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Come and pick olives with fellow Orchard members and share in the fresh local oil. View this email in your browser



Time for our annual olive harvest!

The Orchard's olive oil is always in hot demand - get involved to be the first to get some of this year's harvest!

It's olive harvest time and our community orchard olive harvest is happening on **Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th April.** It's a great chance to be involved in producing our own local olive oil - a great way to learn to harvest local produce - with olives growing abundantly in our local burbs - and a fun way to support the Orchard! If you're free to join the harvest, or help with trees or equipment we'd love to know...and like last year, if you help with the harvest, you'll get the chance to purchase a bottle of the olive oil at cost price.

We'll be looking for a roving group of pickers on the Saturday afternoon on the 6th April between 1pm - 4pm, to begin the harvest on trees in and around White Gum Valley. (let us know by <a href="mailto:ema

Sunday morning's pick will be in Booyeembara, between 8.30am - 12.30pm, and we're asking for people to register here in Eventbrite so we can plan for the numbers and rough time of arrival. We'll be finishing Sunday's harvest with a shared lunch under the olive trees in Booyeembara, bring your own picnic rug, food and drinks to share.

See more details below on the Olive Oil harvest and equipment we need.



There are more details answered in this <u>document</u> including how to identify good oil trees on your verge or in your garden.

We'd love to know if you're able to help with equipment on the day: wgvorchard@gmail.com



Do you have equipment to assist the Harvest?

- Large tarps or large pieces of shade cloth
- Some **ladders** on the day
- Cardboard banana boxes or stackable, breathable boxes to store olives as we pick them.

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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