

Community gardens provide access to fresh produce and plants as well as access to satisfying labor, neighborhood improvement, sense of community and connection to the environment



Community Gardening in South Australia



There are more than 40 community gardens around South Australia. The directory overleaf will help you find a garden near you!

To find out more about the South Australian Community and School Garden Network, contact claire nettie at clairenettie@adam.com.au

For information on SA click on 'Around Australia' in the top bar and then click on South Australia.

www.communitygarden.org.au

To find a garden or more information about community gardening, visit the Australian City Farms and Community Gardens Network website at:



Find out more...

What are community gardens?

Community gardens are recognised world wide as a great way to grow food, improve health, and cultivate vibrant communities.



Community gardens:

- ♣ enable people to grow their own vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers
- ♣ contribute to building an ecologically viable and socially just food system
- ♣ are a convivial way of getting fresh air and exercise with no gym fees!

- ♣ foster community engagement and a culture of generosity, reciprocity, and mutual aid.
- ♣ are great places to learn about food and gardening and to share local knowledge
- ♣ preserve and improve the precious green spaces in urban environments
- ♣ develop innovative ways of living sustainably in the city
- ♣ host art projects, community events, celebrations, workshops, and much more
- ♣ provide opportunities for cultural exchange
- ♣ and some gardens grow enough food to share the surplus and/or develop community enterprises.

Newly emerging gardens

There are new community gardens being planned around South Australia, including in central Adelaide, Prospect, Norwood, Brighton, Hawker, Quorn and Naracoorte. To find out more about gardens-in-development, or to let us know about one you're involved with, phone Harry Harrison on (08) 8296 5428

Growing Community: Starting and Nurturing Community Gardens

- ♣ Thinking about starting a community garden?
- ♣ Considering using community gardening as part of your community, educational, or health program?
- ♣ Keeping a community garden growing?

The Growing Community booklet and website contain an abundance of information and ideas on community garden design, gardening with children and in schools, using gardens for learning and education, involving volunteers, and using gardening to build community.

Available free from: <http://www.canh.asn.au/projects/community-gardens.aspx> or phone CANH on (08) 8371 4622 or 1800 633 616 (toll free non-metro callers only) for a printed copy (\$15 posted)



“It’s about taking back the ability to produce food for ourselves. At the supermarket, you not only don’t connect to the food system, but the money goes out of the region. People are looking for a sense of community, and they find it in their local community garden”

Claire Cummings

“Urban community gardeners are bringing life and livability, seed by seed, back to their neighborhoods. The gardens nourish the body and also the soul”

Patricia Hynes

Directory of community gardens around SA

Most community gardens welcome visitors and new gardeners. Please phone or email before you visit, or come along during opening or workingbee times.

Adelaide – Box Factory Community Garden

Location: Box Factory Community Centre, 59 Regent Street South
Five special ‘no dig’ garden tables particularly suitable for people with limited mobility.

Open: Monday – Friday 4pm – 9pm, Saturday 10am – 3pm

Contact: Mary Chapman (Secateurs Community Gardening Group) (08) 8232 5528 marychapman@internode.on.net

Adelaide – St Andrew’s Hospital Garden

Location: St Andrew’s Hospital, 350 South Terrace

Transforming a large neglected garden in front of the historic Waverley House into a space for community gardening (fruit, herbs, flowers, vegetables) plus space for community gatherings. Also features therapeutic, sensory plantings and facilities to benefit patients, carers, staff, visitors, gardeners and community groups.

Open: Any time. All visitors and gardeners must register at hospital reception.

Contact: Mary Chapman (Secateurs Community Gardening Group) (08) 8232 5528 marychapman@internode.on.net

Adelaide – Walyo Yerta Community Garden

Location: Veale Gardens, South Terrace south of conservatory

A small collection of raised and in-ground beds in the Adelaide Parklands. No fences, no permanent structures. Garden beds cultivated by community groups.

