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February 2016 Newsletter

'Give them bread and circuses and they won't meddle in politics'

A reference to the Roman Emperors who understood the power of what we all want and need.

Welcome to www.vegetableseeds.net.au newsletter February 2016.

Garden harvests are in full swing. This month I want to acknowledge the hard work of some of our customers with their own vegetable gardens. I wish I could include the many other customers' gardens I have visited and admired, offered advice and wished it were my garden. The point of this is to reassure all of you that for several months of the year you can be self-sufficient with fresh produce.

All three of these lovely gardeners have come a long way. From purchasing a few seeds and asking a few questions, their fruitful vegetable gardening journey continues.

Gardener A

This lovely man had never had a vegetable garden before. He is extraordinarily well travelled with many exciting life stories from his working life, but now retired he has time to pursue other interests.

When I met him at Inspirations, he asked many questions. Without giving a yawning documentary of a year's worth of advice, I think the photos speak for themselves.

The most important part of a vegetable garden in a rural district is an animal proof fence, note the skill with which this fence has been built, it also has an aesthetic quality with the neat stone wall. Beyond the vegetable garden is a productive orchard and a few chickens.



Fence constructed to keep possums, rabbits, wallabies out. This is the first thing to construct.

Gate positioned in the right place for easy access, note the electric wire for added protection against wildlife.



Tomato plants in enriched composted soil and COF. These are healthy plants, the existing soil would not have produced such rich green leafed productive plants in the first year.



Lettuce plants, planted in February from our seedlings grown by Northern Support School students from our seeds.

Note the nutrient-enriched soil, the customer has spent a lot of time and energy getting this right.

Rosemary planted in full sun, rhubarb in shade, absolutely perfect planting for the beginning of the herb and fruit garden.

Gardener B

These fantastic folk are some of the hardest working people I have met, working all over the world, bringing up a young family and building a new house.

If they can have a vegetable garden in the first year, any one can! This is a trial garden, when the house is built the real one will be constructed, but as you can see for the first year, it's very impressive.



A well-constructed strong animal proof fence with electric wire. This has been well thought out and means no produce is damaged within the fence.

An ingenious use of an old trampoline, converted into a hot house. Inside are lush tomato, capsicum and chilli crops.



Cauliflowers just forming and broccoli plants in nutrient enriched soil and COF.

Remember this is the first year these folk have grown anything on this bush block, so it's quite impressive to get cauliflowers and broccoli to this stage on such a site.



An overview of the garden showing chickens, fruit trees and netted produce. February 2016.

Gardener C

These guys are serious, they have been vegetable gardening for years. The vegetable garden is an established plot that is fully productive, not a space is wasted.

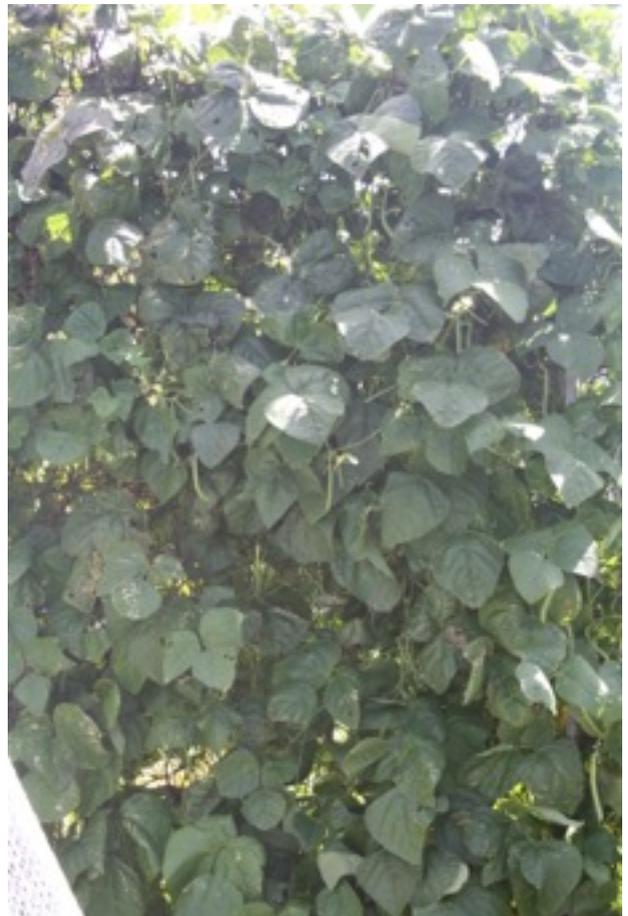
They are generous, warm-hearted people. The house is surrounded by productive fruit trees, herbs, and the balance of nature and productivity lifts the spirits immediately.



A range of ripe tomatoes, February 2016, ready for taste testing, weighing and then preparing for relish.

A well-constructed composting area, hay bales form the sides which are now four years old. One trench has been emptied the one next to it is composting, this is tried and tested vegetable gardening.

Trionfo purple climbing beans grown on an old mattress frame, ingenious!





A productive pumpkin patch. Note the wooden fence in the distance. This is an old established vegetable garden.



Sweetcorn, a rich green colour indicating good nutrient levels, note the yellow flowered purslane as an understory plant; a very yummy oily leaved fleshy vegetable.

A huge chilli crop February 2016.



I hope this newsletter gives inspiration to all of you for the year ahead.

We are currently getting our 2016 web catalogue updated, hopefully by the end of February this should be completed.

This month sow our Cauliflower Mix, Cabbage Spring Hero, Broccollette, Broccoli Marathon, Turnip White Lady, English Spinach, Silver Beet, Cabbage Sweet Green (which is one of the best small cabbages available maturing in just 70 days), Spring Onions, Lettuce Sierra and Purple sprouting Broccoli.

All of these will be harvested in the late Autumn to early Spring.

Remember postage is still **FREE**.

Enjoy your garden wherever you may be.

