## Paralowie Garden

# Seasonal Update - Spring



There are many exciting development and activities in the Paralowie Garden this year, that you can be part of. These include:

### **Butterflies to the garden**

- Attracting butterflies to the garden. In spring and summer there are plenty of butterflies in our garden because of the flowers we have planted. We will be sowing the seeds for these plants from mid-August and are happy to share our seeds, and knowledge about butterfly gardens. Punnets of mixed seedling will be for sale for \$2 in mid-September.
- The native butterfly garden planted in May is growing well and will need TLC in the first year
  to help it settle in. Come and be part of this project by helping make information signage for
  the plants and butterflies they attract, keep it weeded and tide. Come along any Tuesday or
  Thursday 9.30am to 11am.

#### Fruit trees

- Making netting structures for the various fruit trees in the garden is a big job, and will be
  ongoing for a few months. We have some ideas and would appreciate more helping hands
  to make different types of covers so we can have fruit for summer.
- Bananas! Ours are fruiting and we need a hand potting up the banana pups and finding out how to manage our crop!

#### Herb beds

• New edible herb beds are being planting in late spring which will be accessible for the general public. We'll be growing, planting out and making signage for these.



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## In the veggies beds

- We have 23 garden beds demonstrating different ways to grow vegetables. Our vegetables
  go to Bagster Community Centre kitchen where they train young people how to cook and
  the JYC kitchen for meals prepared there. Come and be involved in growing vegetables if
  you don't have much experience we can teach you as we go.
- This year we are trying to grow vegetables in straw bales and in wicking beds out of plastic buckets. We would love a hand in making these beds look great.
- Mediterranean and Asian vegetables feature in this year's theme. Come along to the Garden Helpers sessions on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, to be part of these projects.
- We save as many seeds as we can for sharing around and would love a hand with organising this. This happens on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month as a set program called 'Seed bankers', but also as part of the Garden Helpers on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. If you have excess seeds to share or would like check out our stock please come along.

### Giving up your lawn - demonstration of alternatives

We are growing 3 different garden beds to demonstrate low maintenance lawn alternatives.
 If you would like to help keep these looking good, join us as part of the Garden Helpers on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

