



Potential Sites for Community Gardens in Frankston City

Adapted from the Community Gardens Site Location Audit 2011

Increases in Australian living costs, as well as the effects of climate change are impacting on the price and availability of fresh produce. This is contributing to an increased interest within the community for people to grow their own produce. For those who are not confident or experienced, participation in a community garden will allow them to develop skills through the informal sharing of information, knowledge and ideas that occurs in this social setting.

This document aims to prepare Council to respond to future requests for community gardens by the identification of suitable sites in the municipality that can be considered for community gardens. It is not a definitive or exhaustive list, as community interest in other sites may create a significant level of demand for them to be considered on a case by case basis. In the first instance though, this listing could be used to guide Council and interested community groups and residents in determining the location of potential new sites for community gardens.

Community gardens are a practical and long term strategy towards achieving food security that allows people to grow their own produce locally and cheaply and thus increases access to fresh fruit and vegetables



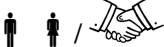


Frankston City is currently home to three community gardens, Groundswell and Joy of the Earth (Frankston) and Pines Patch (Frankston North). These community gardens fit the common definition as they are located on public land; available for membership to the general public; non-profit enterprises; comprise a series of garden plots rented out for growing edible produce and managed by a committee of local residents and organisations. Community gardens may also include communal plots, ornamental beds, orchards, art work and relaxation space.

The Audit Table has selected Council owned land and rates a number of public open spaces against certain elements important to the success of a community garden.

Seven criteria have been chosen for their relevance in evaluating a potential site.

These are as follows:
























- ❖ co-location with services;
- ❖ compatibility with surrounding land use;
- ❖ natural surveillance;
- ❖ nearby public transport;
- ❖ car parking;
- ❖ access to public toilets; an,
- ❖ existing community interest.







FEATURE	RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY GARDEN
Co-location with other organisation/community group	<p>This is important in terms of attracting individual members from those attending adjacent community groups. Members of those groups may also want to participate in a nearby community garden</p> <p>Water harvesting from the roof of an adjacent public building, with permission, allows the garden to have an independent source of water</p> <p>Opportunities for co-located groups to network and work collaboratively</p>
Natural surveillance 	<p>A feeling of security can be engendered by enabling local residents to clearly see the community garden, whether they are visiting another building, walking their dogs or looking across from their front yard into the community garden or driving past.</p> <p>For community gardens without high fences or locked gates, this passive surveillance may alleviate concerns about stealing of produce</p>
Nearby public transport 	<p>This criteria is included to provide access to as many people as possible</p> <p>It also recognises that for some, living on a low income precludes private car ownership</p>
Access to toilet facilities 	<p>Members of community gardens spend time in the garden planting, weeding etc and also attend working bees and meetings</p> <p>Toilet facilities do not necessarily mean public toilets, but could mean negotiated access to toilets in nearby public buildings.</p> <p>The second symbol is used in those locations where this needs to occur.</p>
Car parking 	<p>Ideally, if the community garden is co-located with another organisation then car parking may already exist. If not, then on-street parking would need to be used.</p> <p>Installation of a bicycle rack could encourage members to cycle to the garden.</p>
Compatibility with surrounding land use	<p>This criteria is included on advice from the Open Space Working Group, who considered that not all existing open space use is compatible with a community garden e.g. conservation reserves that could be contaminated by seed dispersal from weedy plants such as fennel etc</p>
Existing community interest 	<p>Interest originating from an existing group is invaluable to the long term viability of a community garden. This is due to the community's sense of ownership and personal investment in its success.</p>

In the attached Community Garden Site Location Audit the first three locations in each suburb are those that meet most of the criteria and are identified as preferred sites. Other locations are included, but clearly do not meet most of the criteria



















COMMUNITY GARDEN - SITE LOCATION AUDIT







FRANKSTON CENTRAL & EAST

PARK	Natural surveillance	Co-location	Nearby public transport	Access to toilet facilities	Car parking	Compatibility with surrounding land use	Existing community interest	Open Space Strategy		Other
								Class	Type	
Ballam Park Homestead Reserve (Cranbourne-Frankston Rd)		Ballam Park homestead				✓	✗	Community	Cultural heritage	Existing orchard Heritage Victoria may prefer site external to homestead
Joy St Reserve (Joy St)		Maternal & Child Health Centre Pre-school				✓		Community	Social informal	
Ebdale Community and Family Learning Hub (Ebdale St)		Ebdale Community and Family Learning Hub				✓	✗	n/a	n/a	Located within Hub, not adjacent reserve - no loss of open space
Orwil St Reserve (Orwil St)		Orwil St Neighbourhood House				✓	✗	Large local	Social informal	Concern about removal of limited open space
Whistlestop Reserve (Dalpura Cct)		✗		✗	✓	✓	✗	Community	Social informal	
Wingham Reserve (Ashleigh Ave)		Karingal PLACE				✓	✗	Community	Social informal/ Natural parkland	Also site of quarterly local market
























