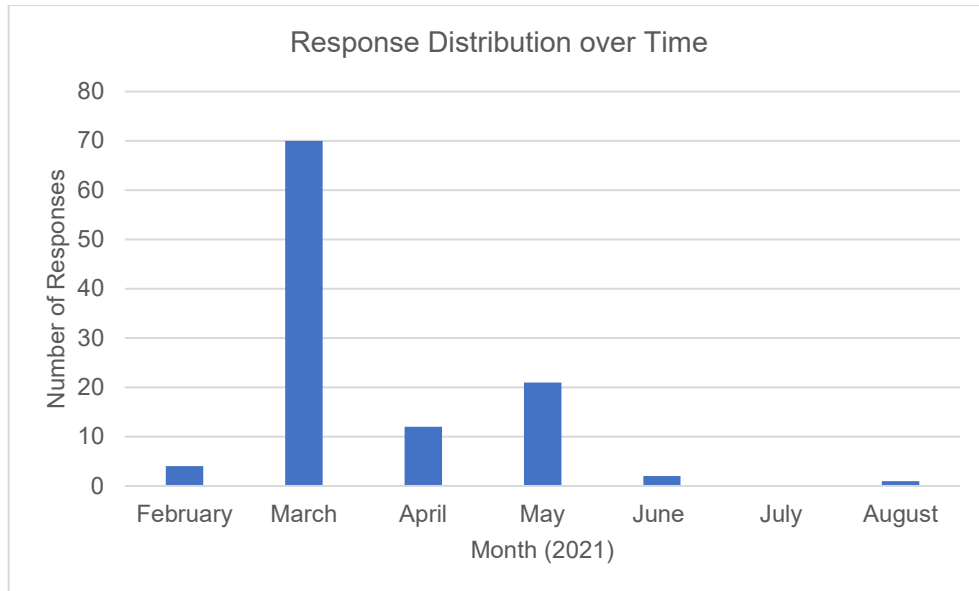


COMMUNITY GARDEN SURVEY 2020

About the Survey

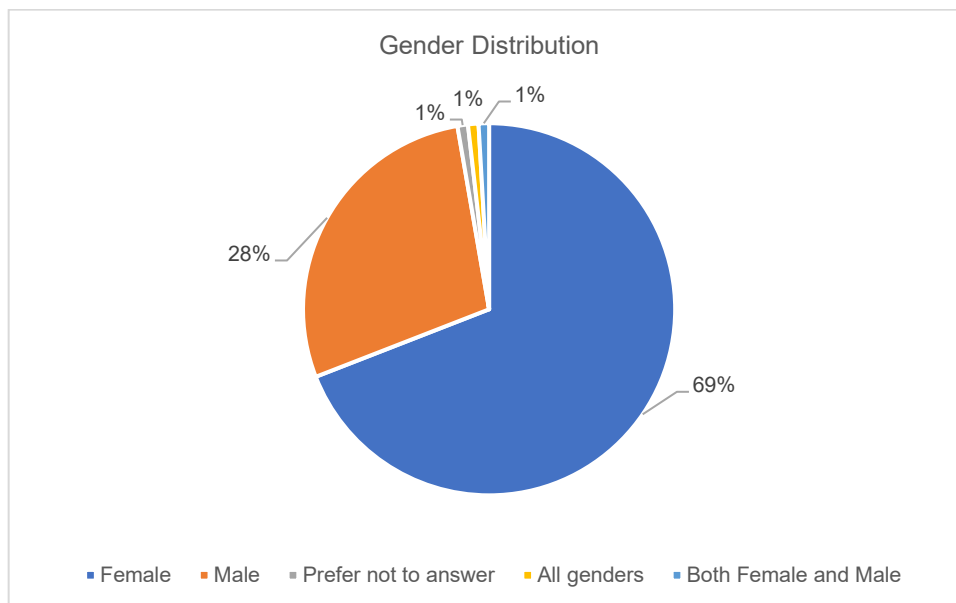
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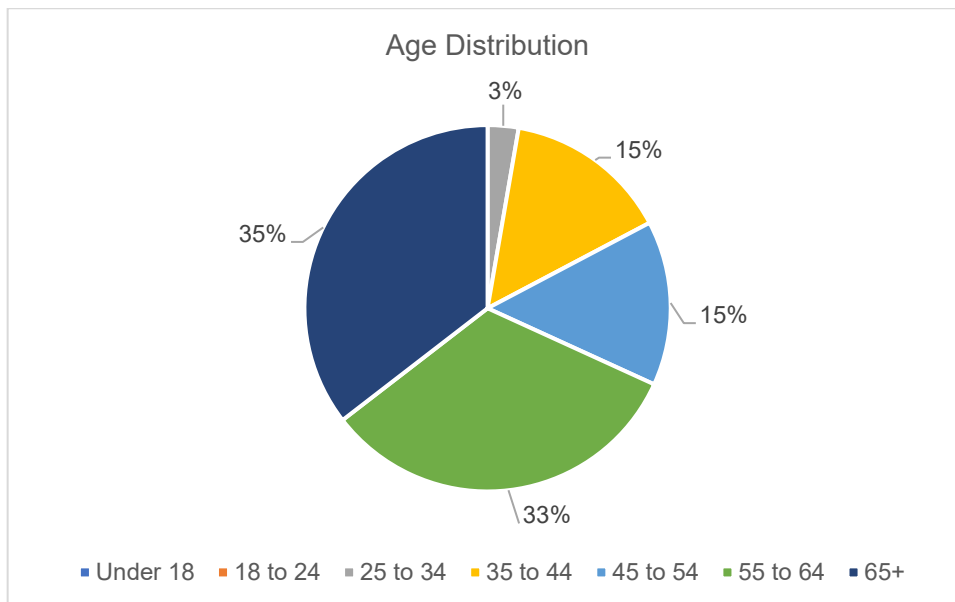
The 2020 Community Garden Survey gathered 128 responses between February 2021 and August 2021 with most responses received during March 2021 as shown in the column graph below. Of these 128 responses, 110 were from unique gardens.



