

### GARDENS WITHOUT BORDERS



#### 1. ABOUT THE PROJECT

In urban contexts with growing population density, residents are embracing previously ignored, 'in-between' public spaces as offering potential to support greater ecosystem services. Roadside vegetation on street verges (footpaths) can play an important role in contributing to urban ecosystem services and public greenspace.

Townsville City Council has invited residents to complete the **Gardens without Borders** survey to help inform Council of the aims and goals of our local community and shape upcoming roadmaps for gardening in the urban environment specifically for 'in-between' spaces and 'common-ground' (public gardens) land spaces.

#### 2. INTRODUCTION – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public consultation regarding **Gardens without Borders** ran from **Monday, 14 March to Tuesday, 12 April 2022**, which gathered valuable community feedback on the proposal. Respondent submissions were received by Council via the Have Your Say Townsville (HYST) online platform. This engagement was supported by a letterbox mailout to residents in surrounding areas.

This report identifies and captures all feedback associated with the project and serves as a public document to close the loop on the engagement process. The findings contained herein are presented in their entirety and draw no conclusions or recommendations on project or strategy outcomes going forward.

#### 3. HAVE YOUR SAY TOWNSVILLE ANALYTICS

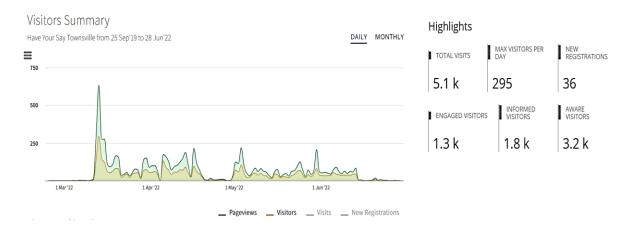
Through the Have Your Say platform, the following synopsis of engagement highlights the range of interactions made with the project page:

- Total page views 8021
- Total visits to HYST 5051
- Unique Visitors 3228
- Informed Visitors 1804
- Completed a feedback form 1311
- Placed an interactive marker on the Places Mapping Tool 65

A quick overview of key HYST statistics are as follows:

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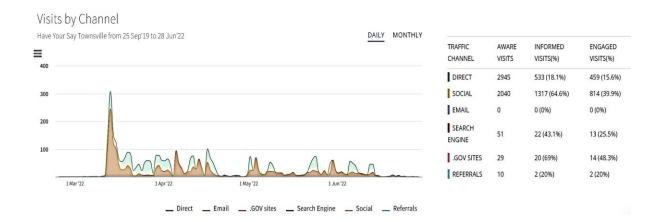


#### Where:

- "Aware" is to visit at least one project page, typically the project landing page;
- "Informed" is to visit multiple project pages, download a document, view a photo or video, or contribute to a project tool; and
- "Engaged" is to actively participate in engagement tools including Surveys, Forums, Polls, and Places within Interactive Maps.

Further, multiple channels were utilised to drive engagement with the HYST platform, including:

- Direct Visits
- Email Links
- Search Engines
- .GOV Sites
- Mailout collateral



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### 4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

Through the HYST platform, Council received **1311** registered respondents to the survey tools. As outlined below in the HYST summary statistics in **Section 4 – Have Your Say Townsville Analytics**, there were **5051** total visits to the consultation pages with **1311** respondents providing comment in the tools.

#### 4.1 SURVEY KEY FINDINGS

Of the **1311** respondents to the survey tool, the following breakdown indicates key findings associated with the **Gardens without Borders** consultation. The survey was broken down into four distinct sections to provide clear data on the following topics:

- Participant Demographics
- Gardening Habits
- Visual Appeal of Suburbs
- Partnerships, Support and Incentives

An additional fifth section provided participants the opportunity to place an interactive marker on the Places Mapping Tool.

Overall, this consultation found a significant community appetite for investment and support of green public spaces. Participants highlighted a range of information on what they find valuable in a public space, barriers or reasons that may be stopping them from gardening or greening, and additional measures that could be taken, by both Council and community, to help improve public spaces.

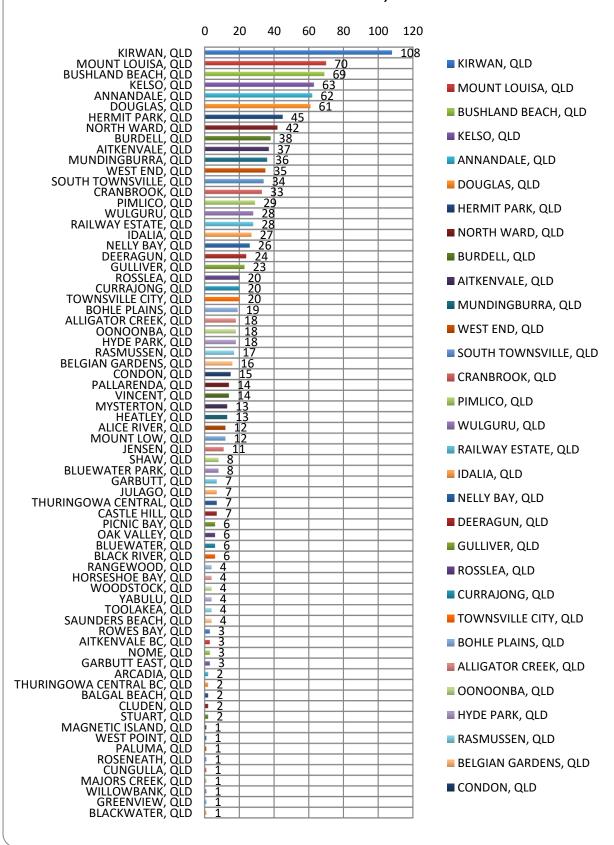
#### **SURVEY SECTION 1 – PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS**

The following questions provided data to help identify demographic trends across the city.

