

# Planting & gardening day: Sat 24 October

From 3 pm onwards – or earlier if you wish

Sydney Council has kindly given us plants to plant as part of the Food for the Future Fair on 24 October. And council has given us mulch to protect the trees we've planted. At 3 pm, after the bales of mulch serve their purpose as seats during the fair we'll pick them up in a ute and take them to Rose, Shepherd, Myrtle and Pine and Balfour to put around the trees and plants.

Some plants are to replace those which have been vandalised, stolen or died in Rose, Shepherd, Myrtle and Pine. Others are to go in a new productive garden bed at the southern end of Balfour beside Cleveland.

Plants include: Midginberry, citrus, lemon grass, strawberry, grevillea, hakea and others.

If you want plants to put in and maintain in front of your place please either email me or drop this note back to my place with your name, address and email so I can hold plants for you to pick up on Saturday.

## Road Garden News

### Pruned

The first little fruit have been pruned off the citrus to stop the trees diverting their energy away from growing stronger.

### Stolen, dead trees

We've lost about 20 fruit and native trees and bushes this last month to theft, and some have died.

### Mulch

The soil is tough, dry and low in nutrients. Summer and hot weather is about four weeks away. It will be tough for the trees to stay alive. We need to mulch them to protect them from the heat and to help them retain moisture. The mulch comes from the compost Aerobins and from mulch we buy.

### Compost bins

Each of the Aerobin compost bins handles 3 tonnes of food waste a year, makes a tonne of soil mulch and takes over a tonne of carbon out of Earth's atmosphere. With seven bins that's over 21 tonnes of food kept out of landfill, 7 tonnes of mulch and 7 tonnes of carbon pollution taken from the air.

### Cooling the street

The mulch helps to grow the trees. Trees help to cool the street, feed us and increase property values.

### Birds

Some plants attract and feed small birds which eat the insects on the fruit trees.

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**NOTE: if you can please buy some Seasol or citrus fertilizer or blood and bone to put out – fantastic.**

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Return to Michael Mobbs by Wed 21 October at: 58 Myrtle Street  
[michael@sustainablehouse.com.au](mailto:michael@sustainablehouse.com.au)

**Yes, I would like some plants to plant and maintain, or I'd just like to garden:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Ph \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_