Contact: Mij Tanith 0405 086 533 webb@olis.net.au

Aldinga Beach – Aldinga Community Garden

Location: Symonds Reserve, Corner Butterworth Stewart Avenues, adjacent to Aldinga Community Centre.

Hands-on gardening using raised beds to grow herbs, vegetables and fruit the natural, organic way. Fruit and nut trees, compost making and seed collecting. Free membership, kid friendly, disability access, open to all.

Open: Wednesday 9.30am – 12.30pm; Sundays 10.00am – 12.30pm (earlier on hot days)

Contact: Sue Rayner (08) 8557 8980 Email hurray01@bigpond.com

Bedford Park – Flinders University Community Permaculture Garden

Location: Corner Hall and Sturt Drives, Sturt Campus, Flinders University
Established by current and former students and staff. Exotic and native fruit, nut and seed trees, shrubs and grasses. Extensive swales and co-creative landscaping. The vegetable beds are open to public input. New folks welcome.

Open: Always open

Contact: Chris, 0402 222 480
Email sunshinegiving@peacemail.com

Blair Athol – The Gathering Place Community Garden

Location: HEALS Centre, 5 Clifton Street
A communal space for people to learn, share and create gardening expertise. All welcome. No gardening experience required.

Open: Wednesdays 12pm – 3pm

Contact: Paula Winen (08) 8359 6074
Email info@heals.org.au

Brompton – Green Street Community Gardens

Location: 19 Green Street

The gardens have survived redevelopment and are being re-established under the management of the neighbouring community centre. A new pergola and meeting space have been established and are plots available.

Contact: Isabelle (08) 8340 3013
Email isabelle@bbcc.org.au

Campbelltown – Lochiel Park Community Garden

Location: Southern end of Lochiel Parkway

A new community garden open to all residents of Campbelltown in the Lochiel Park eco-development

Open: Open to members at all times. See website for details of monthly working bees.

Contact: Jenny Bates 0411 150 599 jenny@bates.id.au, www.lochielparkonline.com.au/ and www.lochielpark.com.au

Christie Downs – Anne Close Community Garden

Location: 5 Finian Road, Christie Downs
A new community garden established by local residents, providing an opportunity for people to meet, learn and share gardening skills and have fun.

Open: Tuesdays 5pm – 6pm

Contact: Roland Rankine 0406 784 881 cdcgardeners@yahoo.com

Christie Downs – Elizabeth House Community Garden

Location: 112 Elizabeth Road.

Mainly for older people, who are volunteers in the garden, but open to all. Focus on vegetable gardening.

Contact: Linda (08) 8384 5170 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Clayton Bay – Clayton Bay Community Garden

Location: Clayton Bay Hall grounds, Corner of Alexandrina Drive and Grandview Drive

Includes eleven raised square metre beds, a raised three metre bed, a tool shed, and a large potato crop in ground. The garden aims to be organic and to practice the ‘one magic square’ gardening technique. Established through the ‘Life with Gusto’ program run by the Milang Old School House Community Centre. After May 2010, the gardens will be run only by the volunteers.

Open: The garden is currently accessible at all times. Volunteers found on-site most mornings

Contact: Karen Barrett or Don Chapman (08) 8537 0687 moshcc@bigpond.com.au

Elizabeth – Anglicare-SA Community Garden

Location: 91 – 93 Elizabeth Way

The community garden is run by volunteers and produces fruit and vegetables that are provided to the Food Barn and used in a lunch program which serves a free meal to approximately 50 people per day. The garden is self-funded through sales from the on-site nursery.

Open: The garden and nursery are open 9.00am – 12.00noon weekdays. Regular spring and autumn garden sales in April and September/October

Contact: Laurel Walker (08) 8209 5400 lwalker@anglicare-sa.org.au

Fullarton – Fern Avenue Community Garden

Location: 18 – 20 Fern Ave.

Extensive fruit and vegetable production with communal and individual plots. Regular program of workshops. Strawbale community building and composting toilet.