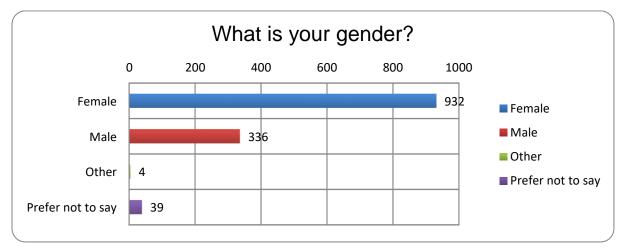
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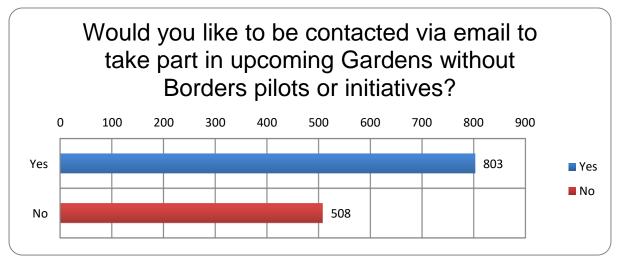


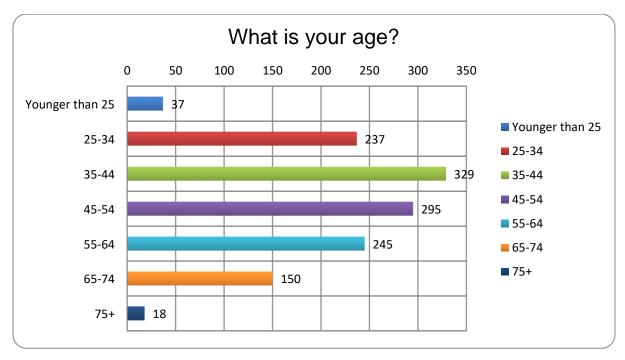
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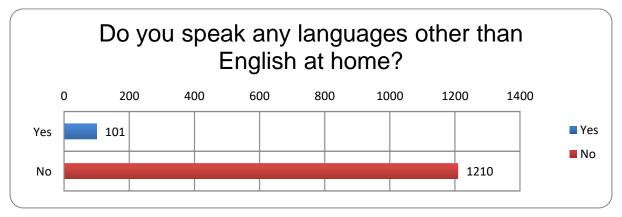


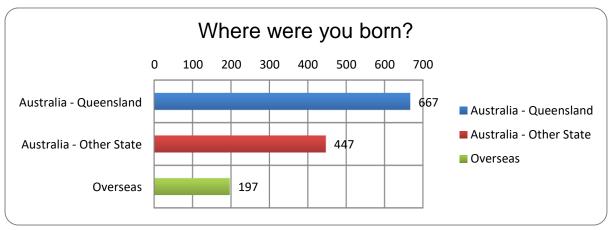


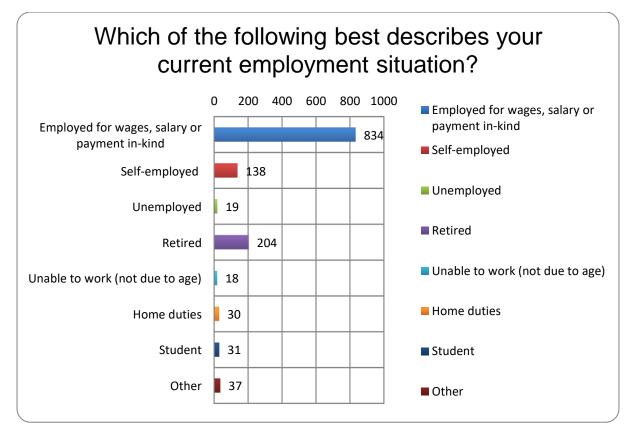








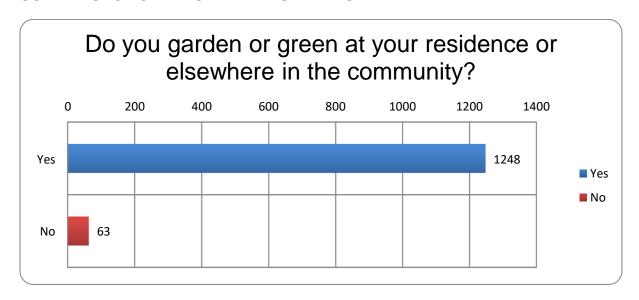




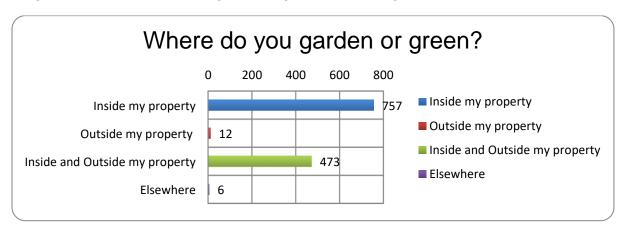
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#### **SURVEY SECTION 2 – GARDENING HABITS**



Of the **1248** respondents who indicated "yes" above, the following question provides an insight into where respondents garden or green in their neighbourhood.



Respondents who indicated that they only garden or green within their property bounds (757) were then asked:

"What are the barriers or reasons that stop you from gardening or greening outside your property boundary?"

Responses to this question resulted in the following common themes:

- Unsure of legality or approvals required to do so
- People are time-poor
- Concerns that their efforts will be wasted by vandals destroying or Council mowing over it
- Access to water
- Cost

Respondents who indicated that they garden or green outside of their property bounds (491) were then asked:

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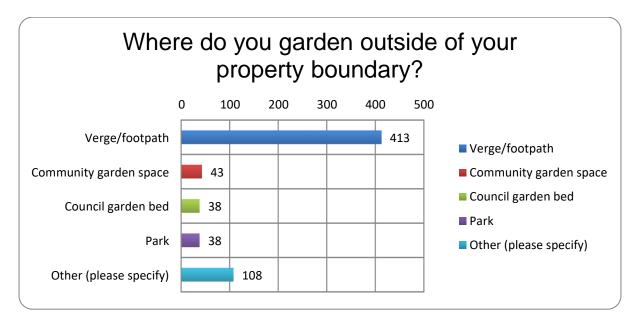


### "Why do you garden outside your property boundary?

Responses to this question resulted in the following common themes:

- Add street appeal
- Aesthetic reasons
- · Build habitat for wildlife
- Maintain weeds
- To help combat climate change

Respondents who indicated that they garden or green outside of their property bounds (491) were then asked:



Where do you garden outside of your property boundary? (Other (please specify))
Escarpment land
On the Townsville Water bank opposite our property
creek and creek surrounds
Areas where works are quoted
Landcare
School grounds
Castle hill reserve
Private yards
Other people yards
outside a drainway that is overgrown with chonky apple trees - we help keep it down as
best as we can
Friends House
School
Creek next to my property
My own foot path and across my side of railway Avenue
Balcony

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Vacant blocks.

I have also done some gardening at the local school and established an edible garden.

