

# Community Voice For Hume (CV4H)



## **Grow Goulburn-Mulwaree Gardens - Project Brief**

### **Vision of the Goulburn Mulwaree Council**

The Vision for Goulburn Mulwaree Council, supported by CV4H, is: “To build and maintain sustainable communities while retaining the region’s natural beauty”.

### **About This Plan**

This plan is the first of a number under our “Building Hume’s Future Together” program that is starting in Goulburn Mulwaree but it is planned to grow it across Hume.

The plan is designed to help its residents to adapt to life in times of drought and rising temperatures in a way that will improve the environment and **create new jobs**.

***This project will help with one of the most important climate mitigation strategies identified in the Council’s Climate Change Risk Assessment and Adaptation plan, which is to increase the number of trees, bushes and other vegetation to help keep temperatures down. A list of the mitigations that this plan will help are listed in the complete plan.***

The keys to achieving garden sustainability are: to increase and maintain the amount of moisture in the ground; to improve the quality of the soil.

### **Background**

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Several very significant events have demonstrated the fragility of our planet, economy, biodiversity and community and, therefore, the need to protect and strengthen them. These were/are:

1. The increasing frequency of major droughts and the increasing and highly variable temperatures;
2. The recent catastrophic bushfires in 2019-2020;
3. The Corona virus, COVID19 and the constraints it imposes on “hands-on” support.

## **COVID-19**

COVID-19 has triggered an unprecedented interest in sustainability including growing vegetables and keeping chickens. This plan supports that interest and suggests measures for sensible, long-term assistance.

## **What Help Will This Project Bring to Goulburn and Mulwaree’s Gardeners ?**

The objectives of the project are to underwrite the long-term success of vegetable growing, garden sustainability, reduce water use and promote water capture and storage.

The project will bring together information on and, where pertinent, facilitate the delivery of:-

- Training and workshops
- Suppliers of plants, suppliers of garden supplies and those providing gardening services
- Local providers of water tanks and irrigation systems
- Lists of recommended vegetables to grow in Goulburn
- Recommended gardening publications at reduced cost
- Experts in particular gardening methods such as Permaculture
- Vegetable swaps
- How to prepare your garden for drought and heat
- How to reduce water use
- The extension of Community Gardens
- Volunteers to help in Aged Pensioners Gardens
- Donation of vegetables to disadvantaged people

## **Making the Project Happen**

Making the project happen will be achieved by bringing together as many like-minded community groups as possible, together with suppliers of plants and gardening supplies.