

GARDEN NOTES:
KINGSTON ORGANIC
COMMUNITY GARDEN
11 CURRIE CRESCENT
KINGSTON 2604



DATE OF
OPENING: 29 &
30 OCTOBER
2022

HISTORY AND FEATURES

The Kingston Organic Community Garden (KOCG) is located on the former tennis courts of the Canberra Baptist Church property on Currie Cres. in Kingston, and provides nearby residents with an opportunity to participate in organic gardening activities.

The Canberra Baptist Church (CBC) stresses that this is a community garden – not an exclusive church garden. All people from the community are welcome and valued regardless of their creed, lifestyle or any other defining characteristic.

The KOCG aims to provide the residents of Kingston and surrounding areas, irrespective of their background, race, religion or income, with an opportunity to participate in organic gardening with their neighbours, thereby building community cohesion. Through a range of activities, the KOCG raises awareness and understanding about such issues as environmental sustainability, food production, health and nutrition.

There is no message or motive behind the garden other than the garden itself, for it embodies the church's concern to care for the earth, to share with others and to experience the wonder of things that grow. While the CBC believes the garden is an intrinsically worthwhile initiative because of the produce that results, even more important are the relationships between the people who are involved.

The KOCG was established in 2008 with a grant from Baptist Community Services, which was used to transform the disused tennis courts into a viable garden, with a shed, water supply, and garden beds. Currently, the garden's

highly diverse membership exceeds 80 people. Through a range of activities, the KOCG promotes community cohesion and demonstrates principles of environmental sustainability. For example, the garden provides 9 'communal plots', enabling members to share both the benefits and burdens of looking after a plot with others. Communal plot produce is provided to refugee families.

In total, the garden comprises 58 individual plots, providing over 300 square metres of cultivating area. It has both a town water supply and a rainwater supply, through the use of a 25,000 litre tank, and features 3 sheds, a shade house, hot boxes and compost bins.

The KOCG welcomes new members, although due to high demand, there is now a very long waiting list for private plots. KOCG@canbap.org 62959470

GARDEN OWNERS

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