

# Garden club reaches out

By EMILY BURLEY

JUST weeks after a large amount of fencing was stolen from the Woolgoolga community garden site, a generous donation has surprised the community garden committee.

The Woolgoolga Garden Club has donated \$500, in the form of a Mitre 10 voucher, to the Woolgoolga Regional Community Garden Association.

Woolgoolga Garden Club president Scott Rodham said the money came from the club's annual fundraising event.

"We've given \$100 to each of the schools in the local area and we thought we've got a bit of money left over, let's donate it to a local garden project," he said.

"Mitre 10 has been very supportive of the garden club and our members get discounts there, so we decided to give that support back."

WRCGA president EJ Merrick said the act of community support showed what the garden project was all about.

"It's really exciting to have this money to spend back in the community at a locally owned hardware store," EJ said.

The voucher will be used to purchase tools and other supplies for the garden.

"This will be the start of

the wheelbarrow and shovel and rake collection," EJ said.

Meanwhile the WRCGA has finalised plans for its inaugural community day on Sunday, August 30.

The event will be an opportunity for locals to

visit the Scarborough St site and be part of the garden's progress right from the beginning.

A number of activities will take place, including a bush tucker walk, no-dig garden demonstration and a barbecue lunch.

An overview of the plans for the garden will be available to look at and everyone is encouraged to come along with ideas for what they'd like to see in the garden.

"We've got some amazing things happening with this

garden so we want everyone to come along," EJ said.

The Woolgoolga Community Garden Day will begin at 11am.

For more information phone EJ Merrick on 0410 505 178 or visit Woopi Gardens on Facebook.



**LOCAL SUPPORT:** Woolgoolga Garden Club president Scott Rodham presents Woolgoolga Regional Community Garden Association president EJ Merrick with a \$500 Mitre 10 voucher.

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