

**To the Mayor and Councillors
City of Gold Coast**

Re: Support for Ediblescapes Inc. at Country Paradise Parklands

On behalf of Community Gardens Australia (CGA), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Ediblescapes and its continued presence at Country Paradise Parklands.

CGA representatives had the opportunity to visit and experience Ediblescapes during our 2024 National Community Gardens Gathering. What we saw was much more than a productive garden. Ediblescapes is a valuable community-led learning space that demonstrates how edible forest gardening, sustainable food production, environmental stewardship and community participation can be brought together in a practical and highly accessible way.

Ediblescapes also has significance beyond its immediate community. As Australia's national peak body for community gardens, we see firsthand the important role these spaces play in building food literacy, strengthening social connection, sharing practical skills, supporting biodiversity and helping communities become more resilient. Ediblescapes is a strong example of these principles in action and provided an important learning experience for community garden representatives visiting from around Australia.

We strongly support continued dialogue between Ediblescapes and the City of Gold Coast to secure a sustainable future for this important community asset at Country Paradise Parklands. We hope Council will recognise the considerable community, educational and ecological value that has been created there and enable that work to continue.



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