# Community Gardens

# Grants Program 2024

# Grant Recipients

Table 1 – Grants list

| **Organisation** | **Project Name** | **Project Description** | **Grant Amount** | **Region** |
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| Shire of East Pilbara | Newman Youth and Community Garden | The Shire of East Pilbara will design and implement a community garden at the Newman Youth Centre that connects youth and community and contributes to health and well-being through sharing knowledge of nutritional and indigenous foods and tastings, while fostering connections with our local communities and stakeholders. This garden will provide a safe interaction space for young people to discuss issues impacting them. The garden will feature a biodiverse ecosystem to support beneficial insects and the growth of sustainable food sources. Young people will learn how to cook meals or create medicinal remedies from the produce grown. | $10,000.00 | Pilbara |
| Exmouth Community Garden Inc | Growing Together – sharing local knowledge and tucker | The Exmouth Community Garden will work with local Aboriginal people to share knowledge of local bush tucker and medicinal plants. This will be undertaken by working with local cultural services provider Baying Dreaming and local Traditional Owners and Aboriginal people in Exmouth. Baiyungu Dreaming will take Exmouth Community Garden members on Country for one-two days and collect local seed for targeted local plants including the native yam and wattle seed. Other plants will be collected opportunistically noting that Exmouth is a semi-arid environment and availability dependent upon rainfall and the season. The harvested seed will be processed and propagated to grow seedlings to plant in the bush tucker plot at the Exmouth Community Garden. Volunteers from the Exmouth Community Garden and Baiyungu Dreaming will do this. Exmouth Community Gardner will also purchase other bush tucker plants from other Aboriginal nations (for example the Tucker Bush™ Desert Lime and Blueberry Lilly ). This variety of different plants will build awareness of other cultures and environments. | $9,700.00 | Gascoyne |
| Shire of Murchison | Murchison Community Garden | The Murchison Shire and its residents seek to establish an orchard. The orchard will bring together residents of the vast local government area to share knowledge and established agricultural practices. The fruit produced in the orchard will be accessible in the harshest environmental times where fresh fruit access is not available outside the once-a-week grocery delivery. The fruit produced by the orchard will allow residents of the Shire to come together to preserve the harvest through homesteading practices that have been occurring on the surrounding 26 pastoral stations for many decades. These would include jams, jellies, chutneys and canning to be shared throughout the community. | $10,000.00 | Mid West |
| Sixo54 Community Resource Association Inc. | Spring Build and Grow Project | Sixo54 Community Resource Association Inc. will lead the Spring Build and Grow Project. The garden serves primarily as an educational and advocacy space, but it also provides an opportunity for those who don't have space to garden at home. Furthermore, it serves as a meeting place for local residents to connect with their neighbours and foster a sense of community. Currently, Lockridge Community Garden holds one open work session per week but hope to expand to additional days once garden maintenance has been improved, including inviting various local groups to participate. | $7,600.00 | North East Metropolitan |
| Trillion Trees Australia Inc | Trillion Trees Wetland Wildlife Garden | Trillion Trees Australia Inc will develop the Trillion Trees Wetland Wildlife Garden. The garden is a new educational habitat garden. The garden will provide habitat for a biodiverse range of wetland plants and native animals. The species of plants grown in the garden will include medicinal and edible plants. The project involves planning, design and construction of a wetland wildlife garden in an area that is open to the public within the grounds of Trillion Trees Australia. The project will be supported by educational events and workshops. | $8,643.00 | North East Metropolitan |
| Darlington Community Garden (WA) Inc | Darlington Community Garden -The Meeting Place Project Planning | Darlington Community Garden (WA) Inc. will develop the Darlington Community Garden -The Meeting Place Project Planning. The project grant will support the next phase of planning, design, licences and preparatory earthworks for the construction of a new multipurpose deck. The preparation and design is key to ensure that the next stage (Deck) can be applied for and constructed, creating a meeting place, and place for rest and respite for the community. | $9,750.00 | North East Metropolitan |
