



Kingborough

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROPOSED FOR TAROONA

School and neighbourhood access garden developments are currently booming throughout Australia. The goal for communities is to find low cost, accessible, suitable land for local people to use to learn gardening skills and self-reliance in the production of fresh vegetables, herbs and flowers for private consumption.

The Taroona project, recently approved in principle by the Kingborough Council, would be modeled on the successful Creek Road Community Garden (Lenah Valley) which was established in 1997 by long time Taroona resident, David Stephen. David is currently assisting the Community and School Garden network in Tasmania as honorary consultant.

Community or neighborhood Gardens could ultimately form the basis of a range of expert training opportunities to ensure food security for the future.

Weekend workshops would be offered in organic growing techniques, to upskill those who require help. Local food production will contribute towards the sustainability of our towns and cities in these water and energy conscious times.

WHO ELSE CAN BENEFIT FROM COMMUNAL GARDENING?

- Householders whose garden space is compromised by too little sun or competing roots.
- Health conscious people who seek more flavour and nutrition in their daily diet.
- One of the biggest challenges facing Australians on an individual level is staying healthy by balancing exercise and eating freshly harvested organic food. Taroona school authorities can soon help their students to explore this challenge because the neighbourhood garden is within easy walking distance.
- Belonging to this social network can help to make people feel valued members of the community. A gardening environment is the best possible way for families and neighbours to socialise in a meaningful way leading to positive relationships.

PROJECT OUTLINE

The objective is to secure a sunny plot of land on Taroona Park adjacent to Chilton Chase near the single tennis court (there is currently a temporary soil storage bin in this area).

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Top priority is to establish a chain mesh security fence to enclose 30 - 40 raised beds and a shed
- A pipeline to bring reticulated water on site is another capital expense for which funding must be found.
- A permaculture garden will be the focus along most of the perimeter, with members sharing the harvest of fruit grown against the fence line.

The Kingborough Council welcomes any comments or opinions from the Taroona community concerning this proposal prior to confirming a decision. Comments in writing to should be lodged prior to 29th August and addressed to The General Manager – Locked Bag 1, Kingston 7050 or via email to kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au

