

## ***DEG Days Calendar 2021***

### **January**

**2nd DEG Day** Committee Meeting

9<sup>th</sup>

**16<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

23<sup>th</sup> (Australia Day Long weekend?)

**30<sup>th</sup> DEG day** Gardening - focused.

**Bunuru** the hottest time of the year

**February** School Begins

6<sup>th</sup>

**13<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Committee Meeting

20<sup>th</sup>

**27<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** (Labour Day Long Weekend)

**March** 6<sup>th</sup> Living Smart Visit 12.30 onward with Kath

8<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> *Library renovations, Library closed*

**13<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Committee Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> Plant out from Equinox on, the weather will cool eventually

**27<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

**Djeran** the cooler weather begins

**April** School Holidays Begin

4<sup>th</sup> Easter Long Weekend

**10<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Committee Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> School Holidays End

**24<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

Anzac day weekend

*The Noongar people of South-West Western Australia recognised 6 seasons by observing the changing plant and animal life and weather (temperatures, wind and rainfall)*

**Bunuru:** *Hottest part of the year* Easterly winds, sparse rainfall usually most of February and March

**Djeran:** *Cooler weather begins* Bulbs and seeds collected April and May

**Makuru:** *Cold fronts, Usually wettest time of the year* June and July

**Djilba:** *cold with Lessening rain* August and September

**Kambarang:** *Warming, rains finishing* Oct and Nov

**Birak:** *Hot and Dry* December and January

### **May**

1<sup>st</sup>

**8<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Committee Meeting

Mothers Day weekend

15<sup>th</sup>

**22<sup>nd</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

29<sup>th</sup>

**June** **Makuru**, the coldest and wettest time of the year.

**5<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Committee Meeting

12<sup>th</sup>

**19<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

21<sup>st</sup> (Solstice)

26<sup>th</sup> *Financial Memberships due at the end of each financial year.*

### **July**

School Holidays begin

**3rd DEG Day** *Annual General Meeting over morning tea*

10<sup>th</sup>

**17<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

School Holidays End

24<sup>th</sup>

**31<sup>st</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

**Djilba** increasing clear cold nights and pleasant warm days

### **August**

7<sup>th</sup>

**14th DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

21<sup>st</sup>

**28<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

### **September**

4<sup>th</sup>

**11<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Committee Meeting

18<sup>th</sup>

23<sup>rd</sup> Equinox warm enough to plant out again

**25<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

School Holidays Begin Queens Birthday Long weekend

**Kambarang** : longer dry periods, weather warming

### **October**

2<sup>nd</sup>

**9<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Committee Meeting

School Holidays End.

16<sup>th</sup>

**23<sup>rd</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

30<sup>th</sup>

### **November**

**6<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Committee Meeting

Prepare garden for summer  
(shadecloth on frames, Mulch to shade soil)

13<sup>th</sup>

**20<sup>st</sup> DEG Day** Gardening - focused.

27<sup>th</sup>

**Birak:** Dry and Hot.

### **December**

**4<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Committee Meeting

11<sup>th</sup>

School Ends

**18<sup>th</sup> DEG Day** Community Celebration/ Party

21<sup>st</sup> Solstice

25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

**Notes:**

*The Weather after each Solstice is generally too hot (January, February) or cold (July, August) for optimal growth. Plant seeds before the Equinox and monthly after that so seedlings are ready to transplant out and grow well.*

Seedlings always do better planted than staying in their pots, (don't wait too long and let them die!)

**When** we plant seeds and transplant seedlings can make a difference to how well things grow.

Saturdays on this page are colour coded to show the Lunar cycle best times to:

Plant and transplant Leafy, or Fruiting above ground crops

Cultivate, Sprout seeds for eating as salad (Quick Germination around full moon gives rapid spindly growth)

Plant Root vegetables on 2 days before and after the 5 days centred on Last Quarter moon

Prune, Harvest, Cultivate to reduce weed growth

Odd jobs, make Compost, Dig and Cultivate to Prepare soil

### For Safety:

\*Lookout for creatures in the garden. Take care not to disturb them. They might defend themselves by biting, stinging or scratching.

\*Avoid sunburn and dehydration.

Wear a hat, and sun-smart clothing such as a loose-fitting long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Make sure to drink enough water.

\*Wear closed shoes in the garden to protect your feet while working.

\*Carry and use tools safely.

\*Please follow instructions from the Head Gardener and be considerate of other people visiting and working in the garden.

**Duncraig Edible Garden** is a Community Garden founded on Permaculture Principles and planted in the forecourt and surrounds of Duncraig Public Library. DEG is run by volunteers. You are welcome to join us.

Weekday visitors may take a taste of herbs growing in the garden. Please leave enough for everyone to share.

Fruit should be left on the trees. Fruit and other produce will be assessed on Saturdays by the gardeners, picked when ripe and will be put on our "Share the Harvest" table that so everyone can have a taste.

This garden belongs to the community. Located in your local recreational reserve outside your library, this is your local community garden.

We welcome enquiries from the public, and encourage you to become a member and join us tending this space.

Children are welcome to join us in the garden with their parent or guardian. Please keep an eye on each other; you remain responsible for looking after your children while at DEG.

Talk to us. Duncraig Edible Gardeners meet on DEG days: Alternate Saturday mornings (opposite weeks to Poynter Farmers' Market) at the garden outside Duncraig Public Library to work together in the open space.

Or Contact us:

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# Duncraig Edible Garden

## DEG Days



# 2021

**Sustainable Gardening  
for Local conditions,  
soils, temperatures  
and rainfall.**

We acknowledge the Whajuk Noongar people who traditionally cared for this land.  
We seek to continue that care.

