

For New Members...

Welcome to the WOC!

The WOC

Statement of Purposes:

- To provide an affordable opportunity to buy organic produce
- To encourage the consumption of organic produce
- To provide an opportunity for friendship and connections between people locally.

THE WOC
Western Organic
Collective Inc.

ABN. 41517936414

We hope you really enjoy being a part of the WOC, the great food and great people.

Inside this flyer you will find some of the most frequently asked questions from members, and some information about the WOC in 2007.

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the WOC Committee 2007

President – Sam Ward ph 9318 2116
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Accounts Officer – Nick Ray ph 9687 4456
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GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Participation is the key to the ongoing success of the WOC, and at a minimum each household is expected to contribute time for sorting and deliveries, and to attend WOC meetings. Like any cooperative, there are many hands at work and sharing committee roles is also encouraged. We have an AGM, usually Jan/Feb at which new committee members are elected. Role descriptions are available from the President. We encourage rotation of these positions so everyone shares the "WOC experience" and gets to contribute to its success. People are on the roster 3 times per quarter, which is generally once a month. Sorting and deliveries are done on Friday mornings and take 1-2 hours. Starting time is 7.45am, this is a given unless otherwise requested and agreed upon by all sorting people on that day.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

what if I lose my roster?

Contact the secretary to post or email you the latest roster (details on front cover). You can also find the roster at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/westernorganic>, under 'Files'.

what if I can't sort on the day I'm rostered on?

It is your responsibility to swap with someone else if you can't do your shift on the roster – a week in advance is helpful! You must contact the sorting house of any changes.

where do I take my money and order?

\$20 per box + bread money goes to the Accounts Officer, Nick Ray at 363 Barkly Street. Money is to be dropped off by 5pm Tuesday (padlocked letterbox). We encourage members to pay in bulk and in advance.

what if I don't get my money in on time?

We operate on a 'no money, no box' policy.

how do I access the WOC egroup?

The site is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/westernorganic>. The WOC egroup moderator is the secretary, who should be contacted for subscriptions. The egroup is a great way to receive and post notices about the WOC, and other events you think might interest WOC members.

what if I have a friend who would like to join?

Give them the "What is the WOC?" flyer.

All Membership enquiries go to the President (details on front cover).

New members are welcome, if:

- they live in the Footscray/ Maribyrnong area
- they are able to participate in the running of the WOC
- there is a vacancy – a limit of 25 households applies (there is a waiting list if we're full).

what else can I get involved in through the WOC?

- Seasonal Celebrations are held 3 or 4 times per year and are a great way to meet others involved in the WOC. In the past we have had a BBQ at the Ascotvale Adventure Playground, enjoyed a Winterfest of Mulled Wine, and meandered through Backyard Gardens in Footscray.
 - Dry Goods Distribution Days are held 3 or 4 times per year (eg. rice, flour, dried fruit). There are lots of small jobs that contribute to making these days run smoothly – weighing produce, accounts, and morning tea, to name a few.
 - Purchasing fair trade tea & coffee
 - Recipe collection for a future WOC Recipe Book
 - Donating towards a WOC box for a local refugee family
 - Toilet paper donation for Asylum Seekers
- If you would like to help out or get more information about any of the above, please contact the President (details on front cover).