

Shire of Mundaring

POLICY

COMMUNITY GARDENS

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PURPOSE

To promote and support the development and sustainability of both new and existing Community Gardens in Shire of Mundaring.

BACKGROUND

Shire of Mundaring recognises community gardening as a valuable recreational activity that may contribute to:

- improved health and well-being;
- positive social interaction;
- greater connection with local community and building community capacity;
- environmental education and sustainability awareness and practices;
- protection and use of open space;
- opportunities for engagement with local residents, key stakeholder groups and businesses within the Shire.

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Definition

This policy defines a 'community garden' as a space operated by the community (with assistance and proper approvals sought from the Shire as required), where the site is used for:

- The production of legal produce for the personal use of its members through allotments or shared plots;
- Demonstration gardening or other horticultural activities which encourage the involvement of schools, youth groups and residents in gardening activities;
- Educational opportunities for sustainable practices.

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are:

- To support the establishment of community gardens throughout the Shire of Mundaring where appropriate, feasible and sustainable, and in consultation with the Shire;
- To encourage that all community gardens are self-managed in a manner that will increase community commitment and guardianship;
- To be inclusive and not discriminate against anyone due to sex, marital status, pregnancy or breast feeding, family responsibility or family status, race, religious or political conviction, impairment, age or gender;
- To assist the community and various educational institutions to acquire, share and increase knowledge and practice of gardening;
- To encourage a high standard of community gardens structure and design;
- To utilise land owned or managed by the Shire.

MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION	C8.12.24
<p>That Council direct the CEO to appropriately amend the Community Garden Policy to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standing waiver of charges for community gardens to obtain an annual transfer station pass (that is three general waste entries).2. Pay up to \$2,000 per annum toward water costs for the Shire leased community gardens water costs, non-accumulative. Costs to include either water usage, connection, water storage, reticulation etc, to be determined through collaboration by the Shire with individual Community Garden. Provision for CPI included. Exceeded capped amounts will trigger Shire collaboration and assessment of water consumption such as water logging systems and water audits etc.3. Include Community Gardens in the provision of access to safety training, knowledge workshops, environmental events, advice and assistance from the Landcare Team for activities that require works.	