Council easement

Next door property

My sister's house

Power line reserve behind property.

Creek easement

Song fence line

Fence and green strip

Creek

Landcare sites, riverbanks, parents garden

railway siding

Close to our fence.

between fence and the path around the lake.

Embankment opposite my house owned by Townsville Water I believe

Church

Help at local RSL

Boundary with National Park (with permission from park ranger - local endemics planted).

On JCU campus as a community Bushland revegetation site.

Workplace

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Creek bank

Back of property

Easement behind our house

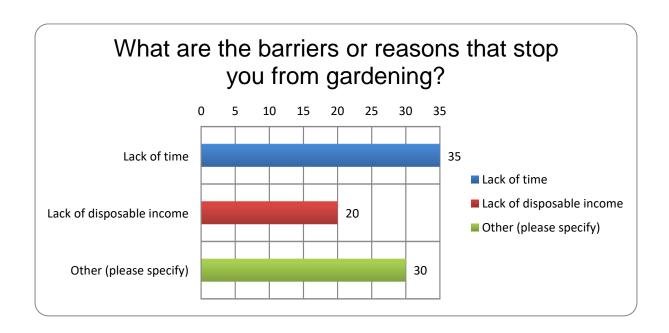
Council reserve behind my property

Creek thoroughfare near Stuart Hotel.

Conservation park

Cliff face in front of our property

Work



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What are the barriers or reasons that stop you from gardening? (Other	
(please specify))	
uitable Residence	

Uns

Too hot

there are none close to my home that i know of

The heat

Small space

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Reside in unit complex

rented home

Rent an apartment

Pain. Fibromyalgia

Not interested, too hot and too hard to maintain.

No garden area at place of residence

No garden area at my residence.

No garden

Live in an apartment

Life in a unit on the first floor

Lack of space at home and not sure where community gardens are nearby

Lack of knowledge and outside is really hot.

Lack of knowledge

Lack of greening skills

In an apartment

I rent and am unable to set up a suitable temporary garden.

I live in a second story unit

I live in a complex that has gardens maintained by body corp

I have children and work

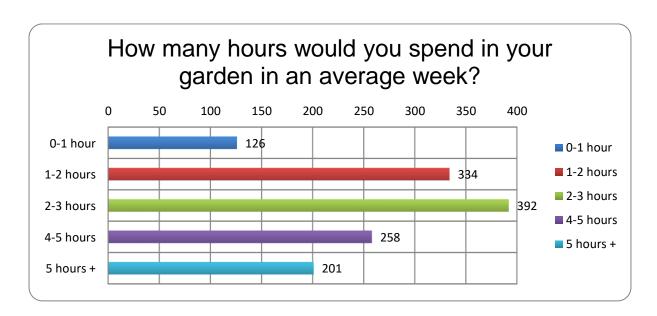
I get a gardener so if I'm away, the gardens are still maintained.

I dont know how to do it. Fear of killing my plants.

Health

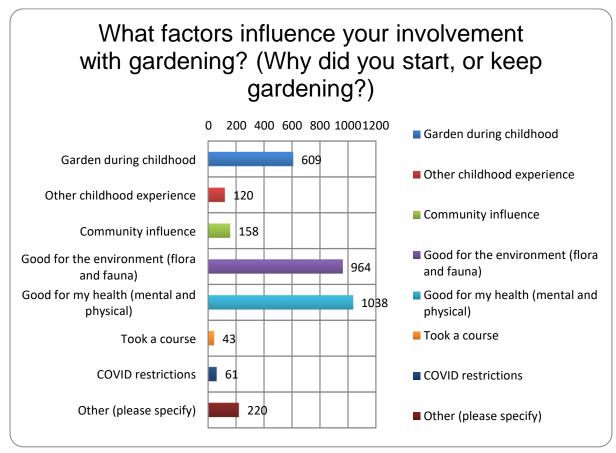
Ability and knowledge

A lack of a green thumb.

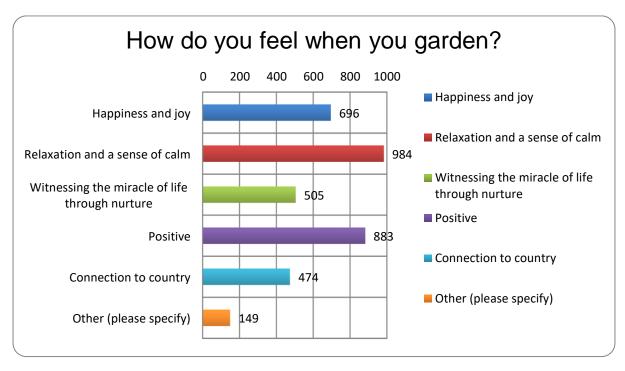


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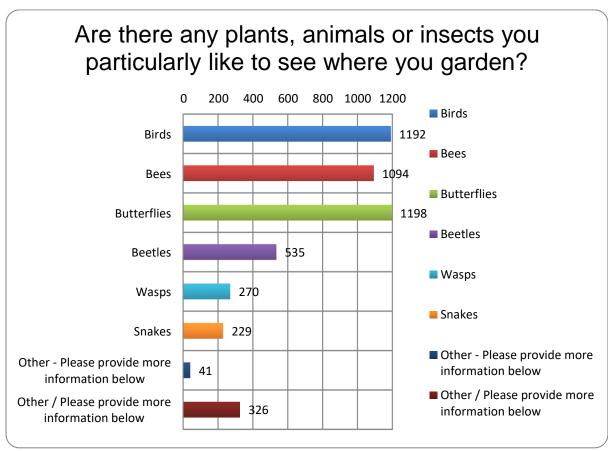


For "Other – Please Specify" open text responses, please refer to APPENDIX 1 – OPEN TEXT DATA – FACTORS INFLUENCING INVOLVEMENT (OTHER) on page 23.

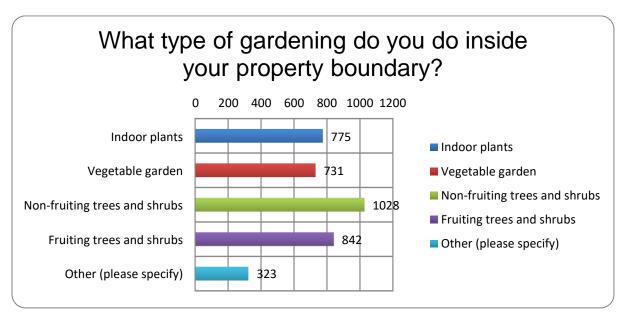


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For "Other – Please Provide More Information Below" open text responses, please refer to APPENDIX 2 – OPEN TEXT DATA – HOW DO YOU FEEL (OTHER) on page 29.



