craig has written a number of books on backyard gardening and have his his books for sale that evening. Their prices range from \$25-\$50.		
Following Committee Meeting:	27 August	hosted by Avril Clark, 7.30pm at 62 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East
Following Meeting:	10 Sept.	at the RSL Hall, 7.30pm at cnr Doncaster Road and Leeds Street Doncaster East

Doncaster Garden Club website

Our gardening club website is updated with Newsletter and Calendar of events. Please bookmark the page and explore the website for updates.

<https://doncastergardenclubaus.com/>

Coffee / Brunch meetup - Saturday 30th August 11 am at Petty' s Orchard

It will be great to catch up for a coffee or brunch. Petty's Orchard in Templestowe, Victoria, Australia, is among Melbourne's oldest and last-remaining commercial orchards . Please let us know at the meeting if you will be joining us.

The address is Corner of Homestead and Monckton Roads, Templestowe 3106

You can read more about them at <https://www.heritagefruitsociety.org/page-1701901>

Supper Roster

Claudia Raioli

Nola Chan

Margaret Salter

Maureen Lynch



What veggie seeds to plant in August

Leafy greens	Alliums	Warm season veggies	Other
Lettuce	Leeks	Capsicum	Asparagus
Mizuna	Onion	Chilli	Beetroot
Mustard greens	Spring onions	Eggplant	Coriander
Rocket		Tomato	Globe artichoke
			Parsnip
			Potato
			Radish

Artcile courtesy LF Local Food Connect. See link beloiw for the detailed list.

<https://localfoodconnect.org.au/community-gardening/veggies-and-herbs-that-can-be-planted-now/>

Innovative or Experimental

On Saturday 2 August 2025, Ron and Midge Lewis and I experimented with propagation on my Mango tree. I don't think propagation has ever been tried on a mango tree. Thanks to Ron's research and his idea on propagation using rooting-cups.

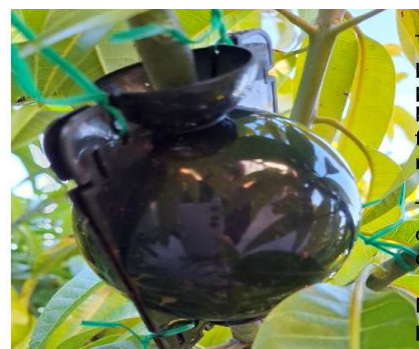
The mango tree need pruning and instead of placing excessive branches in the bin, we gave propogation a go.

The rooting mixture was a combination of dampened perlite, peat moss and slow release Osmocote. The process included removal of a small section of stem bark which was smeared with Alvera (an effective fungicide) and encased in a rooting cup filled with the rooting mixture.

The production of roots may take up to 2 months depending, no doubt with regular watering and checking for signs of new life.

Now the waiting game has begun – we will keep you updated on the progress.

Margaret Salter



One of our founding member Ken Beer will welcome visits from garden club members . For those who will like to visit the address is Croydon Place Care Community, 9 Jackson Street Croydon 3136. Ph (03) 97262500

DGC Life Members	
Gerda van der Peet Doug Brewer Ken Beer Toni Myers Gayle McCann	Ted Page Joanne Driver Elsie Carter Bev Turner Franziska Kung

Doncaster Garden Club Inc. Membership 2025

Annual fees are due every October

Please complete the membership form on the Clubs website:
<https://doncastergardenclubaus.com/becomeamember>

Membership fees: \$30 singles and \$40 for families

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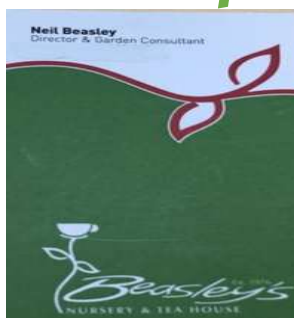
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