

Policy Type

Council

Policy Purpose

Council recognises community gardening as a valuable recreational activity that builds strong community relationships, contributes to health and wellbeing and provides a range of environmental, social and educational benefits.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide the assessment conditions to guide Council's approval and support for community gardens on City owned or managed land ('Land')
- Establish a framework that ensures community groups take a leadership role in the establishment and ongoing management of the proposed community garden
- Ensure that the location is the initial consideration in determining the potential for a community garden
- Ensure consistency in the development and long term management of community gardens.

Policy Statement

Guidance on the establishment and management of community gardens is provided in the '*Guidelines for Community Gardens in the City of Cockburn*'.

(1) Community Gardens

- 1.1 Initial enquiries for community gardens are to be directed to the Community Development Business Unit.
- 1.2 A site assessment of potential locations will be undertaken by the Property Services Unit.
- 1.3 Community consultation must be undertaken in conjunction with Community Development Business Unit should the location be supported.
- 1.4 The community garden group must be an incorporated community group or incorporated not-for-profit organisation registered with the Community Development Business Unit.
- 1.5 A risk and safety assessment, management plan and rules of use for the community garden must be prepared in conjunction with the Community Development Service Unit.

- 1.6 A draft license agreement for the community garden will be prepared with the Property Services Unit. An Elected Members item will be submitted for Council's consideration once the agreement has been established.
- 1.7 The City reserves the right to restore the land to its original condition if the community garden ceases operation or is deemed unkempt.
- 1.8 Guidance on edible verge gardens is provided separately in the City of Cockburn Street Verge Improvements Policy.
- 1.9 Applications for community gardens on land that is not owned or managed by the City (e.g. schools, churches, private land) should be submitted to the respective landowner.

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