Key demographic information of respondents [Survey Questions 2 and 3]

The respondents to the survey were primarily female (over 65%) and more than half (68%) were over the age of 55 as shown in the pie charts below.





Garden Details

Distribution of Gardens across Australia [Survey Question 1g]

New South Wales and Victoria are the states with the highest number of gardens (33% and 30%) as shown in the table below. No gardens were reported in Canberra.

State Representation	Number of Gardens
NSW	36 (33%)
VIC	33 (30%)
QLD	18 (16%)
WA	15 (14%)
NT	4 (4%)
SA	3 (2%)
TAS	1
ACT	0
Total	110

What type of land tenure is your garden on? [Survey Question 1e]

More than half of the gardens are in Council Land (51%), followed by Lease Land (11%), School Land (10%), and State Land (9%) as summarized in the table below.

Land Type	Number of Gardens
Council Land	56 (51%)
Leased Land	12 (11%)
School Land	11 (10%)
State Land	10 (9%)
Church Land	9 (8%)
Private Land	5 (5%)
Unanswered	4 (4%)
Licensed or Permit based Land	3 (2%)
Total	110

What stage of development is the garden in? [Survey Question 22]

The vast majority of gardens are well established (66%) and some have recently opened (20%) as depicted in the table below.

Options	Number of Responses
Well established	67 (66%)
Open and active: early days	20 (20%)
Planning stages	6 (6%)
Dormant: awaiting revival	5 (5%)
Under construction	4 (4%)
Total	102

Responses falling under “Other” included the following:

- Being renewed, huge overhaul and expansion
- In need of renewal
- About to be expanded in 4 months, park being upgraded now.
- Established, construction underway for expansion
- Planning February-July 2019, 1st planting of trees July 2019, 1st garden beds July-August 2019, ongoing care of the garden
- In the process of being revitalised
- The fruit trees, community kitchen are established, now developing school and community usage to enable garden to sustain existence.
- We have just submitted our proposal to Alexandrina council. Been working on it for over 12 months.

What is your estimate of the total number of members involved in your community garden? [Survey Question 23]

Most gardens have a relatively small number of members: 65% of gardens have between 10 and 49 people and 15% of gardens have between 0 and 9%.

Member ranges	Number of Responses
0 to 9	16 (15%)
10 to 49	71 (65%)
50 to 99	12 (11%)
100 to 499	9 (8%)
500+	2 (2%)
Total	110

How big is the total garden site? [Survey Question 24]

The size of garden has a varied distribution ranging from 0 to 5,000m² with the highest frequency (30%) for gardens between 1,000 to 5,000m² as shown in the table below.

Size ranges (m ²)	Number of Responses
0 to 100	13 (12%)
100 to 500	23 (21%)
500 to 1,000	18 (16%)
1,000 to 5,000	33 (30%)
5,0000 +	10 (9%)
Don't know	13 (12%)
Total	110

Do you have individually-tended plots, or is the garden a commons? [Survey Question 25]

Half of the gardens are mostly all commons (50%) and some have a combination of commons and individual plots (32%).