For "Other – Please Specify" open text responses, please refer to APPENDIX 3 – OPEN TEXT DATA – PLANT, ANIMAL, INSECT (OTHER) on page 33.

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#### SURVEY SECTION 3 – VISUAL APPEAL OF SUBURBS

In this section, participants were asked an optional, broad discovery question to provide an insight into concerns about visual appeal and aesthetics of their immediate suburb:

"Please outline any concerns you may have about how the common spaces (gardens and parks) look outside your property boundary but within your immediate suburb below".

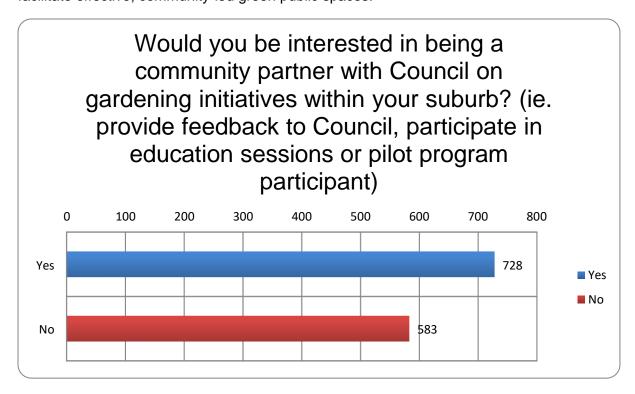
From the **1144** respondents, the following key themes outline concerns about common spaces look within their immediate suburb:

- More regular maintenance would be preferable (weeds, dead plants etc)
- Participants would like easier access to water
- Participants would like more regular gutter cleaning
- Concerns about graffiti and vandalism
- Lack of trees and shade

For "Other – Please Specify" open text responses, please refer to APPENDIX 4 – OPEN TEXT DATA – CONCERNS ABOUT COMMUNITY SPACES on page 50.

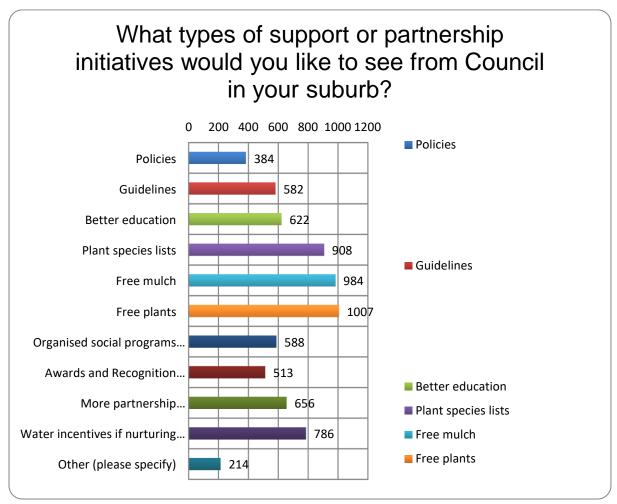
### SURVEY SECTION 4 - PARTNERSHIPS, SUPPORT AND INCENTIVES

In this section, participants were asked a series of questions to gain an insight into community interest in programs, partnerships, incentives and support from Council to help facilitate effective, community-led green public spaces.



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For "Other – Please Specify" open text responses, please refer to APPENDIX 5 – OPEN TEXT DATA – SUPPORT AND INITIATVES (OTHER) on page 103.

#### SURVEY SECTION 5 - PLACES MAPPING TOOL

In addition to the survey, participants were given the opportunity to place interactive pins on a Places Mapping Tool. This tool provides participants with the ability to identify areas of Townsville on an accurate map for areas of concern, opportunity and investment.

Through this tool, **65 pins were placed** by community residents, providing valuable information direct from residents about areas close to home.

The Places Mapping Tool is live and available for viewing by visiting <u>Gardens without</u> Borders - Interactive Map | Gardens without Borders Survey | Have Your Say Townsville

At the conclusion of the consultation period, the 65 pins resulted in the following table of information:



Latitude	Longitude	Category	Comment
-19.2530448	146.7097628	Great community gardening	Resident improved area
- 19.25190024	146.7104924	Great community gardening	Resident gardened space in council land
- 19.25278651	146.8184298	Needs some TLC	Garden beds outside waterpark between the road and the retaining wall need replanting.
- 19.25963851	146.8135428	Needs some TLC	Garden beds at the stairs to 143 Walker Street need replanting.
- 19.25494049	146.7830252	Great community gardening	This project has been going for many years and has been crucial in returning some of the great natural values of the floodplain with extensive and established plantings of local natives. It's an absolute delight to see what's been achieved but also sad to see hard work by the community there, encroached on by inappropriate development.
- 19.17990159	146.8370926	Potential space for greening	This is a large carpark which was originally used as the ferry terminal carpark. Since Nelly Bay Harbour opened it is much underused and could easily have a large portion revegetated.
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- 19.18836988	146.6718149	Needs some TLC	The Bushland Easement behind Livistonia Close needs desperate attention. It's full of noxious weeds which are strangling & killing the native plants, especially the trees. This in turn is harming the dunes. It's also unsafe for local residents, wildlife, bird life & pets. It also harbours lots of rubbish which is going into the ocean.
- 19.31119398	146.7474532	Potential space for greening	I believe this space is owned by Ergon energy but it's such a large



			space surely it can be used as a
			garden space as well
- 19.24530622	146.6743308	Great community gardening	Active community garden in community centre. Engages volunteers to maintain, produce & herbs are distributed to public via free community food tables in Deeragun, Bluewater and Rollingstone weekly.
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- 19.28572714	146.729241	Needs some TLC	This round about has recently been weeded and mulched but everything in it looks dead so it's pretty much a blank canvas atm.
			The entry into the estate features large pine trees and they're scattered throughout the area so added a pine tree here would be a great start.
- 19.31055609	146.719687	Potential space for greening	There is a path from Morindo park to Sansdstone Dr. Creating a green corridor with shade trees along the path and connect it to the other side of Sandstone Dr.
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- 19.30512888	146.7202556	Potential space for greening	Creating a path here connecting it the the existing path on the other side of Sandstone Dr. Creating a green wildlife corridor as well as providing walkers with shade. Additional walking tracks away from busy roads in Kirwan would benefit people of all ages



