

Colourful Pavers in Westgarth

Westgarth is a hidden treasure known mostly for its cinema and local community engagement in sustainable living.

The idea for colour pavers started when I got bored and ran out of my own garden to play in, so I extended my passion for the garden to the footpath. As the footpath in Union St started to take 'new shape' with herbs, natives and indigenous plants, more and more residents wanted to get involved. We dug up the dead grass, we composted, planted and mulched but something was missing. We needed to find a way to bring the energy of the community to the footpath. It was agreed that we would begin the mission of creating colour on the slabs of concrete pavers that were strategically positioned for people who parked off street to cross onto the footpath.



Children and parents got involved with having 'smash and bang' sessions where broken tiles became the ingredients to shape their favourite animal, plant or object.. As we witnessed masterpieces being created, childrens' eyes were lighting up and adults started sing-a-longs and had a wag of a time catching up with one another.

As each paver was finished, it was 'birthed' with excitement. Walkers and passers-by wanted to know how they could get involved too. Soon, we had people on the rest of the street putting their orders in for their paver and requests as to when they could start.



We now have over 20 colourful pavers, each a masterpiece on its own, laid out for everyone to see.



As a result of making these pavers, kids know more kids and adults know more adults in the street. We are central to the tram stop and two railway stations, so many commuters are daily in the area, not to mention the bubs in strollers and our four legged friends with their masters going for their daily sniff. It's a great place to be you're welcome to come on a Union St adventure to see if you can spot the masterpieces hidden amongst the foliage.

* postscript: Union Street pavers was mentioned in [Parliament!](#)

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