Options	Number of Responses
Mostly all commons	51 (50%)
Some commons and some individual plots	33 (32%)
Mostly all individual plots	13 (12%)
All commons	5 (5%)
All individual	1 (1%)
Total	102

Responses falling under “Other” included the following:

- All commons for growing food for Lentil As Anything with fruit trees and flowers planted around the edges
- public demonstration garden
- Individually owned gardens in separate houses with free access between all
- not established yet
- neighbourhood garden at beginning of a reserve/trail path
- We are still trying to work out how to manage garden, which has been complicated in recent times due to COVID and rabbits, starting to develop wicking beds to assist with this problem.
- Plan to have both individual and communal plots

How many individual plots are there? [Survey Question 26a)]

Most gardens (60%) have between 0 and 10 individual plots with the remaining gardens having a varied range of plots as shown in the table below.

Range of individual plots	Number of Responses
0 to 9	66 (60%)
10 to 19	12 (11%)
20 to 29	13 (12%)
30 to 39	4 (4%)
40 to 49	6 (5%)
50+	4 (4%)
Don't know	2 (2%)
TBD	3 (3%)
Total	110

Are almost all the plots usually occupied? [Survey Question 26b]

This question was left answered for almost half of the respondents (48%). When answered, the most (40%) indicated that the plots are usually occupied.

Response	Number of Responses
Yes	44 (40%)
No	9 (8%)
Don't Know	1 (1%)
N/A	3 (3%)
Unanswered	53 (48%)
Total	110

Responses falling under "Other" included the following:

- They all will be planted with crops – interpreted as Yes
- We usually have about 4-5 free at any one time – interpreted as Yes

Is there a waiting list? [Survey Question 26c]

Similar to Question 26b, many respondents did not provide an answer, indicating that either waiting lists are not present or there is a belief that this question does not apply.

Response	Number of Responses
Yes	22 (20%)
No	32 (29%)
Don't Know	1 (1%)
N/A	2 (2%)
Unanswered	53 (48%)
Total	110

If there is a waiting list, how long does it usually take to get a plot? [Survey Question 26d]

Considering the 22 responses that indicated the presence of a waiting list, the table below presents the distribution of waiting durations. In general, members of the community are

waiting between 6 and 36 months to get access to a community garden and the other responses indicate long or immeasurable wait times.

Duration Range (months)	Number of Responses
0 to 5	4 (18%)
6 to 11	3 (14%)
12 to 35	7 (32%)
36+	1 (5%)
Other	7 (32%)
Total	22

Responses falling under “Other” included the following:

- Long time
- Many years
- It is currently over 100 people
- 6 to 12 months or longer
- Unanswered
- It depends
- N/A

What infrastructure do you have in your garden? [Survey Question 27]

Considering the 110 gardens, the table below describes the presence of different infrastructure types. Most gardens have a shed (85%), an educational space (36%), toilets (35%), and kitchen (35%), but workshops are limited. Interesting to note that even gardens in the “planning” stages have the presence of some infrastructure, perhaps indicating a desire to repurpose existing resources.

Infrastructure Type	Number of Responses	% of Gardens with the feature
Shed	94	85%
Educational Space	40	36%
Toilets	39	35%
Kitchen	31	28%
Workshop	19	17%

Responses falling under “Other” included:

- Water Tanks
- Shelter Areas
- Greenhouse/ Shadehouse
- Polyhouse
- Pizza Oven
- Sinks
- Off Grid Solar
- Internet
- Weather Station
- Propagation Tunnel/House

- Fire Pit
- Play Area/Social Area
- Shipping Container
- Shed, Social area, Pergola, Outdoor Seating, Picnic Benches
- Access to Utilities/Toilets/Community Hall
- Composting Cage/Potting Area
- Chicken Coop
- Bee Enclosure
- Gardening tools, Wheelbarrows

Approximately how many people come to the garden in a typical week? [Survey Question 28a]

In general, there is between 0 and 50 people participating or visiting the community gardens that have been surveyed (88/110 responses = 80% of the sample size). The “Don’t Know” and “Unanswered” responses can indicate gardens that are still in the planning process.