- 19.30512888	146.7202556	Potential space for greening	Creating a path here connecting it the the existing path on the other side of Sandstone Dr. Creating a green wildlife corridor as well as providing walkers with shade. Additional walking tracks away from busy roads in Kirwan would benefit people of all ages
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- 19.30200511	146.7205453	Potential space for greening	Creating a path and a green corridor for wildlife and people so we dont need to walk along busy roads. Connecting it to the path from Morindo park. Perhaps you can give it a new name, for example Kirwans green corridor(?)
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- 19.25373355	146.8158442	Needs some TLC	Roundabout replanting? and trim back the trees
19.29259801	146.783722	Potential space for greening	Relocate park services to new offices in the CBD and the equipment etc to the Garbutt Depot and extend



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			Anderson Gardens to Wellington Street
- 19.29234485	146.786254	Needs some TLC	Clean out lake of weed and install new fountain to provide visual interest and aerate the water
19.30972076	146.789757	Needs some TLC	Clean up messy gardens around Almore Place, lift the tree canopy and more regular mowing
19.31893077	146.7183187	Potential space for greening	No infrastructure here between Canterbury Rd and Hervey Range Rd, often used by students to walk from Ryan to Cannon Park. Could be great as community garden or greening
19.30474411	146.8175769	Needs some TLC	Lakeside drive section appears to not have active watering system running anymore. Garden against highway fence was let die before road was completed and though there was a promise of a 'refresh' once this road section was completed, all that was done was eventually done was mulching and the trees that died were not replaced. Also the trees that are along there contain very sharp leaves which blow over the fence into neighbouring yards and will actually stick into your feet like prickles.
- 19.30543264	146.8131727	Needs some TLC	School car park needs urgent attention - shade trees need pruning / shaping as currently you have to duck to walk along the fence line. Other sections have died and not been replaced. Carpark needs to be looked at urgently.
- 19.30518963	146.8167776	Potential space for greening	Garden bed has been stripped right back - majority of trees pulled out. So bare that now when it rains the water rushes down this garden bed washing all the mulch onto the pathway and creating ruts in the dirt exposing the irrigation. Poor planning and management.
- 19.37059781	146.8998456	Potential space for greening	New estate, heaps of potential for community garden initiatives.
- 19.19842129	146.6790032	Needs some TLC	Palms are disordered and unkempt. Council strip is not irrigated and very untidy. A local has tried to plant some natives there but these struggle. An unpleasant entrance to the older areas of Bushie.



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- 19.19842129	146.6790032	Needs some TLC	Palms are disordered and unkempt. Council strip is not irrigated and very untidy. A local has tried to plant some natives there but these struggle. An unpleasant entrance to the older areas of Bushie.
- 19.19828957	146.6790247	Needs some TLC	Poorly maintained palms and garden on council strip as you enter this area of BB.
- 19.31268491	146.747354	Great community gardening	Resident has planted two native gum trees and several bottlebrush in this corner. Doing well.
- 19.24782839	146.6483724	Great community gardening	Used for horses mostly, could be planted to increase native wildlife, birds, wallabies or walk/horse trails.
- 19.24816265	146.648469	Potential space for greening	Could do with some trees, features. Bring in some wild life birds etc. often used by locals for horses.
- 19.19618206	146.6779411	Potential space for greening	This is nature reserve but it has been neglected, full of weeds covering the remaining trees. Requires more native planting and could also be and area where a community garden can be developed
- 19.19745873	146.6775548	Potential space for greening	This is nature reserve but it has been neglected, full of weeds covering the remaining trees. Requires more native planting and could also be and area where a community garden can be developed
- 19.20021467	146.6760957	Needs some TLC	this area behind Coles is full of invasive grasses and requires urgent revegetation and removal of weeds
- 19.24229274	146.7828852	Potential space for greening	Cemetery Needs a lot of attention urgently Neglected for far too long!!
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- 19.24103161	146.8015158	Great community gardening	Beautiful
-19.2548705	146.8226328	Great community gardening	Stunningly beautiful garden
- 19.25113298	146.8135992	Great community gardening	Street scape is very nice here
- 19.24928191	146.8068963	Great community gardening	Some of townsville most beautiful trees and shaded areas outside of our park gardens



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- 19.24933762	146.6595519	Needs some TLC	Complete streetscape needs urgent attention
- 19.24823862	146.6646534	Potential space for greening	Complete streetscape needs work and imagination
- 19.25156092	146.654343	Needs some TLC	Streetscape is just plain ugly
- 19.24827913	146.6536885	Potential space for greening	Work needed
- 19.24662808	146.6527659	Needs some TLC	All the help this entire area can get Schools r trying in vain it seems Council seem to do nothing for northern beaches outside of Bushland beach and money areas mt low is not attractive at all in the older established areas.
- 19.23724819	146.6565961	Potential space for greening	Great potential
- 19.24014528	146.6611451	Needs some TLC	What park???? Needs care
19.24677496	146.6717291	Needs some TLC	While suburb needs attention asap. Older suburbs with land value are neglected for the beauty of more visibly wealthier suburbs. This city is only as good as it's least financial suburb is looked after We all should gain from our decision to live here
19.27416196	146.6634893	Great community gardening	Outstanding wildlife corridor!!  Just needs a fence along the road to discourage wildlife from entering the causeway
-19.2747291	146.8039834	Needs some TLC	Barron paddock with no trees for shade. Extremely hot in summer. Is used by a lot of local community members for dog walking, access to activities (such as sport centres, businesses, Cowboys matches etc.) and social events such as Australia Day celebrations. It is used so heavily but mown so irregularly that a local resident mows access pathways through the long grass weekly. He has been doing this for years.
- 19.27436451	146.8055713	Needs some TLC	Vast expanse of concrete and bitumen makes this area very hot and unusable for most of the year for anything other than overflow car parking for Cowboys games and hoons or stolen cars doing burnouts. If it does have to be left for the reason of car parking can the council not



