




Community settings

 Rural City of Wangaratta

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responses



Six reported as active







One is somewhat active (on and off / seasonal)



One did not have a garden but was interested in establishing one



How garden produce is used?

-  Shared wider community (eg. weekly community lunches, food relief program, shared table, with Men's Shed members, community members can come and pick) x2
-  Used in cooking, including cooking classes (three settings)
-  It is used by those who plant the veggies such as aged care residents/ community garden plot holders (three settings)
-  Excess produce is donated to community food pantry at the local neighborhood house

Successful gardens had the following.

- Having wicking beds so veggies survive periods without watering
- The garden bed being in a sunny location
- Budget that includes spending on repair/upgrade/expansion
- Money has been spent on formalising the beds, raising them to a good working height for older people and placing gravel in between beds for safe access
- Ease of use, and support from the Activities Organiser at Bunnings Wangaratta who donates seedlings
- A small team of enthusiastic people
- A greenhouse to produce seedlings during the colder weather to cut down on costs
- Volunteers
- Access to water
- Garden members share skills and knowledge

Challenges included the following.

- General up keep and maintenance
- Communication around people knowing they can use the produce
- Repair and revamp of garden beds
- Needing someone to take ownership (preferably a resident)
- A system for equitable use
- Protection from birds and rabbits.
- Cost of installation
- Having raised garden beds that limit growing space
- Maintenance
- Maintaining volunteers
- Regular watering
- Regular harvesting
- Fruit fly
- Getting long-term garden members



Support services are interested in receiving

- Information and resources (3)
- Support to reactivate garden such as providing seedlings, materials (2)
- Opportunities to share or receive excess produce (2)
- Veggie gardening workshops
- Grants to allow expansion of garden beds
- Solar self-watering systems

Thank you to all the services that completed this survey and contributed valuable information to the mapping of veggie gardens and their functionality in the Rural City of Wangaratta in aim to support children's health and wellbeing.