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Open Kitchen Garden Weekend provided inspiration

Stawell residents were joined by kitchen garden enthusiasts from far and wide to see innovative and productive kitchen gardens in Stawell and Great Western.

Project organiser and Stawell Urban Landcarer Bronwyn Bant said they were overwhelmed by the amount of interest in the event. “The garden of John Pye and Bonnie Carter was of particular interest. We estimate that 100 people visited their garden to learn more about wicking beds” said Ms Bant. Wicking beds involve placing a reservoir of water underneath the soil, using less water more efficiently. The weekend was designed to inspire and motivate local residents to produce their own food.

The Open Kitchen Garden Weekend also included tours of two other innovative kitchen gardens, as well as workshops on seed saving, composting and keeping chooks.

“The Keeping Chooks workshop was presented by well-known poultry expert Ted Brown, who was able to bring in a number of his ‘girls’ to demonstrate the many varieties of chooks that are great for pest control, egg laying, and children’s pets” said Ms Bant.

Due to the success of the event, Stawell Urban Landcare and Project Platypus are investigating options to host another Open Kitchen Garden day in December.

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031 Ted Brown talks about the white leg horn as part of the Keeping Chooks workshop.

020 John Pye demonstrates how to set up a wicking bed.

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