			beautify it someway at least by planting some shade trees or raised garden beds to break up all the expanse of hard surfacing? Maybe some permanent art installations & solar lighting could also be brought in to help the transition from the suburbs to the city a safer & more interesting option. This area is on very busy Boundary St, diagonally across from the Civic Theatre so surely some TLC is in order to make it a much more user friendly space.
- 19.31361135	146.7365903	Great community gardening	Unused plot of land, behind Kirwan phone exchange. Has been unoccupied since Second World War. Fantastic place for potential community garden
19.27509369	146.7693079	Great community gardening	Just after the tornado went through this area, the majority of the trees were removed for high voltage power line works, but never revegetated. Areas further along Dalrymple Service Road similar works were done, with trees removed, however ERGON re vegetated with native shrubs and trees. I have planted a row of trees and other plants in this area, and it would be great if TCC were to look at further vegetation of the area to create a natural sound barrier between the main thoroughfares of Dalrymple and Bayswater Roads and the residential area. Planting more vegetation would also provide havens for the bird community in the area which includes bower birds, native parrots, wagtails, honey eaters, kingfishers, curlews and pigeons.
19.28594993	146.7736745	Potential space for greening	Just a small space that could be made nice. Often being used for carpark.
-19.2845018	146.7782664	Potential space for greening	This large empty space would be a wonderful space for a community garden!
-19.2926132	146.7911679	Needs some TLC	Easement from Anderson Gardens to SESFootball Club training ground currently primarily guinea grass would be ideal to be revegetated with plants native to the area

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#### 5. NEXT STEPS

Providing feedback to the identified stakeholders and closing the loop on the public consultation process has been identified as an important aspect of Council accountability and transparency. Pending consultation with Townsville City Council management, the following actions will be taken:

- HYST platform updated to inform the community of the outcome of the consultation;
   and
- A newsletter will be sent to all registered participants ensuring their investment of time and effort into the consultation has been acknowledged.

#### 6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This document has been prepared by Townsville City Council – Stakeholder Engagement on behalf of the Project Manager. All information presented in this report has been presented in an accurate and unbiased manner and makes no recommendation on any project actions going forward. This report has been approved by the Project Manager, and the Head of Stakeholder Engagement. For further information, please contact Townsville City Council at haveyoursay@townsville.qld.gov.au

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### 7. APPENDIXES

#### APPENDIX 1 – OPEN TEXT DATA – FACTORS INFLUENCING INVOLVEMENT (OTHER)

What factors influence your involvement with gardening? (Why did you start, or keep gardening?) (Other (please specify))

Yard work/partner

Worked in nursery and also had my own little nursery

Worked at a wholesale plant nursery for a short while.

when I moved into my rental it was boring and looked unloved. I am originally from Sydney and love flowers and colour so I created a couple of garden beds added shrubs to act as a fence line ... I love that my garden puts smiles on everyone's faces when they walk by.

Weather including temperature and rainfall

We would like more shade and to cool the street, our yard and house

We have a garden, and I don't want others to judge me for it being kept in poor condition

Wanted my house to look nice

Want to be more self sufficient and know where my food comes from. We are also hobbyist bee keepers to help our garden

want my yard to look ok

Visually looks good and improves outdoor living spaces

Vegetables for health and save money

Upkeep of my property

University qualified botanist, hort certificate, wholesale nursery experience.

Trying to increase native and flowering plants and edibles in our garden

To teach my children, grow food, family connection.

To spend time with my child outdoors

To make the place look good, there is nothing worse then overgrown yards

To maintain the yard.

To look the beauty of my trees

to attract birds

to make an attractive setting for my home

to give coolness and shade

to give privacy to my yard

the smell of flowering trees

a place to sit, read or have friends around

To keep the garden looking nice?

To keep house looking nice.

To increase our self Sustainability as a family and a community.

To have homegrown veges and fruit

To grow my own herbs and fruit which is better and cheaper

To grow my own food without chemical fertilisers or pesticides

To grow food

To grow food

To create a welcoming green zone entrance for our business

To create a shady area to sit in

To attract animals and grow food and shade.

Time spent doing something with my Mum. Reminds me of time spent with my Dad before his passing. He put a lot of work into my garden. When my parents moved in with me we spent a lot of time, energy & money into cutting down/grinding out palms which destroy the soil, building gardens, repairing the soil & planting bird/butterfly attracting natives & edibles.

### **GARDENS WITHOUT BORDERS**



Therapy

The look when finished

The joy of seeing plants and trees grow from small beginnings.

Teaching the kids about where food comes from

Take pride and derive satisfaction from a well maintained garden

Sustainably

Support biodiversity, attract birds and bees

Study at uni

Street appeal for my house

Started as a way to improve mental health.

Something to do with kids

Shading of house - cooling breezes

Shade and cooling

Self enjoyment

Recent purchase of property - garden needs work

Purchased a house, planted a garden.

Provide organic fruit/veg

Provide food via edible plants

Provide food to reduce cost of living

And

JOY

Property value and neighbourhood pride

Property improvement

Property has a garden that needed maintaining

professional back ground in forestry and ecosystem management/restoration.

Pride in my own property and community

Pride in having a nice garden

Presentation

Pleasure

Permaculture group

ABC TV show GARDENING AUSTRALIA

other people's gardens

Partner loves it.

Parents take pride in their garden but are not physically able to garden as much as they want so looking after their garden for them is a small way to support them in non-invasive ways

Old bloke gave me a hard time about my grass not being green.

Nothing better than home grown veggies

No reason I just do.

No longer have a garden

Nil applicable

Nice gardens improve property value

New house - bare earth

Nesesity

Needs to be done

My wife

My dog died so I buried her there and wanted to make the garden pretty for her

Monty Don

Makes the neighbourhood nicer.

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Makes our neighbourhood more inviting and attractive, which makes coming home feel more welcoming

Makes my property look well looked after and neat

Make the neighbourhood near where I live, presentable.

Make my space green and inviting.

Maintenance standard of open space in Brownsville is poor generally, with some exceptions like Palmetum which is maintained beautifully

Maintenance

maintain the look and feel of the property

Love looking out to the tropical yard with all the beautiful colours. n

Love having and building a beautiful yard garden for my family to enjoy.

Love gardening

Love working in the garden Makes me feel great.

Looks nice

Looks nice

Looks much better and increases property value

Looks good and needs to be done

Like to maintain the appearance of my property to a high standard.

Like to grow my own food

Like pretty spaces

Like my house to look presentable

Like it

Lifetime interest in permaculture and more recently bush regeneration

Landlord requirements

Landcare volunteer

Keep yard cooler

Keep garden tidy.

