

The Urban Orchard Project



Ever have a tree in your backyard full of lemons or apricots and no one to share them with? Well instead of watching them rot or go in the bin you can now take your excess home harvest down to the Urban Orchard Stall at CERES Market. The project, which counts over 140 households as members, was originally created to use surplus fruit produced by trees and vines planted in Moreland and Darebin by Greek and Italian migrants in the fifties and sixties but has grown to include vegetables, herbs, seeds and plants. The project also aims to minimize organic waste and reduce food miles by promoting locally grown food.

The Urban Orchard operates out of a volunteer run stall at the CERES Market on Saturdays and works on a simple exchange system where members may turn up with bunches of basil and go home with somebody's surplus figs. And apart from making the most out of Moreland's locally grown bounty The Urban Orchard is also a place for people to meet and share ideas and information about gardening and food.

To get involved in the Urban Orchard as a member household or as a volunteer call Brad Shone on 9387 2609 or email urbanorchard@ceres.org.au

Pictured: Brad Shone, Urban Orchard co-ordinator.