



# FACT SHEET: Community Greening

## What is Community Greening?

- The Community Greening program is a partnership between the NSW Department of Communities and Justice and the Royal Botanic Gardens.
- Since 2000, Community Greening has supported over 500 community gardens in social housing areas, including bush tucker, floral, native, herb and mixed gardens.
- Community greening activities are a great way for social housing tenants to meet people, learn about and grow plants, and even to reduce their fresh food bill.

## What does Community Greening do?

Community Greening aims to facilitate tenant participation, wellbeing and skills development, and to improve the look and feel of social housing areas.

The program offers the opportunity for residents of social housing and nearby communities to:

- get to know their neighbours and wider community
- have a strong, safe and confident community
- build gardening skills and knowledge and learn how to care for the environment
- build vocational skills, including teamwork, planning and decision making
- improve health and wellbeing through enjoyment of green spaces and growing and eating healthy food
- learn about and value diverse cultures including Indigenous food culture - bush tucker.

## Who is the program for?

- Social housing residents and those in the wider community of all ages and all abilities.
- Service providers and government stakeholders are welcome to support the program.

## What activities are included?

Activities include:

- growing seedlings
- keeping the garden tidy
- worm farming & composting
- pruning and fertilizing trees and plants
- workshops and courses, talks at the Royal Botanic Gardens, online competitions
- sharing your gardening tips and recipes..

## How do I get involved?

For more information on Community Greening and how to get involved, visit:

[www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/Learn/Community-Greening](http://www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/Learn/Community-Greening) or Community Greening NSW facebook page