Just like the house to look nice! Plus we are renting so it is our responsibility to maintain the gardens

it's a hobby and I enjoy it

It makes the place much more pleasant and beautiful when there are plants and trees

Inspiring the next generation and educating them around the many benefits of gardening

Influenced by seeing many European verges with wild flowers

Improve the cosmetic of my property

I'm renting and have to keep the garden nice.

I'd like to be more self sustainable and grow my own food.

I worked in the industry for 10 years

I want to make our street look nicer

I want to get better at it

I want it to look nice and also add value to our home

I put in Kitchen Gardens to showcase where the food was coming from.

I need the knowledge

I love to cook and be self sufficient.

I love my orchids

I like to grow my own food

I like the look of a maintained property

I like my yard to present nicely.

I like my space to be tidy and the garden around my home is the first thing I see when I get home and the last thing I see when I leave. Seeing a horrible mess leaves me with a horrid feeling.

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I like my garden to look nice and it's easier to do less more often than leave it and do a bug job less frequently.

I just do what is necessary, certainly not a green thumb

I feel that growing grass, which is a widespread habit in Townsville, is a waste of water and energy and does nothing for native bees, birds, insects etc... We are fortunate to live in a place where houses have land all around and we should be thankful for that and make the best use of this land, i.e. make it beautiful to look at, welcoming to birds, insects, bees, mamals. The trees and plants oxygenate the air too to counteract traffic pollution. Some trees and plants have beautiful perfumes too..

I enjoy it and also enjoy living in a green tidy environment

I enjoy it

I enjoy gardening & like my home to look nice.

I enjoy gardening

I don't garden

I don't

i don't garden

I can't garden

Husband enjoys it

House proud person who knows a garden makes a big difference to the look and feel of my home and street

House proud

Home grown produce

Home grown food

Hobby, make some money, keep dust down, shade, food to eat.

High food prices encourage me to grow my own veges

Helping to beautify the surrounding neighbourhood.

Have to maintain existing gardens

Have always liked having green grass and well manicured gardens

Have always enjoyed growing things, both edible, native for wildlife & ornamental. Lov

Growing own produce to eat

Growing own fruits & vegetables... sustainable living!

Growing own food

Growing my own produce

Growing my own food

growing in fruit and herbs

Growing food

Grow produce to eat.

Artistic to plan, grow, design a garden space

Grow my own produce.

Grow my own fresh food.

Plants are the original air conditioners.

Grow Herbs, citrus and other vegetables.

Grow herbs and basic veg

grow food

Grew up on a farm. Currently have low income, so gardening eases the fruit & veg bills.

Grew up in a desert

good to grow own veges

Good for property value

General interest. How can an option not be general interest...

General interest

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Gardening relaxes me and lets me forget for a short time about daily / personal issues.

Gardening overhaul and projects.

Gardening Australia. ABC program.

Gardening Australia TV show & magazine

Gardening as my spiritual practice

Further to "good for my health" - there is great pleasure in eating food grown in our own garden. To help provide a place where others can grow food also provides some satisfaction.

FRESH Vegetables and Fruit

For the kids

For the food

For my own home?

For food production

Food.

To deal with waste ethically

Food. Bees. Birds. Fresh air..... etc

Food!!

Food source

Food production and habitat creation

Food production

Food

Family

Exercise, outdoor activity, social connections with friends and to grow my own food

Enjoyment. Growing food.

Enjoyment

Bought a house and needed to plant our a garden

enjoyment and satisfaction with before and after

Enjoyment

Enjoyment

Enjoyment

Enjoy it

Enjoy green and shady surroundings

Enjoy gardening.

Enjoy being outdoors and creating a beautiful environment to live in and encourage wildlife to visit or live in.

Don't want my yard to look completely feral.

Developed an interest when we were building out house.

Desire to have a picturesque front and backyard

Curious and wanted to learn, growing my own food and herbs

Cultural reasons strong cultural influence Mediterranean heritage

Creating better outdoor seating/garden areas

Creating a butterfly friendly garden

Create shade, therefore cool areas

Cost of living reductions

Community connection-reduces social isolation and loneliness. Teaches life skills across generations. Helps food security. Provides small income for not for profit group.

Community beautification

Built house and had to do yard myself.

Bought a house, figured I need to take care of the garden and in doing so the garden should be useful. So I am trying to grow things like herbs and veggies.

Being self-sufficient (veggies etc)

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Because the city looks brown and run down so if mt yard is lovely to look at at least that is something because Townsville is disgustingly run down

Because I have to

Because I enjoy it

Beautifying my property

Beautiful home beautiful garden and surrounds

Beautification of my property

Around front of house

Always wanted a clean tidy house with uniform gardens and turf, having been able to purchase my own property its become reality. Its a passion i wish to pursue into a career.

Also to grow my own food

Aesthetics; connection to / awareness of nature

Aesthetics & property value

Aesthetics

add beauty to my surroundings

shade coolness

Ability to grow and share food.

### **GARDENS WITHOUT BORDERS**



### APPENDIX 2 – OPEN TEXT DATA – HOW DO YOU FEEL (OTHER)

How do you feel when you garden? (Other (please specify))

Worry about water charges and supply as council supply lacking.

Weeding is Decluttering... feeling Satisfaction!

Watching results of gardening and planning further ahead

very hard work, keeping grass and weeds down

frustrated about infestation of leucaena

To Produce food.

There should be more free food available to passers by.

Tired

Tired

Thoughtful and caring; curious of how life works.

Thinking of what I can cook up

The lack of action from Australian Governments re climate change is overwhelmingly disappointing so gardening feels like a rebellious act and feels like the only thing I can do to help fight it

The above - plus exhaustion (after working hard on a project), irritation (when pests have damaged our growing plants or seeds have failed to germinate), satisfaction ("I love it when a plan comes together").

That I have made my garden look better

Sweaty. It's a chore

Spiritual connection

Spiritual

Sometimes exhausted

Sense of satisfaction and achievement. Contribution to nature and the environment.

Sense of satisfaction and ability to express creativity

Sense of pride at growing our own food

Sense of pride

Sense of achievement.

Sense of achievement

Mother Nature at work

Sense of achievement - lawns look good, palms free of dead fronds, watching stuff grow

Sense of achievement

Sense of achievement

Sense of achievement

Sense of accomplishment over time . Good exercise

Sense of accomplishment knowing my garden space and the council garden immediately outside my home is tidy.

