

EDIBLE POCKET GARDENS POLICY

Responsible Division	Technical Services
Responsible Business Unit/s	Sustainable Environment
Responsible Officer	Manager Sustainability and Environment
Affected Business Unit/s	Parks and Gardens; Sustainable Environment



PURPOSE:

To support residents using a portion of their local park as an 'edible pocket garden' to promote greening and sustainability initiatives throughout the City.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Where appropriate, the City will support growing appropriate fruit trees or edible plants in an Edible Pocket Garden within parks and reserves in the City of Bayswater.

Edible pocket gardens will be supported by the City of Bayswater if the following conditions are met:

1. A suitable site is identified to the satisfaction of the City.
2. A resident gains approval to grow the edible trees or 'edible pocket garden' prior to undertaking any works.
3. The 'edible pocket garden' does not require significant changes to the park or reserve landscaping requirements and is complementary to the present and future objectives of the site.
4. The site is prepared and maintained by the resident to the satisfaction of the City.
5. If an edible pocket garden is considered by the City to pose a safety hazard or is poorly maintained, the City can request the resident to undertake works to meet the requirements of this policy. If these requests cannot be met the City may remove the garden.
6. 'Edible pocket gardens' built prior to the adoption of this policy do not need to seek retrospective approval, however will need to meet the other ongoing requirements of this policy.
7. Residents are required to meet the 'edible pocket garden' guidelines; which may be modified from time-to-time.

DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this policy, an 'edible pocket garden' is defined as a green space that:

- a) Is on City owned or managed land;
- b) Is managed by residents or the local community;
- c) The fundamental activity is the production of consumable plants for use by the community; and
- d) Is not a formal community garden.

RELATED LEGISLATION:

Nil

RELATED DOCUMENTATION:

Edible Pocket Garden Guidelines

Relevant Delegations		
Risk Evaluation		
Council Adoption	<i>Date</i>	
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