

POL	ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY GARDENS	AEW7
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BACKGROUND:

Community Gardens are unique spaces which are managed by community groups primarily for the production of food. They are places for actively building the health and wellbeing of the community through shared activities providing environmental, social and educational benefits.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to support and promote the establishment of Community Gardens within the City of Cockburn and provide a framework to encourage the development of community gardens, providing processes and guidelines to manage the sites; as well as clarifying the responsibilities of all stakeholders.

POLICY:

- (1) The City of Cockburn recognises community gardening as a valuable recreational activity that builds strong community relationships, contributes to sustainable living practices and provides wide ranging benefits.
- (2) The City supports this policy to establish a framework to promote the development and establishment of Community gardens at suitable locations within the City.

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(3) The City:

1. will accept proposals for new community gardens in accordance with Appendix 1 attached to this Policy.
2. Has prepared a supplementary document “Guidelines for the Establishment of Community Gardens” which are to be applied to all proposals to establish community gardens within the City of Cockburn which is available on the City’s Website and hard copies by request.

APPENDIX 1

PROCEDURE FOR STARTING A NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN

