

DEG Days Calendar 2022

January 1 (New Year's Day)
 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **DEG Day Making Hot Compost**
 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 **DEG day Gardening focussed**
 30 31 (School Holidays End)

Bunuru: Second Summer, The Hottest part of the year
Easterly winds, and sparse rainfall. Usually most of February and March. Water existing plants. Plan, sow seeds to grow seedlings. Wait for the weather to cool before planting out.

February
 1 2 3 4 5
 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 **DEG Day & Committee Meeting**
 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 **DEG Day Gardening focussed**
 27 28

March 1 2 3 4 5 (Labour Day Long Weekend)
 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 **DEG Day Seed Saving Wkshop**
 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 **DEG Day Gardening focussed**
 27 28 29 30 31

Djeran: Cooler weather begins *Bulbs and seeds were collected during April and May. It is Safer to plant out now*

April 1 2
 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **DEG Day Gardening focussed. Committee Meeting over morning tea.** (Holidays)
 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 (Easter Long Weekend)
 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 **DEG Day**
 (Anzac long weekend, School Holidays end)
 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

May Worm farm **Workshop** on 7th or 21st
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **DEG Day**
 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 Mothers Day weekend
 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 **DEG Day**
 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
 29 30 31

Makuru: Cold fronts, Usually the wettest time of the year
June and July. Growth begins to slow with colder soil.

June 1 2 3 4 **DEG Day Committee Meeting**
 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 **DEG Day Gardening focused.**
 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
 26 27 28 29 30. End of financial year.
DEG Annual Membership fees are due. Please pay now.

July 1 2 **DEG Day** (School Holidays begin)
 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 **DEG Day.** (School Holidays end)
 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 **DEG Day Annual General Meeting**
 31 *over morning tea*

Djilba: Increasing clear cold nights and pleasant warm days
decreasing rain August and September. Plan your summer garden, sow seeds ready to plant out when the days are warm enough.

August
 1 2 3 4 5 6
 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 **DEG Day Gardening focused.**
 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 **DEG Day Tool Maintenance workshop**
 28 29 30 31

September 1 2 3
 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **DEG Day Committee Meeting**
 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 **DEG Day Gardening - focused.**
 (School Holidays begin, Queens Birthday Long weekend)
 25 26 27 28 29 30

Kambarang: Rains finishing, warmer weather, longer dry periods
during October and November. Plant out now to prepare the garden before hot weather arrives.

October 1
 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **DEG Day Workshop** (holidays end)
 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 **DEG Day Gardening focused.**
 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
 30 31.

November

1 2 3 4 5
 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 **DEG Day Committee Meeting**
 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 **DEG Day Gardening focused.**
 27 28 29 30. **Prepare garden for summer**
(put up shade cloth, Mulch to protect the soil)

Birak: The first summer, Dry and Hot. *December and January Mulch to cover the soil, allowing the water in but shading the surface to protect the soil microbes from light and heat. Water your garden deeply, checking that the water is getting to the roots. A well-prepared garden will do much better in the hot weather.*

December 1 2 3
 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **DEG Day Celebration/ Party**
 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 (School Holidays Begin)
 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 (Christmas Eve)
 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Notes:

Plant seeds before the Equinox, and then monthly to have seedlings ready to transplant out for optimal growth before the weather gets too hot (January, February) or cold (July, August).

Some people say that **when we plant** seeds or transplant seedlings makes a difference to how well things grow. Dates on this page are colour coded to show the Lunar cycle best times to:

Plant and transplant Above ground crops (Leafy-), or (Fruiting-)

Sprout seeds for eating in a salad (Quick Germination around full moon gives rapid spindly growth)

Cultivate, compost, and other maintenance tasks

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

Low sap run, so this is the best time to **Prune trees if they've finished fruiting**, Harvest crops, Remove weeds

Odd jobs, Make Compost, Cultivate to Prepare soil.

Does the timing really matter? Maybe not. This schedule might just help get all the jobs done! Regardless of timing, plant seeds, don't just keep them! And **Seedlings always grow better in the ground** than in punnets.

For Safety: *Look out 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.

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)



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.

Leave the fruit 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.

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.

We welcome enquiries, and encourage you to **become a member and join us in growing the garden.**

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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DEG Days and Events 2022



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

We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land where we live and work.

We seek to show our respect by continuing to care for the land.