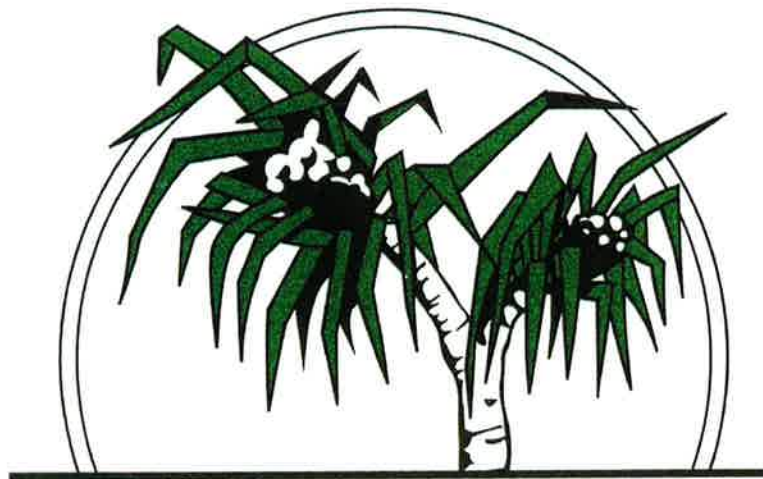


**NHULUNBUY CORPORATION LIMITED**

**COMMUNITY GARDENS**

**POL-034-GARDEN**



**YEAR 2014**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The policy establishes a framework for managing community gardens in Nhulunbuy. It has been developed to facilitate community access, use and management of community purpose land for a community garden.

## 2 POLICY OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To increase opportunities for NCL and community members to work collaboratively to improve individual health, recreational and neighbourhood amenities through the establishment of community garden spaces in appropriate locations of Nhulunbuy.
- 2.2 To establish a clear consistent process for community members interested in developing community garden spaces on NCL managed land zoned for community purpose, organised recreation or open space.
- 2.3 To maximise learning opportunities and appropriate assistance for community capacity and confidence, cooperative planning, problem solving and decision making particularly those contributing to the responsible management of public open space.
- 2.4 To support community gardens to be self managed to increase community ownership.
- 2.5 To promote access to fresh, organic and locally produced fruit and vegetables.

## 3 POLICY STATEMENT

### 3.1 Management

The NCL is to consider requests from an established Community Garden Group to facilitate areas of NCL managed land zoned for community purpose, organised recreation or open space for community gardening. Considerations in assessing a proposal include:

1. The establishment of a Community Garden Group accountable to manage the allocated garden space, assets and infrastructure of a Community Garden.

#### NOTE:

- A **Community Garden Group** is a not-for-profit, community based enterprise producing food primarily for the consumption of the gardeners.
- A **Community Garden** is a community managed, multi-functional garden space that when carefully designed and managed can provide a wide range of environmental, social and economic benefits.

2. Assessment of previous land uses, possible contamination, topography, drainage, microclimate and the existence of services such as stormwater pipes and infrastructure, underground and above ground cables, structures and easements.
3. Consultation with neighbours to a proposed community garden location.
4. Capacity of the established community garden group to self-organise, start and manage a community garden over the long term with minimal NCL support and assistance.
5. Continuing public and safe access across public land areas.

6. Correct planning, Occupational Health and Safety procedures to be applied in the development and maintenance of community garden areas.
7. Upon termination/folding of the Community Garden Group the Community Garden Group agree to remove its property, plant and equipment from the established area and reinstate/rehabilitate the land to the satisfaction of the NCL.

### 3.2 The Process

- Step 1      Formation of a community garden group.
- Step 2      Submitting a proposal to the NCL outlining the community group's interest in the establishment of a new community garden.
- Step 3      Meeting NCL discuss the community garden proposal and proposed location.
- Step 4      Preparation of a community garden Plan of Management by community garden members incorporating design, and setting out governance, administration, Occupational Health and Safety responsibilities and procedures for the group.

**NOTE:**

Templates for Management Plans and other tools available from Australian City Farms and Community Gardens Network - <http://communitygarden.org.au>


- Step 5      Establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NCL and the Community Garden group for the conduct of a community garden incorporating: Approved survey plan of area and management, implementation and maintenance responsibilities of the community garden.

**NOTE:**

The NCL's existing public liability insurance policy will cover community activity in approved Community Gardens established on NCL managed land.

### 4 REVIEW OF POLICY

This policy will be reviewed as required and before **December 2016**.

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