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Submission to the Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

Proposed Community Gardens – Kyla Sports and Recreation Reserve

Dear Council,

The Tuross Head Progress Association would like to express support for Council's proposal to consider the inclusion of Community Gardens for Tuross head in its Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

The community has been looking on with interest at the Moruya SAGE project and see a community garden in Tuross Head as a wonderful opportunity to expand on social networks, provide recreation and physical activity and offer those in the community with moderate incomes an opportunity to assist themselves and their neighbours in gaining access to affordable and nutritious food.

Though it is early days in the formation of the garden we are thankful that Council acknowledged our request for the consideration of establishing a community garden when it surveyed the public for contributions to the Recreation Strategy.

The general plan is to establish a sub-committee under the Tuross Head Progress Association (or under SAGE Moruya) so that participants are covered by insurances. The model to be adopted is to be a not-for-profit garden that will return an agreed measure of food to participants and any excess will be then made available via a community "soup kitchen" and by sale of any excess with all monies returned to purchasing garden only related necessities such as tools, seeds and materials.

Whilst it is early days the inclusion (and endorsement) of the gardens in the Strategy will allow the project to go ahead (when ready) without the need for any further deliberation by Council at a later date. Additional to that endorsement will come the opportunity for the THPA to seek out any grants and funding that might also assist in establishing the project.

We thank you for the invitation to make submission and hope that the Councillors and Council consider our concerns in this regard.

Yours sincerely
Lei Parker
Secretary THPA.