



Green thumb's golden secret

It may look like a dirty job, but, according to Maria Ciavarella, making your own compost – “garden gold” – is the stuff gardening dreams are made of. The Bulleen Art & Garden class co-ordinator was busy showing examples to a class eager to learn last Wednesday.

Ciavarella says organic compost has “a million benefits” for gardens. Apart from diverting waste that would otherwise go to landfill, it helps plants to grow and become healthy. And what is the biggest mistake people make when attempting to make their own compost? “(Some people) just put kitchen scraps in and hope for the best,” Ciavarella says, adding that compost needs a little TLC to make it full of goodness for plants. For more information on classes and workshops at Bulleen Art & Garden, visit www.baag.com.au



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