Open: Gardening every Thursday morning from 10am, working bees on 2nd Saturday from 10am – 2pm.

Contact: Janet Fensom (08) 8379 8941 or Cecile Storrie (08) 8274 1156, 0405 558 723, anhinga@internode.on.net

Gawler – Gawler Community House

Location: 2 Scheibener Terrace(old ETSA depot)
A group of community volunteers is transforming an old ETSA depot site adjacent the river into food production. Includes fruit trees, herbs, and vegetables. Linking with Gawler Urban Orchard. Regular program of workshops and proposed art projects. New people always welcome, no experience necessary.

Open: Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm, first Saturday of the month 9am –12noon.

Contact: Jill Talbot (08) 8522 4601 or 0408 084 129 gawlerch@bigpond.com

Gilles Plains – Wandana Community Garden

Location: 14 Blacks Road

This garden surrounds the Wandana Community Centre. It is based on a share model and new gardeners are welcome. As well as veggie and herb beds, the site includes a frog habitat area, bush food plants, indigenous plant trail, an orchard and propagating shed.

Open: Gardening group meets Monday mornings during school terms. Gardeners can be involved at other times when the Centre is open.

Contact: Chris or Rille on (08) 8261 8124 (Mon – Fri) alanjshepard@hotmail.com

Glandore – Glandore Community Garden

Location: Malwa Street.

A community garden with individual and communal plots, and regular free gardening workshops open to the public.

Open: Tuesdays 9am – 11am

Contact: Kate Hubmayer at Glandore Community Centre (08) 8371 1139 kate.hubmayer@marion.sa.gov.au

Goodwood – The Goody Patch Community Garden

Location: Surrey St Goodwood, adjacent tennis courts near Goodwood Primary Sch.
A group of parents, kids from the school, and other community members have transformed a small area into a colourful kitchen garden. Includes individual plots and shared herb gardens.

Open: Always open

Contact: Nicky and Mag (08) 8293 2055

Goolwa – Cittaslow Goolwa Community Garden

Location: Corner Kessel Road and Skewes Road

Established by a group of Cittaslow members to supply Goolwa with fresh, local, chemical-free produce via a street barrow that operates on a weekly basis. Aims to create a space that is comfortable and welcoming to all that can also be used by schools for purposes of learning about plants and gardening. We are keen to create cross-generational links to strengthen the community of Goolwa. Garden includes communal produce plots, individual plots and extra high beds for any person using mobile transport. It also hosts a children’s garden which has the ability to support educational and nutrition programs.

Open: Tuesdays 9am – noon, Thursdays 8:30am – 12:30pm (Barrow outside Council on Cadell St).

Contact: John Pawling (08) 8555 5139 or Gwyneth Jones (08) 8555 3242
Email roteksa@aapt.net.au

Hackham West – Urban Connection Community Garden

Location: Malmö Court

Community Garden in a cul de sac of Helsinki Reserve.

Open: Wednesdays 10am – 11:30am, plus regular working bees throughout the year

Contact: Turtle Purple 0428 812 474 or Fiona Boyle fioboy@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Hackham South – Hackham South School Community Garden

Location: Melssetter Road

A combined school garden and community garden for local community members, established in 2009.

Open: School hours and other times by arrangement

Contact: Julia Nichols 0437 485 520
Email julianichols7@gmail.com

Hackham West – Hackham West Community Garden

Location: 268 Beach Road

Fruit trees and vegetable plots. Also runs a “home harvest” project that collects surplus fruit from gardens in the neighbourhood and a cooking group to use the produce. **Open** Wednesday mornings.
Contact: Katrina Schirmer 83269557 or Jim Jaggard 83849123 or 0434329226

Henley Beach – Henley Community Garden

Location: In the grounds of Henley High School to the west of the oval. Best entrance is via Cluse Street gate

Henley Community Garden is a collaborative project between an eclectic group of community gardeners and permaculturalists and Henley High School. Combination of individual, communal and school plots. Communal orchards. Planning workshop program and permaculture courses. There are many ways to get involved – come and learn, organise or share your skills! The garden also provides a venue for the fortnightly Henley Fruit and Veg swap, contact henley.fruit.and.veg.swap@gmail.com
Open: Access to the garden is available out of school hours. Meetings 11am on the first Saturday of the month (weather permitting in the garden). Interested gardeners welcome.