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


CARRUM DOWNS AND SKYE

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Rotary Park (Lyrebird Dve)		Pre-school				✓	✗	Community	Social informal	
Sandfield Reserve (Sandfield Dve)		Play equipment and informal courts Nearby school and pre-school				✓	✗	Community	Social informal	
Bowerbird Pre-school (Lyrebird Dve)		Pre-school				✓	✗	n/a	n/a	
Carrum Downs Reserve (Wedge Rd)		Scouts Sporting clubs				✓ (see other)	✗	District	Sporting / Social informal	Dependent on future of tennis courts
Darnley Reserve (Darnley Dve)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	Large local	Social informal	Too close to conservation reserve
Santa Clara (Santa Clara Mews)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	Large local	Social informal	













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SEAFORD

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Seaford Pre-School (Railway Pde)		Pre-school				✓	✗	n/a	n/a	
Armstrong Reserve / Riviera Pre-School (Newton St)		Pre-school Playgroup				✓		Community	Social informal / Natural parkland	May also be space inside adjacent Maternal & Child Health Centre block
East Seaford Reserve (Brunel Rd)		Nearby school Sports clubrooms				✓	✗	District	Sporting / Social informal	
Broughton Reserve (Station St)		Seaford Hall Senior Citizens				✗	✗	Community	Social informal / Urban civic	Not enough space
Prince Reserve (Prince Cres)		Guides Pre-school				✓	✗	Community	Social informal	Exposed site
Weatherston Reserve (Weatherston Rd)		Play equipment		✗	✗	✗	✗	Large local	Social informal	


















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LANGWARRIN

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Lloyd Park-Pindara Playground (Pindara Blvd)		Nearby sports clubs and hall			✓	✓	✗	District	Sporting / Social informal / Conservation	
Malcolm Reserve (Malcolm Rd)		Nearby sports clubs and hall			✗	✓	✗	Large local	Other	Care needed with seed dispersal to nearby bushland
Northgateway Reserve (Northgateway)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✗	Large local	Natural parkland / social informal	
Monique Reserve (Monique Dve)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	Large local	Social informal	
Long Reserve (Long St)	✗	✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	Large local	Social informal / Natural parkland	
Bayport Reserve (Bayport Dve)	✗	Pre-school			✓	✓	✗	Small local	Social informal / link	
Cavill Reserve (Cavill Close)	✓	✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	Large local	Social informal	
Dunn Reserve (Dunn Cres)		✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	Large local	Social informal	

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FRANKSTON HEIGHTS & SOUTH

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Jubilee Park (Nursery Avenue)		Nearby Aboriginal Gathering Place and Scout Hall		 (completion 2012)	x	✓	✓	Regional	Sporting / Natural parkland	Masterplan in 2012
Delacombe Park (Towerhill Rd)		Nearby pre-school and Guides			P	✓	x	Community	Sporting / Social informal	
Bruce Park (Bondi Ave)		Nearby sports clubs and hall		Open for special events	P	✓	x	District	Sporting	Aspiration for social informal use according to Open Space audit
Mincha Reserve (Mincha St)	x	x		x	x	✓	x	Small local	Social informal	
Yamala Reserve (Bowes St)		Nearby bowls and tennis club			P	✓	x	Community	Sporting / Social informal	
Overport Park (Overport Rd)		Nearby arts and sporting clubs			P	x	x	District	Sporting	Significant conservation area
Baden Powell Reserve (Humphries Rd)	x	Nearby pre-school			P	x	x	Community	Sporting	Significant conservation area

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COMMUNITY GARDEN – APPROXIMATE COSTS

Infrastructure

Pathways	\$2000
Shed/storage facilities	\$5000
Fencing	\$5000
Water harvesting (tank, pump etc)	\$3000
Seating and shaded area	\$2000
Signage	\$1500
	<u>\$18,500</u>

Gardening supplies

Soil, mulch etc	\$1500
Tools and equipment	\$1000
Fruit trees and vines	\$250
Composting equipment	\$500
	<u>\$3,250</u>

Accessible garden beds

Raised beds (\$1000 each) x 4	\$4000
Wheelchair accessible bed x 1	\$1700
	<u>\$5,700</u>

TOTAL **\$27,450**