| Inglewood Mt Lawley Community Garden | Inglewood Mount Lawley Community Garden – PropagationProject | Inglewood Mt Lawley Community Garden This project will also involve collaboration with the Sustainability Officer, Parks and Sustainability at Stirling. The Sustainability Officer is in the process of setting up a seed saving workshop, at the garden, in mid-March 2025, as part of the Stirling Living Green Series. This will provide some scope for the IMLCG to (a) educate volunteers (b) to seed save for the garden (c) to possibly work with Inglewood Library on a seed exchange library and (d) to allow provision of further workshops and activities for the gardening and greater community. | $10,000.00 | North West Metropolitan |
| Wildflower Society of Western Australia Inc. | WA Native Plant Nursery Community Garden | Wildflower Society of Western Australia Inc. will develop the WA Native Plant Nursery Community Garden. The aim is to create waterwise ecofriendly environments in residential neighbourhoods and enhance community wellbeing and engagement. Bringing community members together to actively join in with the volunteer program at the nursery will allow residents to take back to their communities their enjoyment of gardening to promote the benefits of native flora in sustainable local gardens. Joining with the nursery volunteers and the programs offered will expand knowledge and skills in a supportive and encouraging environment with likeminded people from the community. Learning how to cultivate native plants for residents’ gardens and understanding how these plants have offered a food source for Indigenous Australians for millennia will be an experience for young and old. | $10,000.00 | North West Metropolitan |
| City of Mandurah | Grow It Local Mandurah | The City of Mandurah will run the Grow It Local Mandurah project. Grow It Local and the specific initiatives in this grant application are intended to provide the following outcomes:• Creating an opportunity for people to come together and develop a greater understanding of the benefits of edible growing at home, and the availability to connect to existing supports like community garden groups and Mandurah Seed Library. • Encourage residents to establish sustainable edible community gardens at their home and set people up for success on their growing journey by linking individuals to workshops, experts, each other, community groups and other supports like Mandurah Seed Library and the existing Community Garden groups.• Encourage residents to participate more actively in community life, with benefits of physical, social, and mental wellbeing. Encourage people to use the digital platform to make real life connections.• Learn, develop, and implement new edible gardening knowledge through a suite of learning opportunities online and in person. | $10,000.00 | Peel |
| Punmu Aboriginal Corporation | Punmu Sustainable Garden Project | Punmu Aboriginal Corporation will lead the Punmu Sustainable Garden Project. The project aims to complement the existing service in Punmu where community members pay nothing for fruit and vegetables at the local store. By reincarnating the garden that existed years ago with more sustainable plantings the community will be encouraged to tend, care for and harvest crops. These will then be distributed via the store and personal attendance at the gardens. | $7,790.00 | Pilbara |
| Treeby Community Association | Weather proofing and Security System | Treeby Community Association Inc. will build a Weather proofing and Security System. The covered area is used for a potting bench, outdoor sink, toys for children, and book exchange. A table and chairs are provided. This area is very well used by the Treeby community. Although covered it is exposes to the elements and the rain comes in from all sides, wetting everything. It is proposed to attach Bistro Blinds to give protection from weather and they can be rolled up when not needed. A drain near the edge of the covered area is also proposed as water drains into it from higher areas. | $6,000.00 | South East Metropolitan |
| Dunsborough Community Garden Inc | Communal and Accessible Plots | Dunsborough Community Garden's vision is to be an environmentally sustainable, socially and physically inclusive and economically viable garden that provides members and the community at large with the opportunity and support to grow vegetables and fruit. | $5,579.00 | South West |
| Ficifolia Community Garden Inc. | FCG Sustainable Gardening Workshops | Ficifolia Community Garden Inc. will run FCG Sustainable Gardening Workshops. The workshop aims to educate the community on sustainable gardening practices. The grant will be used to organise and conduct a series of workshops covering topics such as soil health, composting, water conservation, organic pest control, and seasonal planting. Funds will cover instructor fees, materials and supplies, promotional activities, catering, and venue costs. | $5,800.00 | South West |
