

## Community gardens self assessment checklist

If you can answer YES to all these questions please call \*\*\* to discuss your community garden idea further.

	YES
<b>Have you identified a potential site?</b> It would be good if you could find a site that is close to where you or someone involved in your group lives or in a location that is not isolated (if it is big enough for your needs)	
<b>Are you willing to consider alternative sites?</b> Council may consider that the site you want to use is not suitable.	
<b>Are you willing to talk with the people who use the area where you have planned the community garden?</b> The people who already use the area will need to be generally supportive of the project.	
<b>Are you willing to talk with the people who live in the area about your planned community garden?</b> The people in the local area will need to be generally supportive of the project.	
<b>Have you identified a person who would be the primary contact for this community garden?</b> Council needs to have one person to talk with primarily about the project – otherwise it may be hard to keep track of who said what to whom - when.	
<b>Does your group have public liability insurance cover for at least \$10,000,000?</b> If you don't, you will either need to get it or ask an existing group to auspice your project and in that way come in under their insurance policy.	
<b>Are you willing to enter into a formal arrangement with Council?</b> Council will have to place some restrictions on what you can and can't do and what action Council will take if you do the wrong thing.	
<b>Are you willing to report your progress to Council annually?</b> We would like to know what successes you have and what challenges you face.	
<b>Do you have an understanding of risk management?</b> The project will be your responsibility and your own safety and the safety of those around you are very important.	
<b>Do you have an idea of what it is you would like to grow in your community garden?</b> You should make sure that plants you want to grow are not poisonous, on a declared noxious weed list or an environmental weed .	
<b>Are you going to put up signs to advertise your community garden?</b> All signs should be of a size, shape, height, design and message that should not detract from the amenity of the locality or constitute a hazard to motorists or the general public.	
<b>What will happen if you get the community garden up and running but then lose interest?</b> Council will want to know that you are happy to return the site to its original state should the community no longer want to take responsibility for maintenance of the site.	