

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.