| Ashbil Community Garden Bridgetown Inc. | Ashbil Community Garden & Signage Upgrade | Ashbil Community Garden Bridgetown Inc. (ACGB) will hold the Ashbil Community Garden & Signage Upgrade workshop. ACGB requested funding to implement upgrades to the garden which will improve accessibility to other Community Groups (Transition Bridgetown and Bridgetown Environment Society) who share the precinct, ensure greening of vacant land and provide increased education to the local community through informative signage and workshops. | $6,760.00 | South West |
| Grow Greenbushes Inc. | Greenbushes Go2Garden 2025 | Grow Greenbushes Inc. will hold the Greenbushes Go2Garden 2025 project. The project will secure the functionality of the garden for the future, providing better infrastructure and tools for a continuous engagement of volunteers, enjoyable visits by visitors and participants. Under the grant the garden will upgrade its irrigation system with the view to use less water. The organisation will also buy a mulcher and improve signage in the garden. They will also create spaces for neurodiverse people, where they feel welcome and are able to escape crowds if they wish to. | $10,000.00 | South West |
| Thommo's Community Garden Inc. | Thommo’s Community Garden Inc. | Thommo’s Community Garden Inc. hosts regular workshops and opportunities for the community to come together and connect. The garden hosts an Open Day each year which attracts 200+ community members. The garden also welcomes groups and community services to the garden to engage with their clients. There are also a number of individuals that attend with their carers and support people to engage in volunteer roles. The garden runs very smoothly and has many different pillars. It does not see the need to implement any large-scale new projects, instead implement some smaller projects to support the garden to run more efficiently. | $9,500.00 | South West |
| Coogee Community Garden WA Incorporated | Improving our Garden beds and mulching ourorchard trees | Coogee Community Garden WA Incorporated aims to improve the garden beds and mulch the orchard trees. This will help renew, replenish, and rejuvenate the soil in the raised garden beds, which has experienced subsidence over the past three years. Additionally, the organisation plans to mulch around the fruit tree orchard to reduce water evaporation during the summer months and conserve water. | $3,300.00 | South West Metropolitan |
| Growing Change Australia Ltd. | Upgrade of Shelter AreaProject | Growing Change Australia Ltd. will complete the Upgrade of Shelter Area project. The project aims to upgrade the existing shelter area. The shelter area is a covered space where the organisation hosts workshops, the monthly Little Pantry stalls, and is the only area for volunteers to shelter from rain and sun. The project will see power extended into the shelter area and the bench and sink replaced. | $4,180.15 | South West Metropolitan |
| Annie St Community Garden Inc. | Garden visioning workshop and plan | Annie St Community Garden Inc. will be hosting a Garden Visioning Workshop and Plan. Their goal is to engage the community in developing a clear plan and direction for the community garden. To achieve this, they will be working with Banksia & Lime landscape architects, who will facilitate a workshop with interested members from various segments of the community. In addition to the Garden Visioning Workshop, they will also be creating a landscape plan and a monthly activity schedule for the garden. The Winterfold Reconciliation Committee, which meets regularly at the school, will be involved in this process. By collaborating with them, we hope to ensure that the garden becomes a place of unity and inclusivity for all. | $3,975.00 | South West Metropolitan |
| Baldivis Community Garden Inc | Baldivis Community Garden | Baldivis Community Garden Inc. will enable community members to participate more actively in community life, connect with the community, learn from other members, allowing skills to be developed and implemented. Members can learn how to establish their edible plot, companion plant, nurture it thus sharing physical and social benefits of establishing and participating in an edible community garden. The communal edible plots allow the organisation to provide another way to contribute and give back to the community. | $10,000.00 | South West Metropolitan |
