

SEEDs Communal Garden & Jesuit Social Services Ecological Justice Hub

This is an exciting productive garden opening that is a collaboration between two inspiring gardens paving the way forward on garden sustainability and community involvement - SEEDs Communal Garden and the Jesuit Social Services Ecological Justice Hub. Representatives from both gardens will also be discussing their community circular economy initiatives, supported by Sustainability Victoria. Demonstrations will include recycling, composting, worm farming and nature weaving.

SEEDs Communal Garden is a thriving community garden in Brunswick, which is part of Milparinka, a community organisation that supports people who have a disability. Established in 2015, SEEDs has developed from a patch of lawn into an abundant, productive community garden. It grows nearly a ton of food each year and continues to evolve through its shared community.

SEEDs has evolved into an invaluable community resource encompassing a compost hub, community food cupboard, twice weekly garden clubs, bush garden, community sit spot, and hosts a variety of learning/creative opportunities and community events. The bush garden and community sit spot was designed by local landscaper Jason Flaherty, who also created some of the structures and seating areas you will see within the garden.

This is a no-dig garden, predominantly based on permaculture principles, layering its soil with compost and fertiliser made onsite. The garden holds multiple microclimates with an abundance of trees and plants, both edible and ornamental, that support a beautiful welcoming space.

Jesuit Social Services' Ecological Justice Hub is a permaculture garden dedicated to both social and environmental justice. The Hub uses ecological action to address disadvantage through education and training, demonstration projects, and community engagement. The Hub offers a range of hands-on programs and activities, to help build a more sustainable future.

SEEDs Communal Garden is located on the lands of the Wurundjeri People. Open Gardens Victoria wish to acknowledge the Traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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