



GARDENING

WARRAH SPRING FAIR

Saturday 8th September 2018

With the last frost gone and the nursery full of spring sowings of basil, cucumber, zucchini, tomatoes and more, we look forward to a change in the rhythm and colour of the farm. We will be applying our biodynamic preparations prior to tilling the land and getting our first sector of beds ready to receive a good helping of compost prior to planting.

This is an exciting time of year for the

farm, coming out of a slumber as the soil begins to warm we are able to grow a much wider variety of crops and flowers. This year we will also have many more strawberries. We will avoid the temptation of picking our recently planted asparagus crowns and let them establish themselves for next year.

Recently we took part in a six-week work experience program for

several of our clients with disabilities. The clients, supported by volunteers from overseas, spent two days per week involved with various aspects of the farm. Activities ranged from preparing ground, planting, weeding, propagation and general maintenance.

We are currently harvesting beetroot, carrot, chard, coriander, fennel, grapefruit, kale, leeks, lettuce, orange,

pak choi, parsley, radish, rocket and salad mix.

Do not forget to come along to the farm tour at 11am on the day of the Spring Fair (8 September) for a wander around the garden and a chat about our ethos, growing methods and the tools we use. You will also be able to see our revamped farm shop with its extended range of organic and biodynamic produce and groceries.



NOW CARRS BUSH IS EVEN BETTER!

Carrs Bush is an area of glorious bushland in the bottom corner of Fagan Park. At least most is glorious – a small section near Bayfield Road is badly affected by nasty weeds like privet, blackberry and bridal creeper.

By Chris Noon

Three years ago Still Creek Landcare got a \$40,000 grant to attack some of these weeds. We hired contractors and did lots of voluntary work as well. We have now finished this project and the results are excellent – blackberries and bridal creeper are gone. At Council's request,

we left some privet as small bird habitat, but most is gone. There will be lots of follow-up maintenance because privet has an annoying habit of sending up new seedlings when the parent trees are removed.

So take a stroll through this area and

admire our hard work, but be careful not tread on any of the new native plants that are coming up, like wattles, peas, ferns and native grasses. Some rain would help enormously!

Some Landcare members also work in the Bushcare group in this area. It gives us a real buzz when we see the improvements we have made over time. You

might like to join us and share those feelings. For more information about local Landcare our website is <http://www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au/> or on Facebook or phone us on 9653 2056.

The picture shows a patch of maroonhood orchids (*Pterostylus pedunculata*) in Carrs bush.



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