| Shire of Dowerin | Dowerin Community Garden project/Local Community Garden Project | The Shire of Dowerin Community Garden project aims to create a communal space for growing vegetables, fruits, and herbs, promoting community engagement and sustainable practices. The grant will be used to purchase materials like soil, seeds, and gardening tools, and for constructing raised beds and irrigation systems. Funds will also support educational workshops and events that teach participants about gardening techniques and environmental stewardship. By fostering an inclusive and accessible garden, the project seeks to enhance community well-being, provide fresh, locally grown produce, and strengthen social connections among residents. | $10,000.00 | Wheatbelt |
| Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre Inc | Jurien Bay Community Vegepod Garden | Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre Inc will develop the Jurien Bay Community Vegepod Garden. The project will be developed in an existing space that currently has two compost bins and a small garden bed suitable for children, with the support of members from a former community garden, which had been running at a different location. The new space is accessible, fully paved and in proximity to a carpark with disabled parking, as well as toilets, making it the perfect space for members of all ages and abilities to access. Adjacent to a commercial size kitchen, the building also holds the Community Resource Centre, where a popular 'Crop Swap' runs through the productive gardening months in the region. | $3,793.00 | Wheatbelt |
| Ngnowar-Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation | Wyndham Edible Community Garden Project | Ngnowar-Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation will establish an edible community garden in Wyndham. The funding will support planning and establishment of a community garden at the designated site, including purchasing essential items to commence use of the space such as planter boxes, seedlings, hoses and gardening equipment, materials to create shaded areas and benches, materials required to clean­ up the site and removing any structures that are not required and refurbishing the existing shed to enable security of any valuable equipment overnight. | $9,954.80 | Kimberley |
| Ngalangangpum School | Warmun Community Garden | Ngalangangpum School will develop the Warmun Community Garden. The purpose of this project is to build on community engagement targeting specific groups in Warmun and to continue the rejuvenation of couch grass affected garden beds which the school have been unable to plant out so far due to the dense weed growth. | $7,589.12 | Kimberley |
| Care For Hedland Environmental Association Incorporate | RSL South Hedland Community Garden | Care For Hedland Environmental Association Inc operates a successful and popular community garden on the grounds of the RSL-Port Hedland on Hedditch St South Hedland. The Community Garden has been in place since 2016. The current sign is worn/faded and it is felt using screen printed fence mesh would be an eye catching way to advertise the location of the Community Garden as well as being cyclone friendly and easy to install and take down if necessary. | $8,950.00 | Pilbara |
| Margaret River Regional Environment Centre Inc | Margaret River Community Garden | The Margaret River Community Garden is well established after 10 years of operation. The aims of the Community Garden are to:• Provide a centre for people of all ages and abilities to socialise and learn about natural gardening through regular volunteer mornings, signage, and workshops. • Work with local schools to support student learning about natural gardening. • Grow and supply food for the co-located Community Pantry. • Make wicking beds available for use by individuals. • Grow food and herbs for the browsing public. • Link via a bush tucker garden to surrounding native revegetation areas with landscaped walkways. • Create an attractive, safe place for locals and the visiting public to wander and enjoy. The garden has a core group of members who attend regularly on a Wednesday morning. However, they would like to reach out further into the broader community to attract more members and to create opportunities for social engagement and learning about gardening. | $3,200.00 | South West |
| The People Place Busselton Inc | The People Place Garden Club | The People Place Garden Club is an inclusive group that encourages participation from the community. It is open to anyone who has an interest in growing and harvesting fruit, vegies, herbs etc. The project is an opportunity for people to develop their knowledge, actively participate in the community, learn new skills or just come and chat. The club members will be able to use the produce as well as provide some of the produce to others in the community that maybe more vulnerable. The garden currently has a share basket where people can donate foods stuff, and this will be extended harvest time. The garden club will be designed to provide opportunities for members to participate and develop a sense of togetherness. | $3,075.00 | South West |