Contact: Tanya Potter (08) 8356 3332, 0412 353 606 balance@internode.on.net

Hillcrest – Kurruru Pingyarendi Community Garden

Location: 489b North East Rd

This share model garden is now well established at the Gilles Plains Community Campus. It features a large vegetable area, herb garden, frog pond, orchard with rare fruit trees, community art installations and shared lunches with the garden produce. New gardeners are welcome.

Open: Fridays during school terms from 9am – 1pm

Contact: Jo Duffy on 83348400 (Thurs – Fri) alanjshepard@hotmail.com

Milang – Milang Community Garden

Location: Corner of River and Coxe Streets
A community garden grown by volunteers as part of the ‘Life with Gusto’ program at

the Milang Old School House Community Centre. The garden aims to use organic gardening principles to produce healthy, fresh, nutritious, locally grown fruit and vegetables for their rural community. The block had previously been planted with a multitude of fruit tree varieties, now also includes six communal plots and two individual beds. Outdoor art projects are currently underway and first crop of vegetables have been delivered to the local general store for sale to the community.

Open: open every day, visitors can first visit MOSHCC to find the co-ordinator or a garden volunteer who will walk with them to the garden and answer any questions. Working bee every Tuesday morning from 9am – 11am

Contact: Karen Barret (Community Garden Coordinator) or Don Chapman (Life with Gusto Program Coordinator) (08) 8537 0687 moshcc@bigpond.com

Morphett Vale – Wakefield House Community Garden

Location: Wakefiled House Over 50s Community Centre, 65 Acre Avenue

Mainly for older people, but open to all. Focus on veggie gardening. Includes sensory garden.

Open Mondays and Wednesdays.

Contact: Community Centre (08) 8384 6158

Mount Barker – Duck Flat Community Garden

Location: at the rear of the hospital and Health Centre, Wellington Road

Vegetable gardens, community arts, meeting places and other projects. A multi-disciplinary project involving a number of people from the hospital and the wider community. All welcome.

Open: Always open

Contact: Tess Minett (08) 8393 1727

Mount Gambier – The Old Mount Gambier Gaol Community Garden

Location: Margaret Street behind the Old Mount Gambier Gaol complex. Access via O’Halloran Terrace.

In the years that the heritage listed Old Mount Gambier Gaol was managed as a prison, it the grounds were used for the cultivation of vegetables by the inmates. In 2007 a community garden was established on a small portion of the property. It consists of approximately 40 fruit trees, 46 garden beds, a large pergola, an implements shed, furniture storage shed and a wood fired pizza oven.

Open: Members have their own keys and can access the garden any time.

Non-members may access the garden by appointment. Open Days include Giant Pumpkin Competition in April each year and Sustainability Day in November.

Contact: Christine Plunkett (08) 8721 2555 chrisplunkett@internode.on.net

Noarlunga Downs – Noarlunga Downs School Community Garden

Location: Canterbury Crescent

Established in 2007. Combined school garden and community garden for local community members.

Open: Sunday morning and School hours. Meeting on the first Monday of the month at 9am in school community room.

Contact: Gail Bosman (08) 8384 4395 or Julia Nichols 0437485520 julianichols7@gmail.com

Port Lincoln – Port Lincoln Community Garden

Location: Community House, 14 Conrad Street

Vegetable gardens alongside the community house, with produce grown used for free community meals and served in the café. The group welcomes new members.

Open Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm

Contact: Glynis Jones (08) 8683 4722 adminchpl@esc.net.au

Port Pirie – Port Pirie Community Garden

Location: 28 Symonds Street

A community garden where all are welcome to enjoy good company, share skills and contribute to the growing of fresh vegies to encourage better nutrition and healthy eating.

