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Key 2013 Dates

- Industry Services – Rostered Day Off
- Industry Services – Annual Leave (closed)
- Limited Return Crew Only
- Mid-Year Holiday Crew No. 1 (5 Days Annual Leave)
- Mid-Year Holiday Crew No. 2 (5 Days Annual Leave)
- Community Options In-Service Day
- Community Options Annual Leave
- Public Holidays

Public Holidays

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| Tues 1 Jan | New Year's Day |
| Mon 28 Jan | Australia Day (in lieu) |
| Mon 11 Mar | Labour Day |
| Fri 29 Mar | Good Friday |
| Mon 1 Apr | Easter Monday |
| Thurs 25 Apr | ANZAC Day |
| Mon 10 June | Queen's Birthday |
| Tues 5 Nov | Melbourne Cup Day |
| Wed 25 Dec | Christmas Day |
| Thurs 26 Dec | Boxing Day |

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HELP US SAVE THE NADRASCA COMMUNITY FARM



...by getting as many friends/families/neighbours to sign our petition as possible. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Nadrasca Community Farm on Morack Road, Vermont was established so people who attend Nadrasca Day Services can enjoy the great open spaces and freely express themselves without the constraints of bricks and mortar. The intention is to create a place where people can grow vegetables, herbs, flowers, strike cuttings, plant shrubs and fruit trees, engage in art, maintain the grounds or just kick a football.

Since 2005, we have been systematically putting in place the infrastructure for the Farm, through grants from the State Government to establish the buildings and toilet blocks and from the Australian Federal Government's Community Water Grant for planting of trees and 60,200 litres of tank water capacity.

Local community groups have also contributed to the infrastructure of the Farm: **The Lions Club of Blackburn North** organised all the electrical works, while **The Rotary Club of Forest Hill** installed the extensive irrigation system. **The Goods Guys Nunawading** contributed to the renovation of a wheelchair-accessible toilet block and the purchase of a tractor, plus the equipment to enable us to maintain and develop the Farm. Corporate organisations have also played a role: **ExxonMobil** participated in two working bees, planting 1,000 trees and shrubs and building a protective tunnel. **Smith's PepsiCo** team also contributed to the planting of indigenous vegetation.

The Farm is also accessed by other community organisations: **Scope, Yooralla, Melba Services and Alkira. Emmaus College** students attend once a week, working on a combined maintenance project and **Heatherwood School** have also come on board. **Neighbours** of the Farm have been supportive and embrace the opportunity of further development of the Farm and Community gardening. Future potential users of the Farm include Vermont Secondary College and the Whitehorse Community Health Service's Men's Shed.

Through the help of governments, community groups and Corporate Australia, the Farm is well established now and is accessed and enjoyed by various local community organisations and groups.

The Nadrasca Farm is located on the Healesville Freeway Reservation (from Springvale Road to Boronia Road), which is not required for future road purposes. The potential sale and development of the land for housing and other purposes would negatively impact on the Community in terms of loss of Open Space. It would also be a huge shame if the Farm had to relocate or be dismantled altogether, having built up a sustainable infrastructure over the years. You can help ensure that part of the Healesville Freeway Reservation remains an Open Space and that the Nadrasca Community Farm continues to be accessed by the Community. See details of the petition enclosed.

There is a 2-3 year waiting list for new Community Garden plots within the City of Whitehorse and we see this as an opportunity to work with the general community in a role reversal – the general community coming to Nadrasca! The challenge is for everyone to create a society in which people with a disability are welcomed and have opportunities to prosper.