

Sponsor a garden pole

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JUST for fun or to do something a bit unusual with your family or for someone you know, why not sponsor a pole from the fence around the Busselton Community Garden playground?

If you've been down there you will have seen what an effort has been put in to make what used to be an old BMX track into a flourishing community garden for everyone to use. The playground in the centre was erected last year and is popular with the kids.

The idea behind sponsoring a pole, which by the looks of it has been quite a popular project so far, is to support ongoing and future community garden projects. For only \$10, you, your family, friends or pet can be

remembered for many generations to come – gift vouchers are available if you want to name a pole as a present – but there is a limited number available.

All the money goes to the community garden and will help get started some of the planned art projects, of which one will be a big peace flag made by children and adults full with environmental messages.

The garden is also a meeting place for 'mums, bubs and grubs' every Thursday from 9.30-11.30am when they are busy-beeing around the place. Kids water the plants, mulch, plant seeds, feed the chickens and eat vegies of course, and more parents are encouraged to take their children along for a fun session in the garden – morning tea is provided. It's the perfect place for the young ones to interact with and learn about the

environment.

And now with chooks and rabbits there, and plans to build a wood-fired pizza oven, families can really enjoy going there.

A first cooking class, which is already full, in how to use a wood-fired pizza oven and make pizzas will be held in March to celebrate the equinox, but there will be more classes and you can leave expressions of interest.

A worm-farm workshop will be held on February 14 from 1-3pm for the price of \$80. This will give you a worm-farm can, advice on how to care for it and utilise it as well as some worms to start off with.

To sponsor a post, take part in a work shop or learn more about the garden, call Rachel on 0405 026 686 or Hellen on 0428 991 249, or visit it on Thursdays or Saturdays from 9-11am.



Lined up: Standing by the poles that people can sponsor are Mackenzie Robinson (8), left, Luke Wilde (4), Rhiana Wilde (7) and Jarrah Cain (6) with Maggie Mundy (3) and Jimmy Cain (2) at the front.