Range of Visitors (People)	Number of Responses
0 to 9	34 (31%)
10 to 24	34 (31%)
25 to 49	20 (18%)
50+	9 (8%)
Don't Know	10 (9%)
Unanswered	3 (3%)
Total	110

On average, each year, approximately how many people come to the garden for special events, open days, tours, etc? [Survey Question 28b]

This question was not very well worded as responses seemed to not understand whether this was a “yearly” value or an “average per event” value which are drastically different. Furthermore, there is confusion on whether the respondent needed to consider regular gardeners or visitors. This is reflected in the following survey feedback, “*unclear question - do I duplicate regular visitors who aren't gardeners?!*”

Caution should be taken when interpreting the following results:

Range of Visitors (People)	Number of Responses
0 to 49	28 (25%)
50 to 249	36 (33%)
250 to 499	8 (7%)
500 +	13 (12%)
Don't Know	13 (12%)
No events yet	12 (11%)
Total	110

Garden Activities

What sort of cultivation happens in the garden? [Survey Question 29]

The most common cultivations identified in at least half of the gardens were *Food production for individual gardeners and households* (83%), *Informal composting and/or worm farming* (78%), and *Workshops and informal training* (56%) as shown in the Table below. Less common cultivations included: *beekeeping, chicken (for eggs or to eat), Food grown for cash sales, Accredited training, Aquaculture/aquaponics* and *Other animals - to eat*.

Types of cultivation	Number of Responses	% of Gardens with the feature
Food production for individual gardeners and households	91	83%
Informal composting and/or wormfarming	86	78%
Workshops and informal training	62	56%
Shared meals in the garden	49	45%
Visits and tours (eg. the garden hosts visits from local schools)	50	45%
Orchards	45	41%
Food swapping and trading	45	41%
Allotments (for growing vegetables or flowers)	36	33%
Food forest	29	26%
Food for community events	25	23%
Large-scale composting or green-waste processing	25	23%
Food donations to food banks, soup kitchens, charities	32	29%
Beekeeping	21	19%
Chickens - for eggs	19	17%
Food grown for cash sales	14	13%
Accredited training	3	3%
Aquaculture/aquaponics	2	2%
Other animals - to eat	1	1%
Chickens - to eat	0	0%

Responses falling under “Other” included:

- Food for community events, Too early to have established many of above but do have special interest, Indigenous food.
- Conservation and biodiversity, revegetation with native/indigenous plants, grasses, perennials, shrubs, small trees, deciduous trees, fruit/nut trees, vegetables, herbs
- In the last 2 years there has been a focus on building the kitchen, once this was done COVID hit, and we have been unable to develop various plans, this has been further complicated due to school changing various management plans and the process of a new Principal.

Are you using any water conservation methods on site? [Survey Question 30]

The four most recurrent water conservation methods adopted in at least half of the gardens included: mulching of garden beds (92%), Improving soil to increase water holding capacity (78%), and Rainwater tanks (including barrels) (60%), and wicking beds (50%).

Types of conservation	Number of Responses	% of Gardens with the feature
Mulching of garden beds	101	92%
Improving soil to increase water holding capacity	86	78%
Rainwater tanks (including barrels)	66	60%
Wicking beds	55	50%
Drip or seepage watering systems	42	38%
Stormwater retained on site (eg. swales/infiltration ditches)	15	14%
Greywater use	2	2%

Where is the garden in terms of use of fertilisers, pesticides, and herbicides? [Survey Question 31]

The majority of gardens (57%) strongly encourage organic production as summarized in the table below.

Policy	Number of Responses
Policy of organic production is strongly encouraged.	59 (57%)
Garden meets formal standards	22 (21%)
Use of chemicals is discouraged.	12 (12%)
No specific policy. Gardeners make their own decisions.	11 (11%)
Garden is certified organic and biodynamic	0
Total	104

Responses falling under “Other” included:

- Without proper management the garden has been left partially neglected, no mulching, no basic understanding of organic principals followed.
- Organic policy but no accreditation
- not established yet
- No chemicals allowed - an organic garden
- We do not use unnatural chemicals and do not allow them on site. We use composting and mulching.
- We still have to have the group discussion on this issue

Funding and People

How many hours of volunteer work are contributed to garden admin in a typical week? [Survey Question 32a]

A majority of gardens had volunteers supporting garden development. The question was challenging as some respondents seemingly provided “monthly” or “yearly” values. For examples, there was a response that indicated 2500 hours which could be an annual value.

