**JUNE IN THE FOOD FOREST**

**AT BOOYONG**

**WHAT’S HAPPENING**

It’s been a very dry and dusty June at Booyong, with very little mowing required.

A tree in a forest

Description automatically generatedThe [firewood shed](http://www.booyongconservation.com/firewood-and-firewood-shed/) is now complete and will be stocked up for next year. Michelle is creating a succulent garden bed around it which will be great.

The electrical wiring has been connected to the outdoor garden beds, shower and the gardening shed. This involved the digging of trenches and laying of wires and pipes throughout the property. An enormous task and we are so grateful to friends who helped us.

We now have a chipper and Brett has been busy modifying [Betsy](http://www.booyongconservation.com/betsy/) for external hydraulic devices, so looking forward to giving it a go soon and making our own mulch.

Michelle has been bust adding cow manure and mulch to the fruit trees in the food forest and salvia’s, comfrey and borage plants have been added to attract bees and beneficial insects.

A picture containing tree, outdoor, plant, grass

Description automatically generatedThe citrus trees ([grapefruit](http://www.booyongconservation.com/grapefruit/), orange and [Seville orange](http://www.booyongconservation.com/seville-oranges/)) have been abundant again this year and we will once again make grapefruit marmalade which is becoming a regular Winter occurrence.

The local wildlife has been looking for fresh and new growth and have annihilated the [Rosella](http://www.booyongconservation.com/wild-rosella/) plants which were abundant with fruit. This was so very disappointing. We will be sure to protect them next year.

**PREPARATION**

* Spread well-rotted manure or compost over vegetable garden beds
* Buy seed potatoes
* Order some seeds and go through seed inventory

**SEWING SEEDS**

* Beans broad and fava to Harvest from September
* Sew Cabbage seeds to Harvest from July
* Plant Garlic cloves to Harvest from October
* Kale to Harvest from July
* Continue to plant lettuce seeds and mustard greens
* Plant radish and pea seeds
* Plant out strawberry seedlings to harvest from September
* Plant beetroot seeds and spinach
* Plant Legumes - Red Clover March-June for nitrogen under pecan trees

**PLANT**

* Plant onion and shallot sets if ground isn’t too wet

**ROUTINE CARE**

* The [Rhubarb](http://www.booyongconservation.com/rhubarb/) at our home in Sydney has successfully been separated, Booyong’s plants are just newly established so will be separated (2019 and then every three to four years) and the patch will be extended.
* A tree in a field

  Description automatically generatedThe [herb and chilli garden](http://www.booyongconservation.com/herb-garden/) bed has been mulched and nasturtiums added.
* Weed [fireweed](http://www.booyongconservation.com/fireweed/) from the long grass in dam walls
* Add Blood and bone to strawberries
* Continue to collect [potash](http://www.booyongconservation.com/potash/) from the fire for the food forest gardens
* Avoid leaf curl by spraying your [Tropical Peach tree](http://www.booyongconservation.com/peach-tropic-beauty/) with lime sulphur spray several times over winter prior to buds bursting.
* Net [Paw Paw tree](http://www.booyongconservation.com/paw-paw/) to protect from frost – it also doesn’t like allot of water in Winter
* Fertlise [Dragon fruit](http://www.booyongconservation.com/dragonfruit/) with light fertiliser (Chicken manure) and lime. Make sure it is mulched well in preparation for summer and take any cuttings from Ariel roots on pole.
* Add coffee grounds to [Blueberries](http://www.booyongconservation.com/blueberries/)
* Prune the [Apricot tree](http://www.booyongconservation.com/apricot-tree/) and fertilize with well-balanced fertiliser.
* Prune the [Pomegranate](http://www.booyongconservation.com/pomegranate-tree/) lightly and remove ant limbs causing crowding in the centre.
* Prune the [Mulberry tree](http://www.booyongconservation.com/mulberry-tree/) lightly feeding leaves to chickens and using them as fodder, feed with blood and bone afterwards.
* [Chickens](http://www.booyongconservation.com/chickens-at-booyong-at-last/) – Scrub water containers daily to prevent algae. Check net litter weekly and replace if soiled. Add crushed garlic to drinking water monthly to reduce internal parasite (1 clove per 2-3 hens)
* Prune [Goji Berry](http://www.booyongconservation.com/?p=2537)
* Fertilize the Mandarin in Spring and Winter with cow or chicken manure and Seasol.

**A tree with green leaves

Description automatically generatedHARVESTING**

* Harvest Lemons
* [Grapefruits](http://www.booyongconservation.com/grapefruits/) harvested
* [Seville Oranges](http://www.booyongconservation.com/seville-oranges/) harvested
* If you have them, pick winter Cabbages, Cauliflowers, Brussel sprouts, Kale and Leeks
* Dig up [Turmeric](http://www.booyongconservation.com/we-have-turmeric/)
* Continue to harvest remaining [Macadamias](http://www.booyongconservation.com/macadamia-nut-trees/)

**PROPOGATION**

* Collect seeds from Anne’s Red Bell Peppers
* Seeds have been collected from the [Rosella](http://www.booyongconservation.com/wild-rosella/) plants for next year

**NORMAL FARM AND CABIN MAINTANENCE**

* The Shed gutters have been cleaned out to ensure water stays clean.