### **Thank you from Greenbrook Community House** Urban Harvest Program 2023

Epping Secondary College VCAL students, working with Greenbrook Volunteers / Lalor & District Men's Shed representatives on a variety of garden, art and maintenance programs at Greenbrook Community House;

Tuesdays (fortnightly) during Term time, 1.30-3pm

#### Tuesday 14 February – 1<sup>st</sup> session; Induction to Urban Harvest program and introduction to GCH staff and volunteers

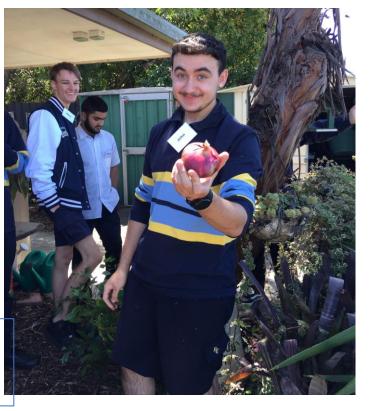


The gang this year



Julie & Doug; Men's Shed reps Support volunteers & resident experts!

A returning student showing off an onion grown in their garden beds from last year



Induction to program and introduction to GCH; The students are introduced to staff and volunteers, taken through OHS requirements, how to conduct themselves at Greenbrook Community House, an outline regarding what sort of tasks and experiences they'll have during the program – and returning students are invited to share their experiences and opinions of the program. Students nominate which group they'd like to be in... see next slide...

# Tuesday 28 February – 2nd session; Getting stuck into a variety of jobs!



OHS crew & Diggers/Earth movers sanding & sealing woodwork benches

 Weeders/Seeders

 preparing beds &



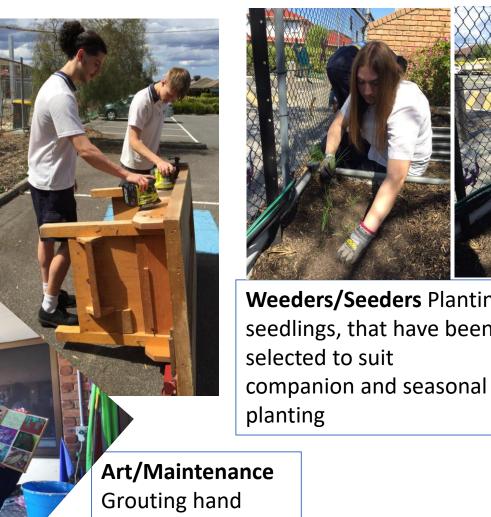
Art/Maintenance sealing timber frames around hand painted tile displays Enjoying fresh organic pairs from the GCH orchard

harvesting potatoes; 107!



#### Tuesday 14 March – 3rd session; Continuing the Great work!

**OHS crew** & **Diggers/Earth** movers sanding & sealing woodwork benches



painted tile

displays





Helping prepare materials for Greenbro ok Art Fiesta – Sat 1 April





Giving all gardens a good drink!

## Tuesday 28 March – 4th session; Always something new to get stuck into.



Diggers/Earth movers moving tanbark to mulch bay area



Weeders/Seeders Tucking in the vegie patch with sugar cane mulch

**Diggers/Earth Movers** Taking down fruit tree nets





OHS crew – moving equipment to new storage cupboards





Art/Maintenance Putting up the refreshed garden signage



Helping prepare materials for Greenbrook Art Fiesta – Sat 1 April



### Other outcomes from the Urban Harvest Program @ Greenbrook...

Everyone who comes to Greenbrook have commented on how much work has been done in the garden and surrounds, how fantastic everything looks, how wonderful to have the energy and efforts of young strong people, how socially conscious the students are in their garden/work ethics and the very generous donation of organic veggies to local community – your work is very much noticed and appreciated!

Partnerships/Connections and side initiatives resulting from this program;

- Lalor & District Men's Shed (mulch bays and basic woodwork projects)
- Merri Creek Management Committee (development of indigenous garden @ ESC)
- Whittlesea Food Collective (garden & food projects) and other Food relief outlets
- Darebin Creek management committee
- Bunnings Community Projects Coordinator (path maintenance project at Greenbrook)
- Completed Activity kits as part of community engagement for Epping Central Structure Plan
- Supported community engagement sessions at Lowalde Recreation Reserve
- Haunted House @ Greenbrook Community Halloween Project (included Creative Hub students from ESC)
- Worked with Youth Development Officers
- UHP now up and running at Lalor Community Garden
- Big Freeze 2023 at Greenbrook (assisted with event planning and delivery)



Helping with Men's Shed BBQ @ Big Freeze



Big Freeze MC and dunking machine assistants







#### Haunted House@ GCH