Caution should be taken when interpreting the following results:

Duration Range (hours/week)	Number of Responses
0 to 9	68 (62%)
10 to 24	18 (16%)
25 to 49	5 (5%)
50+	7 (6%)
Don't Know	10 (9%)
N/A	2 (2%)

Total	110
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How many hours are contributed additionally to put on special events in a given year?
 [Survey Question 32b]

Similar to Question 32a, responses indicated uncertainty regarding the time scale: whether it is weekly or yearly data. Thus, caution should be taken when interpreting the following results.

Duration Range (hours/year)	Number of Responses
0 to 49	49 (45%)
50 to 249	25 (23%)
250 to 499	0 (0%)
500 +	8 (7%)
Unanswered	1 (1%)
Don't Know	19 (17%)
N/A	8 (7%)
Total	110

If there are any paid staff, please estimate the number of paid hours per week in total.
 [Survey Question 33]

The vast majority of gardens (69%) are dependent on volunteers (no paid staff members) as shown below. However, it is likely that the responses of "N/A" also indicate that there are no paid staff either, increasing the number to 91/110. Only one surveyed farm has more than 60 paid hours per week.

Duration Range (hours/week)	Number of Responses
No Paid Staff	76 (69%)
0 to 19	8 (7%)
20 to 39	2 (2%)
40 to 59	0 (0%)
60 +	1 (1%)
Unanswered	3 (3%)
Don't Know	5 (5%)
N/A	15 (14%)
Total	110

Does your garden currently have any staffing needs? (Yes/No) [Survey Question 34]

Approximately 31% of surveyed gardens have staffing needs, suggesting that a majority of farms are functioning well as is in terms of staff.

Yes	34 (31%)
No	76 (69%)
Total	110

Is there funding available for any staffing needs? Please indicate Yes/No and provide a comment. [Survey Question 35]

In general, there is limited funding available, however some of the comments indicate that funding is considered as being against the principles of “volunteer based” community gardens. As shown in the additional comments below, this is not a universal trend, because many gardens indicate the need for funding where individuals apply for specific grants.

Yes	11 (10%)
No	90 (82%)
N/A	9 (8%)
Total	110

Responses falling under “Other” included:

- No, it is important that members run the garden for free.
- No, originally funded with Council Grant and now fund raising by community
- Yes. Staff are paid from income from our social enterprises
- Yes, limited funding
- Yes. VET funding available for training.
- No. Since our first establishment grant we can no longer get funding for staff despite being in lockdown last year so our CG coordinator not having the opportunity to build on volunteer commitment
- Yes. We apply for grants but not always successful so we cannot put staff on but need to.
- Yes, through Council initially, then external.
- Yes, Like many school 'community' gardens- they are dependent on the attitude of the Principal and in our case, a relatively low community engagement. Funding basically comes from applications that are put in when I have time.
- No, we have had a Centrelink approved volunteer in the past

What is the garden’s funding model? [Survey Question 36]

Only 7 gardens did not select any option of funding model presented in the survey with most other respondents selecting multiple options. The survey indicates that gardens rely on “in-kind” support and are self-funded (75%) and to a slightly lesser degree also seek support from grants and non-government organisations (48%).

Funding Model	Number of Responses	% of Gardens with the feature
In-kind support (eg. volunteer labour, donated goods)	83	75%
Support from non-government organisations (eg. grants, assistance from service agencies)	53	48%
Government support (eg. grants)	60	55%
Self-funding activities (eg. plot fees, plant sales, workshops, BBQ's, fundraising)	73	66%

Responses falling under “Other” included:

- Seeding grant \$20k from the council
- Our local op shop is our main funding support , with volunteers choosing to allocate their time to the garden.
- We are under Blacktown Council with no funding

- Council owned and operated
- Membership fees
- Council will supply a small amount of labour and materials such as mulch, brochure holder...
- Saturday cafe
- Bunnings BBQ

After any initial start-up funding, how does the garden prioritise its funding requirements? (Ranking) [Survey Question 37]

Survey respondents provided a clear indication that in-kind support was the most important source of funding for the functioning of community gardens with 59 responses indicating it as the “1st Priority” representing over half of the sample size. This question was not answered by 7 respondents and 15 other respondents only indicated 1st, 2nd and 3rd priorities.

