

## What Opportunities Can Outdoor Learning Spaces Bring to Learning, Neighbourhood and Community Centres?

Outdoor learning spaces (or community gardens) can be thought of as outdoor 'rooms' that can be programmed and hired out in the same way that indoor spaces at centres are. They can be onsite at centres or at neighbouring locations.

### Opportunities:

- Creation of beautiful outdoor spaces to be enjoyed by the whole centre community
- Enhanced appeal of the centre as a venue for hire
- Inclusive activities
  - Activities suitable for frail aged and people with disabilities
  - Intergenerational activities
  - Activities that appeal to male members of the community
  - Cross-cultural activities
- 'Hands-on' informal learning through regular volunteering in the garden
- Formal learning opportunities through the wide range of community courses and programs that can be delivered in outdoor / community garden settings, including:
  - Organic vegetable gardening
  - Introduction to permaculture
  - Water wise gardening
  - Attracting birds / frogs to your garden
  - Composting and worm farming
  - Art in the garden
  - Bee keeping
  - Chook care
  - Caring for fruit trees
  - Aquaponics
  - Healthy seasonal cooking
  - Cooking in the wood-fired oven
  - Preserving the harvest: making jams and preserves

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