| Beacon Central Community Resource Centre Inc. | Beacon Community Garden Startup | The Beacon Community Garden is a new addition to the area that was put in by the Shire of Mt Marshall. Residents and community groups are ready to start planting but would like some guidance regarding policy and procedures, ensuring sustainability, and financial guidance for when extra consumables are needed. Beacon Central will partner with a local consultant to create the policy and procedures and help with agreements between organisations. Beacon Central will also use the grant money to put on workshops for the community so they can learn best gardening practices. One workshop being, GAIA Permaculture. GAIA Permaculture offers great expert knowledge about gardening. Workshops like these will benefit quality and quantity in the garden to help provide for many in the town. | $5,030.00 | Wheatbelt |
| Kambalda Community Garden | Kambalda Community Garden | Kambalda Community Garden will establish Kambalda Community Garden. The garden will be accessible and inclusive and encourage participation of the wider community by having disabled access garden beds and walkways will be wheelchair accessible. The garden will have areas and activities suited to all ages. The local government is aware and supportive of the project. | $10,000.00 | Goldfields/ Esperance |
| Shire of Lake Grace | Lake Grace Community Garden Project | The Shire of Lake Grace will develop the Lake Grace Community Garden Project. The Project is a youth-led initiative that will see the Shire's Youth Advisory Committee collaborate with the Shire of Lake Grace, and the Lake Grace Branch of the Country Women's Association to plan, develop and establish a sustainable, edible community garden at a centralised location, open and accessible to all community members. | $10,000.00 | Wheatbelt |
| Broome Community Information Resource Centre and Learning Exchange Incorporated | Broome CIRCLE | Broome CIRCLE will establish a series of community-focused gardening initiatives aimed at increasing volunteer capacity, promoting sustainable gardening practices, and activating the Broome CIRCLE Garden as a vibrant community space. In partnership with Incredible Edible, the organisation will host volunteer capacity-building workshops and community events such as garden breakfasts and morning teas. These activities will foster community engagement, skill development, and the sharing of edible produce, contributing to a more connected and resilient Broome. | $9,000.00 | Kimberley |
| Yiyili Community Indigenous Corporation | Garden Resonation | Yiyili Community Indigenous Corporation will manage the Garden Restoration project. The project aims to enhance food security, provide hands-on learning opportunities, and promote healthier eating habits by cultivating a thriving garden. By securing the gardens from roaming animals, the organisation seeks to foster community engagement, increase self-sufficiency, and boost overall well-being, while educating on sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. | $10,000.00 | Kimberley |
| Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation Ltd | Ieramugadu Food Growth Project | Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation Ltd will develop the Ieramugadu Food Growth Project. Ieramugadu Community Garden (Food Growth Project) is an initiative to address the issues the town is facing with regards to food insecurity, lack of liveability and lack of vibrancy. These are all elements that the local community would like to welcome back into the area. | $10,000.00 | Pilbara |
| Milligan Community Learning and Resource Centre Inc | Towards food security in times of insecurity | Milligan Community Learning and Resource Centre Inc. will utilise the funding for the expansion of Homegrown Milligan Community Garden's nutritious' food hub'. This will be achieved by reinvigorating the existing gardens and allowing for expansion of the garden area utilising organic practices for food production thereby setting Milligan on the path 'Toward Food Security in a time of Insecurity'. | $7,400.00 | South West |
| North Yunderup Community Association | Barnaby Cockatoo tree planting group | The North Yunderup Community Association is organising a group project to plant trees for the Barnaby Cockatoo. The goal of the project is to propagate trees that are attractive to Barnaby Cockatoos, with the assistance of local North Yunderup school children and their parents. Once the trees have been propagated, volunteers will then plant them in the North Yunderup Conversation Reserve. | $1,700.00 | Peel |