Open: Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm

Contact: Chelle Fisher (08) 8633 3391 ppcc@westnet.com.au

St Mary’s – Picket Fence Community Garden

Location: rear of 1167 South Road, next to church

Volunteer workers maintain the garden and share the produce amongst themselves and with the Picket Fence and Inner Southern Community Health Service food co-op.

Open: Meets each Thursday from 9 – 11am, plus watering schedule for other days

Contact: Nereda (08) 8374 2522

Seaford – Seaford Ecumenical Community Garden

Location: Corner Grand Boulevard and Main Street

Includes the Wirra, a reconstructed bushland honouring the first inhabitants of the Seaford area, and the Quiet Garden, a paved court with symbols of reconciliation.

Contact: Isabel Sassine, (08) 8392 4524 sem1@adam.com.au

Semaphore – St Bede’s Community Garden

Location: 200 Military Rd

A partnership between St Bede’s Church and community groups, the garden encourages friendships through a cross-generational community and provides opportunities to learn about the land and organic gardening practices. Currently has 7 individual plots.

Contact: St Bede’s, (08) 8449 5064

Strathalbyn – Strathalbyn Disability and Community Garden

Location: Myranth House, 1 Coleman Terrace

A new garden on the grounds of Myranth House, a holiday house for people with a disability. First seeds sown Jan 2009.

Contact: Janelle Owen (08) 8536 3599 info@classinc.com.au

Murray Bridge – Murray Bridge Community Garden

Location: 25 Joyce Street.

A small garden of natives, herbs, and communal food production.

Contact: Rowena, (08) 8535 6800, james-rowena@saugov.sa.gov.au

Victor Harbor - Victor Harbor Community Garden

Location: Encounter Centre, Armstrong Road.

Includes a plant nursery and vegetable production. New gardeners welcome.

Contact: Encounter Centre (08) 8552 2995 encinc@hotmail.com

Wallaroo – Wallaroo Community Garden

Location: Within Walaroo Fauna and Wildlife Park, Ernest St

The focus of this garden is on creating opportunities for individuals with a disability to develop skills and confidence, interact socially and become involved in a highly valued community development activity. Garden includes raised veggie garden beds under bird netting and flower gardens.

Open: Mon, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am – 2pm.

Contact: Sally Baldock 0419 850 880 or (08) 8823 3788 bedford-dayoptions@bedfordgroup.com.au

Williamstown – Williamstown Community Garden

Location: Memorial Drive, Williamstown (within Abbeyfield Retirement Village)
Individual plots for lease plus larger garden for communal use.

Open: Open to gardeners anytime.

Monthly meetings on a Wednesday night and weekly working bees on Sunday afternoons (plus whenever required)

Contact: Ingrid Eidam (secretary) (08) 8524 6325, ieidam@senet.com.au http://williamstown.sa.au/community-groups/community-garden

Woodville Gardens - Ridley Grove Community Garden

Location: 66 Ridley Grove

New gardeners are welcome at this share model garden, which was established in 2008. The site has an orchard, veggie beds, children’s garden, colourful murals and a bush food section. There is a focus on biodiversity with 700 indigenous plants at the front. This area is an official Butterfly Site. Gardening and other environmental sustainability workshops and talks are held regularly.

Open: Tuesday and Thursday mornings plus first Saturday of the month, 9am – noon

Contact: Alan 0432970466 alanjshepard@hotmail.com

Wynn Vale - Wynn Vale Community Garden

Location: 32 Park Lake Drive, behind kindergarten.

This garden is managed by local volunteers. Half the land is a communal garden and the other half is divided into individual plots, which are leased to the general community. Netted orchard, herb and ornamental gardens, composting toilet. Monthly workshops on various topics.

Open: Saturday mornings, 10am – 1pm. Visitors welcome.

Contact: Nancy, (08) 8266 2062 ven-wool1@bigpond.com www.wvcg.net.au