

We are giving our Orchard a bit of love and care this Sunday afternoon. Come and join us....

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## Fresh Olive Oil is ready and some Orchard TLC

Winter is on its way. Our persimmons have lost their leaves and plum and fig trees won't be far off. We have begun the planning for two winter events in the orchard - see June 21st and July 12th events [later in the email](#).

Our mid autumn olive harvest is over for another year and 81Litres of oil have settled and been decanted into 500ml labelled bottles. Many thanks to Teresa, Peter and the whole picking and bottling teams. If you were a picker with us, you'll be notified soon of pickup and payment options, including at this upcoming busy bee. We'll also have some bottles available for purchase at \$10.50 each.

In our upcoming Busy Bee we are returning to our Orchard site to prepare the trees for winter and harvest a bunch of bananas. Note we've swapped this busy bee back to Sunday. No gardening skills required! The details are:

**Day: Sunday May 26th**

**Time: 2:30 - 4pm**

**What to bring:** gloves, closed shoes, shovel and pruning tools if you have them, hat or raincoat depending on what the weather ends up like.

**What will we be doing:** feeding and pruning trees, weeding, planting

Also come and check out our new signage, thanks the fantastic work of [Cameron](#)

[Gordon Signwriting](#) and his hand painting sign writing expertise. Thanks also to Ron and Digby for installation.

### **When is an Ice-cream Bean Pod Ripe?**

Our first harvest of ice-cream beans is beginning. But the question on many people's lips has been when are they ripe? Basically as the pod gets full and feels soft inside. Next question usually is: How do you eat them? We suggest you simply suck each segment like a lolly then spit out the seed. Come and enjoy them!



### **Diarise these two Orchard community events:**

Friday June 21st 3-6ish Winter Solstice event and Lantern Walk

Friday July 12th 2-4pm Fremantle Festival Event - the making of food from a harvest.

Keen fellow Orchardists visited us from Guildford in April with a view to setting up their own Community Orchard.



### **Becoming a financial member and/or regular donor ...**

If you would like to become a member and support the orchard financially, we would be very grateful. 2018 is going to be a tight year for us financially. 1-year or 3-year membership fees, single and regular donations are a critical stream of income for the orchard, in order to grow the orchard and the associated infrastructure and pay our insurance premiums.

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