Prioritisation	Number of Responses			
	In-kind support (eg. volunteer labour, donated goods)	Support from non-government organisations (eg. grants, assistance from service agencies)	Government support (eg. grants)	Self-funding activities (eg. plot fees, plant sales, workshops, BBQ's, fundraising)
1st Priority	59	7	12	25
2nd Priority	18	29	26	25
3rd Priority	11	32	30	18
4th Priority	10	23	20	25

Does your garden have any current funding needs for matters other than staffing (Yes/No)? If yes, what would these funds be used for? (Descriptive) [Survey Question 38]

Overall, a majority of gardens (62%) would appreciate further funding. The descriptive statements below suggest many respondents need large scale funding to improve infrastructure but there are also simpler funding requests to assist with workshops or even mowing the lawn.

Yes	69 (62%)
No	38 (35%)
N/A	3 (3%)
Total	110

Descriptive responses included:

- Yes - Water tanks and new watering system
- Yes - workshops
- Yes - we often look for grants to improve garden infrastructure
- Yes - infrastructure
- Yes, many key areas are underfunded

- Yes , water tank and rain gutters on the Pivot shed and approval to do this, small solar system to charge our battery powered lawn mower and future battery powered tools (maybe chainsaw and drill)
- Yes, Queensland Fruit Fly Protection.
- Yes - material to fill wicking beds
- yes various, depends on what projects people have time to manage
- Yes - fencing
- Yes - Infrastructure (plots, wicking beds, composting, power)
- Yes we need help but council said No money
- Yes - We would need funding for basic inputs such as soil and compost and perhaps a temporary shed.
- Yes, supply of citrus trees and fruit trees to be planted outside the very small community garden fence.
- Yes - raised beds
- Yes, we need a toilet on site
- Yes - Funding to cover an outdoor kitchen would be wonderful, so that we could prepare the food that we grow, and spend more time in the garden.
- Yes - renovating beds to wicking beds due to camphor laurel root encroachment
- Yes - New water tanks, whirly birds for sea container shed
- yes, irrigation system
- Yes, to upgrade the solar system
- Yes - Pruning
- Yes - If we had time to complete grant applications, we would submit one to complete a pathing rehabilitation and drip irrigation system project that we would like to initiate. Luckily we are financially viable to the extent that we could find this ourselves, but no doubt a grant would be a useful addition if we had the means to complete relevant applications. I guess in that sense maybe we have a staffing need for someone to complete applications for us!
- Yes -Further funding for establishing the garden
- Yes - More trees for Orchard, soil improvers
- Yes -Tools
- Yes - Soil top up of beds, Fertiliser/pest control consumables, equipment purchase/hire and maintenance, Water keys for users.
- Yes. A new stage, a bigger toilet block, wheelchair accessible paths throughout the site.
- Yes. New mower. Weed burning appliance
- Yes - purchasing expensive beds which comply with local council regulation, expanding composting capability, creating a swale to address drainage issues, building a workshop space, building climbing structures.
- Yes - Chicken and fish food, seeds, mulch, play equipment for kids
- Yes - Irrigation system, compost bins, implement shed; hydroponics; vertical garden system
- Yes - needs a manager and to be rejuvenated
- Yes - Irrigation
- Yes - Infrastructure and materials
- Yes - Infrastructure such as new compost beds
- Yes, Infrastructure - water efficient irrigation, propagation area and materials, more tools and bough shelter for dry season outdoor classroom
- Yes - Hot house. Prop shed. Kitchen. Classroom. Toilets
- Yes, for some infrastructure/seating etc
- Yes - solar installation, development of education programs

- Yes, better watering facilities, a shade sail, toilet
- Yes - we would love some aquaponics
- Yes - A major redevelopment - needed due to safety and disability access issues, to commence 'commons' gardening and increases composting to include community composting
- Yes - currently need funding for granitic sand to make ground accessible for people using wheelchairs
- Yes - Infrastructure: major paths, gazebo, workshop/education space, irrigation
- Yes - Garden Infrastructure
- Yes - resources, plants, shadecloth, birdnetting, more wicking beds, events such as workshops to attract more people to the garden, brochures
- Yes - Membership database
- Yes. Ongoing utilities, admin, project management, community development, infrastructure etc
- Yes. For mowing the grass
- Yes - Workshops
- Yes - gardening equipment/tools, soil improvements, public access to water needs to be provided (secure/safety), cost of plants/pea straw mulch
- Yes - Upgrade to facilities (kitchen, toilets); hot water, heating and cooling; garden maintenance equipment (mower/ride-on mower); permanent soil storage bays; rotunda; power to the garden; additional reticulation; outdoor summer shelters and seating; additional hard surfaces (paths) for increased accessibility and to minimise amount of grassed area encroaching on beds; additional production beds; kids play area; costs to remove grassed area and dispose of large soil/refuse mounds; outdoor kitchen area for increased functions.
- Yes - More infrastructure for additional beds
- Yes. To establish a Fairy Garden, Children's Play area, more garden beds and Fruit Trees
- Yes equipment
- Yes - new fence, better chicken quarters, more community liaison
- Yes - Expansion and to purchase citrus and fruit trees
- Yes- Upgrade infrastructure ie, reticulation, tool replacement
- Yes - start up build
- Yes - Improve watering system
- Yes. To build the garden beds, reticulation and kitchen
- Yes, replace the dilapidated greenhouse
- Yes - Repairs and maintenance of wicking beds
- Yes - For maintenance of irrigation, feeding and resupplying chickens etc
- Yes - We are looking at trying to organise funding for chickens [fencing area, etc] and getting 100 plant ID posts [either QR coding or Augmented Reality]
- Yes currently seeking council assistance, but not expecting so much; so actively looking at other grant opportunities. Any suggestions?
- Yes, more wicking beds, indigenous food/flora beds, garden equipment and supplies

