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Marino Community Garden to bloom

The first community garden in Marino will be established this month giving residents the opportunity to grow their own vegetables, fruit and herbs.

The City of Marion is leasing a 1000m sq plot of land at Newland Avenue Reserve to Marino Community Garden Incorporated. Council is also contributing \$22,000.

Mayor Kris Hanna said Marion Council was delighted to support the initiative, which will be the eighth community garden established in the city.

“Community gardens allow neighbours to come together to share a common interest of growing fruit and vegetables,” Mr Hanna said.

“I’m pleased Council is contributing \$22,000 and the land for a shed and garden beds.

“I want to congratulate the local community for their initiative.

“The design is based on permaculture principles to complement the local environment.”

Construction will begin this weekend.

The garden is circular with eight wedges separated by gravel paths. Beds will be progressively built as new members join the group.

The long-term plans include installing seating, a bike rack, water tank, a wind shelter and a children’s garden, depending on demand.

Marino Community Garden Incorporated chair Steven Barratt said the group was excited at the prospect of having a garden for families to enjoy.

“We will have enough plots for 20 people initially but we can expand that number if our membership increases over time,” Mr Barratt said.

“It has taken more than two years since the inception of the plan to establish the garden and I want to thank Marion Council for their support.”

Other community gardens are located at Glandore Community Centre, Trott Park, Mitchell Park, Clovelly Park and three at Oaklands Park which are at different stages of development.

Anyone interested in obtaining a plot at Marino Community Garden should call Steven Barratt on 0408 644 080.

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