

This rather beautiful rainbow was captured recently by resident Ray.



Our cape life: *in September*

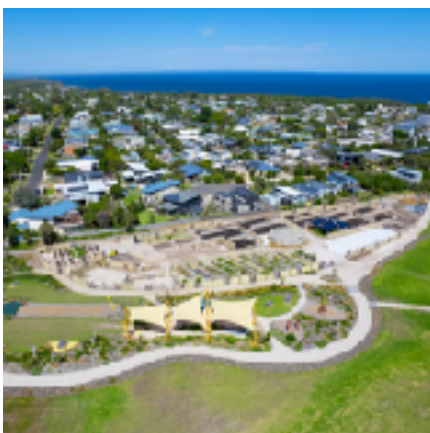
What's been happening and what is about to happen...

Welcome We've had some wonderful whale watching opportunities this season - with a lot of activity clearly being seen just off the coast from F Break and 1st Surf. Our land based wildlife is also very active right now - nesting, looking for mates and generally getting out and about, so please watch out for swooping birds and boxing kangaroos. And a huge acknowledgement to the Directors of The Cape who have made a very generous donation of \$28,000 to Birdlife Australia to try and help conserve the vulnerable Hooded Plovers.

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

Seastar St: Peter and Maureen; **Trumpeter St:** Rebecca and Andrew; Duncan, Natalie, Lucas and Millie;

Moonshadow Ave: Tim and Janne; John and Miranda; and Kirsty.



The Cape Community Farm inc.

Membership Day

Some of the best things in life are worth waiting for - and our farm-space is definitely one of those things. But...after a lot of meetings and some very hard work undertaken by the farm working group, the farm has officially become **The Cape Community Farm Inc (TCCF)**.

What does this mean?

TCCF is now ready to begin taking members and allocating plots - just in time for spring planting. There is going to be a Membership Day at the farm between 11am and 1pm on Saturday 10 September, and you're invited. So, please come along and meet Adrian, our farmer, along with members of the newly formed Cape Community Farm Committee, who

will be able to show you around, answer your questions and help you understand all the benefits of taking out a farm membership. You might even like to start renting some plots - there really is not a better time to get your hands in the dirt than right now, as the soil warms up and seeds are begging to be planted.

There will be lots of information available on the day, but in a nutshell: memberships will initially cost \$75 (regular price will be \$150) and members can rent plots for an additional \$50 per plot per year. Allocation of plots will be done as a controlled and staged release, to ensure that there will be enough to go around for everyone who is interested now, as well as our future residents.

On behalf of the committee, we hope you are able to join us for some information, community interaction, and coffee, tea and cakes on Saturday 10 September.
See you there!



...from the Farmer

Early Spring is the transition time when the longer, warmer days combine with intermittent showers to quicken growth and bring new life into our gardens. Now is the time to clear out spent crops and weeds, heap them into a compost and rejuvenate the garden with handfuls of organic dynamic lifter, well-rotted compost, lime, and rotted cow manure. Then plant immediately with well-established leafy green seedlings such as closed heart lettuce, silverbeet, and asian greens. Resist the temptation to grow the fruiting crops (anything that bears seed inside of fruit) as it's still too cold. However, if you have an indoor north facing window ledge, you can sow tomatoes, eggplant, zucchinis, cucumber and pumpkins in plastic trays and mist spray them every day. They will germinate quickly (within 7 days). After 3 or 4 weeks, you'll have seedlings ready to go into the warm soil.

You can still get away with pruning deciduous trees (particularly apples) and give your nectarine trees another copper spray to treat leaf curl before it emerges. Setup some codling moth lures for your apple orchard and monitor for presence. If you have finished harvesting your citrus trees, then you can tip prune these to maintain a dense and bushy form that will grow and fruit again in the new season. Review your fruit nets and ensure you use quality 4mm or smaller weave nets to prevent bird entrapment.

Enjoy and we look forward to seeing everyone in the Farm very soon!

Events

Membership Day

When: 11am-1pm, Saturday 10 September

Where: Community Farm

Join us at the Farm to look around, ask questions and take up a membership at the special introductory price of \$75 (subsequent years will be \$150) - and maybe you'd also like to rent some plots for an additional \$50 per plot, per annum. See you there!

Farm working bee followed by a potluck lunch

When: 10am-12pm, Sunday 18 September

Where: Community Farm

You know the drill by now...come along, have some fun, do some work, learn some stuff and of course... share some food!

What could be better?

