

A great day out at the HGSRA Summer Funday



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New life in Northway Gardens

Residents who are members of the Suburb's own e-mail forum, the HGS List, will doubtless remember there were a number of messages commenting on how the flower beds in Northway Gardens were looking.

One member wrote, "I can't remember Northway Gardens ever looking better. A truly magnificent array of roses, plus colourful mixed beds of all kinds of other planting. Behind Toulous in the Market Place, so easy get to. A local jewel, especially right now, so don't miss having a leisurely stroll between the beds!" while

another said, "I have just walked through Northway Gardens with my hubby. It is magnificent and should be congratulated. Thank you to those of you who have made a magnificent garden. The aroma from the roses are superb."

It is nearly five years since Suburb News reported that the Northway Gardens Organisation was taking over the management of the flowerbeds in the gardens. The group said at the time, "We came together because of our annoyance at the continued deterioration of the Rose Gardens area in Northway Gardens."

The result of the takeover has been a display that gets better every year, and a general improvement to the environment.

"The wonderful volunteers (above) have been busy with the 22 beds of roses and flowers", reports NGO spokesman, Brian Ingram, "There are now evening picnics, yoga and visiting families with the extra sunshine in the Rose Gardens as we cut back hedges. You are invited to come and deadhead the roses.

Do see the videos." (youtu.be/fwllhpMp84k andyoutu.be/SctjlaRVfnY).

In the park on the other side of Northway, in the old putting green and the Fletcher Memorial Garden flowerbeds, dead trees and shrubs are being removed, opening up this previously dark and overgrown area. Lots of plants and spring bulbs have been planted in both areas.

A message on the HGS List about how some local gardens have been improved by local residents taking the initiative remarked, "Isn't it wonderful when a few people take improving their environment into their own hands, to the benefit of many?"

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