

Revised March 2017:
Kensington Association Community Gardening Group
Statement of proposed activities

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Aim

The aim of the group is to actively community garden to build food security and resilience to the changes predicted to our food supply because of environmental damage. Through our community gardening activities we will increase the biodiversity within our neighbourhood, enhance its appeal and sustainability. This group will encourage friendship, wellbeing and health.

Activities:

Short term – now to 2 years

1. Approach Vic Tracks for land for a space for our members to grow their own food
2. Apply for a Community Grant in 2017 with City of Melbourne to build a pop up urban farm
3. Create awareness of the Sub group at the Kensington Community Festival and seek to gather names of those interested in joining this group. We will use this document as a guide to what our activities are
 - Increase productivity and yield through organic/permaculture practice
 - Plant edible plants in public spaces (shrubs perennials plants specifically chosen for the requirement of that space eg which will fix the soil fertility)Identify appropriate spaces for Integrated Pest Management techniques such as bio islands as pest repellent plants and 'beneficials' attraction plants – seek donations of plants for this and determine available sources of funding for this
 - Negotiate for land to become available for food growing – initially with Vic Tracks and 3000 Acres and local businesses
 - Assist with Venny Permaculture Garden

Mid term 2 – 4 yrs

- Gardenshare – share space to grow food and surplus food grown
- Once sufficient gardens are established:
 - o start process of harvesting, preservation and storage of products – eg tomato harvest meeting to make pasta sauce
 - o Start building a bank of research to object to high density developments , which do not factor in green space, harvest rainwater technologies and solar energy for residents to grow their own food
 - o Start a local seed saving group which meets seasonally along with a seed/plant swap
 - o Start a food Hub and gardenshare process – where people share space in their gardens to allow for others to grow food and where surplus produce is shared
- Approach traders to Increase food growing space
- Community food

- Start a community nursery of extra cuttings, seeds and plants for revenue generation and jobs

Long term

Everyone in Kensington should have walking access to fresh food

Grown in Kensington - Identify food products not grown locally such as grains and pulse and grow them on the scale using unused space along victracks – whoever wants to be part of project **eg Oats project in Totnes**

Create jobs in Kensington - Small processing and preservation kitchens for produce
Create revenue from our produce locally and beyond our neighbourhood.