



Gardeners get blitzed!

Help develop the Fish Creek Community Garden and get blitzed!

The term 'blitz' simply means a focused effort to get something done and a free Permablitz event in Fish Creek aims to further develop the community garden by teaching participants about the effective growing techniques of Permaculture.

The blitz at Fish Creek will utilise the extensive permaculture design knowledge and skills of local food identity, Juneen Schulz, of the Manna Gum Community Garden in Foster.

Never picked up a shovel? No worries. Council's Sustainability Officer, Skye Radcliffe-Scott, said the event welcomed inexperienced gardeners with a range of opportunities for participants to hone their skills.

"Permablitz participants will assist in the construction of two wicking beds in recycled apple crates, compost along biodynamic lines, create artwork and plant a grapevine on a fence, fix outdoor furniture donated by Council into permanent positions, shift a compost bay to a new position and convert two old baths into a water feature and worm farm," she explained.

Participants are asked to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for gardening in the elements, to bring along any seasonal seeds, seedlings, their own mug and gloves.

The free event will include a lunch and education activities that Fish Creek Community Gardener, Jackie Dargaville, said added to the social atmosphere.

"The Fish Creek Community Garden is meaningful to me because it is all about community and it keeps on giving back in many ways, symbolised by the bountiful, healthy produce we take home to share."

Fish Creek Community Garden Permablitz will be held on Saturday 24 October from 9.30am to 4.00pm. The garden is located at the old railway siding at the rear of 15 Fish Creek-Foster Road. Although a free event, bookings are essential and can be made by following this link www.sustainabilitygippsland.com/event/fish-creek-community-garden-permablitz

Participants are asked to check the website closer to the event for a wish list of tools, materials and skills required for the day's activities.

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