

CAAL Bulletin - October 2025

Greetings CAAL Members,

I apologise for having been away much, AWOL nearly .. but now back in saddle.

1. **Leases & Legal stuff:** Final meeting OCC with all 32 allotment sites and ODFAA on 21 Oct. I foresee, no issues. My estimate is new lease signature by Q1 2026. The sub-leases, with each of you, will be done electronically. Between now and then I will check alignment between the OCC landlord rules (the landlord), the Co-op Soc rules and our rules. There has been a 8% annual Rent increase.
2. **Events:**
 - a. **BBQ Sunday 31 August 1200.** Sadly this was cancelled due to lack of interest.. Please tell me what events, if any, you would like us to organise.
 - b. **Work Party Sunday 19th Oct.** Last of the year. Remember 2 per year or the dreaded fine (before you state surprise, has been on website for long time!)
 - c. **AGM:** Will be either Saturday 10 Jan or Sunday 11 Jan 2026.
3. **Dry, little summer rain, 2025 water bill is big:** So we need a solution. I seek volunteers please to join me in a Water Working Group, starting end Oct, to develop some costed options for water retention / rain capture for next AGM to consider, then apply for grants. We can meet in person or Teams. Volunteers so far (thank you): Anthony (25A), Dave (19A) plus I seek some data / engineering expertise. Names to me, thanks.
4. **Trees and Site:** (A) A tree surgeon will do some final clearing 31 Oct. He will bring / produce wood chippings which will be available for you to use. (B) The wooded area in NW corner (top left from gate) is overgrown with many great trees / fruit trees. We will rationalize the area 2026/7 so that we can harvest the fruit (today, all goes on the deck).
5. **Compost:** Ada is organizing, so think what you need, order process published idc.

Any questions, concerns, just call me.. thanks

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