Memberships and Affiliations

As an organisation, is the garden affiliated with or hosted by another organisation?

[Survey Question 39]

Almost half of the community gardens (49%) are independently managed with no host as shown in the table below.

Affiliation	Number of Responses
Independently managed (no host organisation)	54 (49%)
Managed through a local council or State programme	19 (17%)
Other	19 (17%)
Affiliated with a church or school	18 (17%)
Total	110

Responses falling under "Other" included:

- Affiliated with a university
- LACE is the incorporated body
- Neighbourgood Centre
- Not incorporated but our funds are held by Wynyard Lions
- Inside a retirement village
- Auspiced by Lentil As Anything and on State Transit land.
- Sub committee of community progress assn.
- not affiliated
- Garden Clubs Australia
- Community Gro
- Hosted and managed through Community Centre
- charities
- Managed by CCF
- Auspiced
- A project of The Hills Food Frontier (not for profit)
- CERES Environmental Park
- hosted by community centre
- inquiries commenced for affiliation with an organisation
- We have a partnership with our local RSL
- Owner/developer's Foundation hosts
- Local community group

As an organisation (or through a key member) what other groups is the garden associated with? [Survey Question 40]

Community Gardens Australia (CGA) is the main group that the gardens associated with (55%). It is worth noticing that a considerable portion of gardens (22%) does not connect with any other organisation.

Association	Number of Responses
Community Gardens Australia (CGA)	53 (55%)
Garden Clubs of Australia	12 (13%)
Australia Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA)	3 (3%)
Seed Savers Network	7 (7%)
None of the above	21 (22%)
Total	96

Responses falling under “Other” included:

- WA Community Gardens Network
- Council
- Lentil As Anything
- Community gardens in Logan City Council
- Some local community groups eg. Christmas Lunch for Lonely people
- Local sustainability network
- CERES is the member of other groups
- Hoping CGA
- Local community groups who come to garden with us
- Other local community gardens
- Cityof Greater Geelong (LGA)
- Bendigo Foodshare
- Community gardens WA
- We are developing links with community groups and hope to organise more 'community activities' in the garden, unfortunately COVID has put many things on hold.

Further Support

Different comments were entered for this question. Yet, it is worth highlighting an emphasis on the request for information sharing and promotion of gardens including training, as well as networking opportunities for gardens/gardeners locally and across Australia. These could be facilitated via the CGA website or the proposed app. Funding/donations and assistance in setting up gardens (council approval, grant opportunities, etc) were two other themes common across a number of answers.

How can we better support? [Survey Question 41]

