



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## CLARENDON COMMUNITY GARDEN

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### Where did this project idea come from?

The local community in Clarendon has recognised an opportunity to transform a disused space into a flourishing community garden.

The groups vision is to create an inclusive space where the community can connect through the enjoyment of gardening, organic food production and consumption, learn new skills, connect to nature, and improve local biodiversity and food security.

The group (Community Garden Committee) recently formed and have developed a comprehensive management plan proposal that was submitted to council for consideration and approval.

The Over 50's Club are in full support for the community garden to be established.

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### What will the garden with look like and consist of?

At this stage there is no formal design for the garden. The Community Garden Committee will use feedback from this consultation and continue working with the community to formalise the design.

To support the garden, rainwater tanks and a storage shed will be installed close to the Hazel McKenzie Hall.

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### How is the garden being funded?

The community garden has the financial support of the structured Clarendon Community Association community fundraising management.

Through connection of the volunteering program through the Op Shop, the garden will have access to funds available for community projects.

The garden committee aim to apply for grants and seek local sponsorship to establish the community garden.

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### What are the objectives of the community garden?

In line with the Community Garden Committee's vision, the objectives are to:

- Reduce community impact on the environment by growing their own food (reducing food miles and creation of biodiverse land management)

- Contribute to urban greening, incorporating native flora to encourage fauna
- Increase the nutrition of what we eat: paddock to plate reducing nutrient loss from storage, reduced toxic load with organic food practices, organically grown, seasonal produce.
- Food security for our community
- Education and skill sharing through informal and formal sessions/workshops.
- Community connection: meeting new people, creating purpose, creation of an inclusive space with garden and food-based events.
- Incidental exercise improving physical and mental wellbeing
- Connect to nature increasing physical and mental wellbeing

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### How will the garden be watered?

Due to the positioning of the proposed site, there will be minimal runoff. Below outlines the planning and maintenance proposed by the garden committee:

- Installation of water tanks close to the Hazel McKenzie Hall
- Planting of trees and a wide strip of wild-flower meadows at the base of the garden with directed channels for run-off
- Maintaining a green area between garden beds to absorb run-off
- Wicking beds
- Improving soil permeability to increase water retention
- Mulching to improve water retention and ensure root systems are protected
- Hand watering and irrigation systems installation

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### How will waste be managed?

Organic waste will be managed through worm farms and compost systems. For non-organic waste, the group has a long-term goal to have zero non-organic waste.

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### Will there be roles available for interested community members?

Yes, there will be roles available such as membership coordinator, communications officer, social events

coordinator, workshop coordinator, volunteer management and more.

You can register your interest for one of these roles through the consultation at [www.onkapingacity.com/yoursay](http://www.onkapingacity.com/yoursay).

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### Is there parking available?

The proposed location is on the grounds of the Hazel McKenzie Hall on Harper Road Clarendon. There is adequate parking at this location and there will be no interference with the local community.

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### Will there be events held at the site?

Yes, the Community Garden Committee's vision is to facilitate social events revolving around the food produced in the garden as well as garden related workshops to increase our knowledge and skills.

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### Will there be public toilets available?

Public toilets are located inside the Hazel McKenzie Hall and will be available during certain times.

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### Who will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the garden?

The overall management of the garden is the responsibility of the Community Garden Committee, a local not-for-profit volunteer community group made up of local community members.

If the proposal is approved by Council, the Community Clarendon Association will lease the site and will oversee the Community Garden Committee who will be responsible for maintenance of this area.

Membership will be open to everyone as are places on the committee, subject to the rules of the group as governed by the constitution under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

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### How can I provide feedback?

There are many ways to provide your feedback:

**Online:** [www.onkapingacity.com/yoursay](http://www.onkapingacity.com/yoursay)

**Email:** [mail@onkapinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:mail@onkapinga.sa.gov.au)

**On-site:** Join the Community Garden Committee for an onsite information session on 27 May 2023 between 10am and midday at the Hazel McKenzie Hall, Harper St

Clarendon

**In person:** Clarendon General Store

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### How can I get further information?

Visit the website at [www.onkapingacity.com/yoursay](http://www.onkapingacity.com/yoursay) or contact:

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