

Winter has arrived and the wild windy days can make it look like snow has fallen along the beach.



Our cape life: *in July*

What's been happening and what is about to happen...

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the *Our cape life*: newsletter - released regularly with a goal of keeping you up to date with news, upcoming events and other interesting bits. In this first edition, with the appointment of our farmer, we are focussing on news from The Cape Community Farm.

And we'd also like to send a very warm welcome to the newest residents at The Cape:

Stage 1: Shamus & Zoad. **Stage 3:** Penny & Greg; Anna, Nick, Greta & Evelyn; Kim, Tom, Lucy & Alex; Tshepo & Lani; and Jacqui & Tony. **Stage 4:** Sally & Martin.

News

...from TCCF (The Cape Community Farm)



Our Community Farmer, Adrian, officially started work in June. Adrian, a Bass Coast local, is a skilled food grower, horticulturalist, educator and trainer, with a wealth of community gardens experience. After being welcomed over a cuppa, Adrian joined some of the community in tidying up the older wicking beds in preparation for their removal.

With fruit and vegetable prices rising, we look forward to the next phase of the Farm which, after some careful planning, will see a membership drive taking place, followed by allocation of some of the wicking beds to interested members of the community. We'll keep you posted with information about the membership drive, so watch out for updates.



...from the Farmer

It may be winter, but spring is only two months away and there are plenty of things to be doing and thinking about in July. Here's a few ideas from Adrian for your productive garden:

Planning:

How much space do you have to grow your food in?

What would you like to be harvesting in spring?

Where will you be sourcing your seeds or plants from?

Garden prep:

Keep turning your compost.

Improve your soil in readiness for sowing.

Keep on top of the weeds.

Propagating:

They may be slow, but you can still plant some cool season crops like lettuce, asian greens and garlic. Try a green manure crop.

Pruning deciduous fruit trees:

If you've got young trees, winter pruning will increase their vigour.

If you've got older trees, wait until late summer to prune them.

Events

AGM

When: 3pm, Friday 1 July

Where: Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club

Lot owners will have received information from the Body Corporate Management team regarding the AGM. There will be community speakers first (fox control; updates from the Community Farm Working Group and The Cape Natural World Working Group; the EV Charger; and a presentation of the new website) followed by the official proceedings of the AGM.

Community clean up followed by mini forest planting

When: 10am, Sunday 3 July

Where: Community noticeboard at the Display Home

Following the recent big winds, there is quite a bit of plastic and other rubbish strewn around the habitat areas. Many hands make light work, so come along, meet up with your neighbours and help make a difference. Wear sturdy shoes, bring gloves and water.