- Keep up info about other gardens and trends
- An awesome easy to use website
- Continued promotion of urban Ag and all its benefits.
- Please contact us we are a garden for the community and remain community focused
- Visiting our garden/meeting
- I think posting/sharing the latest methods or ideas around soil health, seed growing and saving, planting times and insect biodiversity and make growing food a cool idea! Grants that maybe available
- Writing successful grant applications, possible grants
- info sharing
- interaction between gardens
- Just do what you're doing
- Site visits, connecting in person and linking local community gardens
- Help some garden like are with donation and plant, soil , etc..
- more contact please
- It would be good to be networked with other community gardens and find out how they are run.
- A visit and educational guidance to the current "Board" (no manager at present) and/or members of the Green Point Community Garden, of which I think there may be one!
- i didnt know you existed but we would like to have more contact with other gardens maybe host each other
- We are a low-key garden with volunteers working in the food gardens as well as native plant nursery. No support needed from ACG
- Campaign to make funding applications easier to complete.
- The phone app sounds promising.
- No ideas at present
- Keep going and promoting us. Thankyou 🌻
- Promote our garden (Regional) and grants
- Currently we are looking for an alternative site.
- Facilitating the networking of gardens that are geographically close together.
- Help community gardens band together to keep council from making unreasonable demands on the gardens
- Making funds available for expensive garden equipment.
- Don't ask the same question twice.
- It would be great to create a Brisbane community garden's network that meets on a regular basis to share events, cross pollinate ideas and build networks. It's difficult to organise this as one garden, but a semi-regular online event held in the evenings could be beneficial. I am more than happy to assist in coordinating this (I just don't have all the contacts yet!).
- Promote our garden; App sounds great
- Help us become independent and not reliant on CCF
- You are doing a great job!
- Training for better gardening practices
- update website. fund admin at national & state level. integrate with councils for greater support for CG's, create an events page/newsletter on FB. & email.
- start up advice and direction towards possible grant funding

- Surveys like this are very helpful. Also when a member of a previous garden we had lots of visits by other gardens and groups. One of these visits was during a CGCF convention in Victoria which was very helpful.
- share news of grant opportunities + showcase what gardens are doing around Australia + share educational resources created for community gardens
- I think we're doing okay thanks. The support we get from Sydney City Council is fine for us.
- We would gladly accept any support. We have no funding so we are not members of any organisations that cost to join.
- Access to: policies and procedures; operational guidelines outlining different ways CGs can operate (eg how do Commons CGs operate?)
- We are thankful you are there and share information with members and through your website. We are all connected through you. Thanks for all that you do!
- we are going very well thank you
- We're well supported by City of Sydney Council
- More established members would have a better idea
- Networking event with other local gardens. I did not reply about apps as I am not tech savvy with them & do not use apps. Filling in myself as I joined on behalf of the garden.
- Thank you for hosting this survey - it is well needed.
- Allowing us to remove inappropriate trees, so we can plant appropriate trees
- Advise of funding available, as most don't necessarily focus on community gardens, particularly to run workshops on sustainability but also wildlife living in gardens, attracting native bees etc.
- More information on general vegetable gardening and fruit trees for a hot, dry climate
- Info & regularly touching base. Grants
- maybe support for grants applications, also support or processes for conflict resolution, out lead campaign for government funding for community gardens EVERYWHERE
- Support is needed through education of permaculture practices and strict permaculture rules in regards to mulching and fertilising. This garden is controlled by a very small minority of old school gardeners using old principles, the yield is therefore low and with the lack of mulching utilises a huge amount of water. Rules, guidelines and sharing practices need to be introduced for this garden to move forward.
- Lobby all governments to assist with funding - insurance is our biggest cost.
- Streamline start up process throughout NSW. or provide necessary document templates to make start up for others easier.
- I haven't heard about your organisation so there needs to be some promotion.
- Advice on how to speed up land repurposing and allocation
- keep website up to date. Provide support/workshops for existing groups on topics like increasing membership, new technologies, speakers online, etc.
- Advise on how we may receive funding, thank you
- Networking 'events' virtually or otherwise to meet others and understand what we could do that they are doing!
- "There are two issues with this particular garden at present.
- Firstly, the original idea behind the garden was to engage the school community both in educating and bringing 'parents,etc' into the school - unfortunately, recent school 'priorities' have not enabled much 'participation' in the garden by students in a 'practical' sense. Indeed this has probably decreased from a number of years ago. Thus - this is an important aspect of this garden that can only be resolved when school management value the garden in such a way that students are given opportunities to 'work' in the garden. IT is hoped this will also involve encouraging parent participation as well.
- Secondly, whilst there is a small core group of volunteers working in the garden, there are difficulties in increasing the number of community members due to various social factors. The CGA could possibly help by running some 'free' workshops in the garden to encourage more local participation, assisting with developing a plant propagation program and any assistance in developing our plant id system."
- Alert to grant opportunities

Interest in using smart phone application

The results below indicate an appetite for an app with 64% of respondent indicating interest and only 13% stating they would not be interested. The “plant identification” and “location” features appearing to be the most important. In addition, the alerts feature was also commented on as being very useful. The “performance comparison feature” had the lowest rating followed by the “health benefit feature” as shown in the graph below.

Response	Number of Responses
Yes	82 (64%)
Maybe	30 (23%)
No	16 (13%)
Total	128

