# The Garden Diary

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The Garden Diary will keep residents up to date with what we’re doing in the residential food gardens and sharing some nitty, gritty information and advice on a range of related matters. These brief diary-style notes will be updated after each  Friday Garden Group get-together to which all residents are welcome. In addition, if you would like to join the WhatsApp communication group, please email Mark on [mark@ecovillage.net.au](mailto:mark@ecovillage.net.au) and he will add you.

**For starters**

We are now officially into the Bunuru season and as the days gradually start getting shorter you can feel a chill in the morning and evening air.

This is the perfect time to plant many of the vegetables we pick over autumn and winter. Establishing these while there’s still a reasonable amount of sunshine about, makes for better production and sweeter, more tender crops. Another benefit of planting at this time of year is that most autumn/winter pests, diseases and weeds aren’t very active yet, further stacking the odds in favour of a bountiful harvest.

So, it’s time to get growing. Things to do over the coming months include:

* organising seeds, pots, and potting mix
* clearing out old crops and preparing garden beds
* planting seeds in pots
* sowing seeds and planting out seedlings in garden beds
* watering, protecting and feeding young plants

We will go into some of these items in more depth over the coming weeks.

Relevant docs in the [Residents’ Handbook](https://www.ecovillage.net.au/news-events/residents-bulletins/):

* Garden Calendar
* S.W. Annual Edible Planting Program
* Potting Mix Recipe