

Warners Bay Community Garden

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ATTENTION GREEN-THUMBS! Would you like to help build a COMMUNITY GARDEN?

The Warners Bay Community Garden group would like to extend an invitation to the entire community of Lake Macquarie to participate in the building of a community garden for everyone.

**Learn to grow your own food...
Its fun, healthy and the whole family can participate!**



Where is the Community Garden?

Lake Macquarie City Council has identified the preferred site for the community garden as the open, grassed area in Bunya Park (see map over page). The site is in a very prominent location, close to the foreshore cycleway/walkway and has a number of necessary facilities including an accessible toilet, sunny aspect and enough space for everyone who already uses the park. The group considers this location to be an ideal location and would very much like to hear your feedback about the proposal.



Who can join?

Anyone can volunteer to become a community gardener. We have already received strong support from a very diverse range of people eager to learn about gardening, growing and sustainability. The "One Garden" approach will be adopted to ensure that all gardeners will have the opportunity to contribute to the facility rather than using plot allocations which would only provide opportunity to a select few. Anyone is free to visit the garden anytime but to participate in the gardening activities, you will need to be a member.



How much does it cost?

Membership is \$20 per adult, \$10 Student / Concession, and children (up to the end of high school) are free. Your membership fee covers the various administration costs such as insurance and advertising.

Do I need to know how to grow?

Not at all. One of the primary goals is to create a place of "hands-on" education. You don't have to know about gardening, just be eager to learn. Experienced gardeners are also encouraged to participate, share their knowledge and become mentors for the newer gardeners.



What is the purpose of the Community Garden?

The WBCG project is being established to bring together the wider community of Warners Bay and surrounding suburbs with the primary goals of fostering community connection, education, friendship and understanding. WBCG will provide community education in the areas of garden design, organic food production, soil health, waste recycling through composting and mulching, worm farming and seed saving. Garden volunteers are encouraged to apply these skills in their own backyard and share their experiences with others. Landcare has also performed exemplary work in the adjoining bushland areas and the facility will provide a means to educate the wider community on the need to support these groups in the care of our environment.



Why build a community garden?

Whilst young people have the benefits of advanced technology, they often lack knowledge about where our food comes from. With signs that our population is getting more obese, we need ways to improve our eating habits, especially those of our kids. In 2 generations, the average Australian family has lost the knowledge of how to grow fruits and vegetables in suburbia. The community garden group will benefit the community through knowledge sharing, strengthening community bonds and being inclusive of all sectors of the community.



Will Bunya Park still be a recreational area?

Absolutely! The proposed Community Garden will not encroach into the existing recreational areas where people congregate for weekend barbeques, parties and other family outings.

How do I join or comment on the project?

If you would like to join the community garden or just express your views, please visit our website and tell us. We'd love to hear from you!

Anyone can volunteer to become a community gardener
This is your opportunity to contribute to establishing a Community Garden.
See over page for full details.

The Time to Decide is NOW! The Time to Act is NOW!

Lake Macquarie City Council will vote on this in February / March 2010
WE NEED YOUR HELP to ensure that Lake Macquarie City
Council make the RIGHT DECISION

If you want to see a Community Garden established
in BUNYA PARK, you need to take action with us.

The following diagram is the proposed site for the Community Garden



Imagine being able to learn how to grow your own fresh fruit, veggies and herbs

Think about the health benefits that gardening can provide through physical activity as well as fresh, organic produce

Meet new friends and connect with a thriving network of residents that work together with a common goal

Learn what it takes to live and act sustainably in the world in which we live

Contribute to the future of our community by teaching the kids the wonders of growing their own food

Have your say:

1. Go to our website www.warnersbaycommunitygarden.org
2. Register as a "Friend of the Garden" or a full member
3. Write a letter of support to your councillor*
4. Encourage your friends to do the same

* An information kit will be emailed to you when you register

Trish Jarvie would be happy to speak with you about the Community Garden project.

Contact Trish on (02) 4947 1821 or secretary@warnersbaycommunitygarden.org

Visit our website at www.warnersbaycommunitygarden.org

Drop by at our Lions Club market stall (2nd Sunday of every month, John Street car park Warners Bay) for a chat and pick yourself out a nice collection of seedlings that our growers have on offer.



We welcome your comments, suggestions and support