

Community Garden Proposal

Background:

Over the past two years, members of local societies and the general community have expressed a need for a local community garden to be created here in York. It was also noted that during recent Tidy Towns competitions that neighbouring Shires have also enhanced their communities with a similar garden project.

Assessment - investigation

Instead of establishing a new garden area for this purpose, I have suggested that the community concentrate on resurrecting and improving the current Residential Museum garden areas.

These gardens currently include a "Noongar Garden", a water-wise section, a "Pioneer Garden" as well as a rose garden and lawn area.

I have had meetings with the Curator and staff of the Residency Museum, plus discussions with the York Garden Club, the local Noongar community, the Avon Branch of WA Wildflower Society, York CRC and Ability Focus.

All agencies are willing to support this project by means of garden design, supplying of plant material, planting and ongoing maintenance, signage and fund raising.

The Shire of York is currently responsible for maintaining the garden reticulation, plus the mowing and watering the grassed areas.

Plan:

Continue to discuss and create a strategy with the Curator and Staff of the Residency Museum and interested groups and businesses.

This plan will aim to re-establish the species selected in the original plant list of the Noongar Garden.

Install reticulation to this indigenous garden area.

Replant the Pioneer Garden with plant species first selected and grown by the pioneer community.

Restore the water-wise garden with appropriate plants and demonstrate the importance of utilizing various mediums for mulching and moisture retention.

Maintain the rose and lawn areas.

Improve and introduce new interpretative signage to all garden areas.

Create a works schedule

Create a community feeling in maintaining and sharing in the successful retention of this important historical asset within the Shire of York

Ian Crombie
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Sub Committee Meeting Thurs 6th November 2014

Community Garden

Public and organisations in York have requested
Tidy Towns

Revamp old rather than create new

Residency Museum

Variety of Gardens.

Existing Noongar garden

Pioneers garden

Water wise

Lawn and roses

York CEO

Meeting Curator staff

Wildflower, Socv, Garden club, York CRC, Ability Focus

SOY reticulation

Original design and plant list

Me- undertaking a costing to install reticulation to top area

Shire to continue mowing duties, tree surgery and maintaining the reticulation
Community maintain gardens.

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