
POLICY TITLE COMMUNITY GARDEN POLICY

POLICY NUMBER COMM/POL813

1. PURPOSE

To provide a framework to support and encourage the development of community gardens within the Swan Hill municipality.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all community garden projects undertaken by, or in partnership with, Council.

3. DEFINITIONS

Community Gardens: are gardens created and maintained on public or private land by residents who come together to learn about and participate in gardening; and share the community benefits of localised food production and socialisation.

4. POLICY

Council will encourage, support and offer assistance to any individual or group that approach Council with the intention of creating a community garden within the Swan Hill municipality. Council recognises community gardens as a valuable public recreational asset that can contribute to the improved health and well being of the community through environmental, social and health education.

The management and function of community gardens should rest with engaged residents, however Council advice and support is available to ensure sustainable and consistent development of community gardens.

Advice and support can include identifying appropriate sites, insurance requirements, weed management, asset management, community engagement, dispute resolution, health and safety.

5. RELATED POLICIES/PROCEDURES/DOCUMENTS

POL/GOV010 Public Participation
Sustainable Living Strategy
Resilience Action Strategy

6. RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2020
Planning and Environment Act 1987

7. DOCUMENT HISTORY

Version Number	Issue Date	Description of Change
1.0	December 2014	Initial release
1.1	December 2017	Review
1.2	March 2021	Review

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Mayor

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