Sense of accomplishment

Seeing my plants grow is wonderful and eating my own veggies is so rewarding I also love composting

Scared I'll get in trouble from the landlord

Satisfied with the produce I grow to eat

Satisfied when it's finished

Satisfied

Satisfaction, sense of achievement

Satisfaction of seeing change happen before you eyes with your hard work

Satisfaction in growing things myself. Sense of achievement

Satisfaction at seeing something I created grow.

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Satisfaction and pride in my home and yard.

Satisfaction and accomplishment

Rewarding

Repairing damage to habitat

Purposeful

Provides me with medicinal herbs as well.

Proud to be able to grow my own food.

Productive.

Productive

Productive

Productive

Pride and achievement and connection with partner

Pressured to keep plants watered enough,

pleasure of a wonderful environment

Physically tired and satisfied

Perplexed that the city has declined so much compared too when I was a child. Council need to have a long hard look at where the money is being spent

periodic physical exhaustion!

Pain so a friend helps me.

One with the Universe

Obligation

Not much really

Normally I feel annoyed and wish it wasn't so hard

Neighbourhood connection. Most interactions with our neighbours are a quick friendly chat while doing the garden/yard work.

Mowing the lawn

Mostly frustration at the moment

Making a positive change for the environment, local wildlife, fauna and my neighbours

Love listening to the birds in the trees and seeing insects and butterflies .

Like the movement, fresh air and sunshine is helping my physical and mental health improve

Like it's an unwanted chore

Like it's a chore

Like it's a task that needs completing

Like I'm completely atask

Keeping tidy

Just the same as doing other chores

just like watching the birds

Its townsville, i feel hot and uncomfortably sweaty all the time.

It's a necessary evil

It's good, so I do it. If I don't do it then who else will. The honest mentality are 50+ % of the whole of Australia...

It's a good work out.

It feeds us

immense satisfaction to see the garden grow and happy

I wish I could garden but pain prevents me

I usually garden to get rid of the weeds

I only do it to keep it looking good.

I love seeing an 'improvement', e.g. going from a patch overgrown with weeds to a productive and pretty garden bed.

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I feel like if I didn't have to pay rates I could afford to buy a really nice cylinder mower.

I feel joy when its done but mostly it is a chore.

I don't

i don't garden

Hot, tired, frustrated, itchy, hungry but pick from vine

Hot often! But satisfied

Hot and sweaty, we're in the tropics.

Hot and sweaty, this is townsville after all.

Hot and sweaty

hot and sweaty

hot and bothered

Hot and bothered

Helping all the wildlife have a sense of natural habitat that we are taking away from them

Hate doing it.

Happy when I have finished and can see the difference.

Happy Getting some exercise in

Happiness but with aches and pains

Grounded

Grounded

Good that I have made my place of abode looking good

good stress reliever, and a positivity that the garden will look better after doing the

gardening

Good for art inspiration

Gives me satisfaction in the presentation of my home.

Generally pulling up weeds

Generally exhausted.

Frustration at amount of household clippings going into land fill

Friendly tourists chatting

Focus. Mindfulness. At the moment I am restricted to light work due to pain

Feel stronger

Exhausted. I need a gardener. I just water it.

Exhausted!!

Exercise

Exercise

Exercise

Enjoy the end product

Dehydrated

Creating beauty.

Connection with the creator

Connection with community. I get to know all of the people that walk up and down the street and have informal chats with them.

Connection to the living things around me.

Connection to other people

Connection to nature

Connection to my father and Mediterranean cultural heritage

Connecting to nature - plants, insects, birds, small animals

Connected to others

Connected to my neighbours

Connected to children through nature.

Blessed that I have one

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Benefit to the community and wildlife/birds and butterflies

Being productive and creating beauty and having more of nature around me

Anxious. It's hard to keep plants alive in full sun and I can't afford the water bill

Angry, because im doing unpaid labor for the landlord and I have no choice in their ugly plant choices and weed sprays and the impacts that has on the natural animals/insects.

Anger, frustration

Adding some beauty to the world

Act of giving - Able to provide for my family, neighbours and others

Achieving a positive outcome for the environment and future generations

Accomplishment and sense of protection and contribution to environment

Accomplishment

Accomplished when the job is done

Accomplished when harvesting food crops

Accomplished (can easily see what my work is doing)

Accomplished

Accomplished

A sense of achievement.

A sense of playing a role in helping our planet.

:(

### **GARDENS WITHOUT BORDERS**



### APPENDIX 3 – OPEN TEXT DATA – PLANT, ANIMAL, INSECT (OTHER)

Are there any plants, animals or insects you particularly like to see where you garden? Please outline why in the bottom free text field (Other (please specify))

worms. they improve the soil, there are not many naturally around here.

Worms.

Worms, Lizards, Chickens

Worms! They are all signs of a healthy garden/good pollination.

Worms lizards echidna goanna monitor

Worms and fungi

Worms and bugs in the soil

Worms (means good soil)

Other animals because I like to support local/native plants and animals

Bees are endangered and very important to ecosystem

It's grounding (mental health), feeling of wonder at the intricacies of nature/life.

Worms

Worms

Worms

Worms

Worms

Wildlife in general.

We need to live with all wildlife and stop destroying their habitat. I love to see echidnas and goannas etc see my yard as a safe place to explore, find food and just go about their daily lives

We love giving the birds and butterflies somewhere to live in our predominately native garden. I love seeing the bees pollinate my veges.

We have several legless lizards & the odd snake

We have frog and native Bee hotels to attract all types of fauna.

We have a few resident green tree frogs and microbats

We are invading their habitat... the least we can do is try and make it bearable for them.

Wallabies, kangaroos, possums

Wallabies, kangaroos, echidnas, goannas, dragonflies.

Wallabies, kangaroos

wallabies and echidnas

Wallabies

Koalas

**Echidnas** 

Wallabies

Wallabies

Wallabies

Tree frogs and lizards

To see animals and insects in the garden is the sign of a healthy ecosystem.

They repollinate all of the native plants and keep a healthy balance

They help the garden thrive and provide a further connection to nature. It's fun to identify the dozens of species of birds and insects that reside in our yard, and welcome back seasonal visitors.

They create an eco system to bring health to my land.

They are vital pollinators for the environment

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They are important pollinators in our environment and increase the biodiversity in our urban area

They are all pollinators

They all have important roles for the ecosystem.

THEY AID IN POLLINATION OF OTHER PLANTS AND SHOW THAT THE ENVIROMENT IS HEALTHY

The sign on a garden that is healthy, and contributing to and sustaining the local ecosystem and wildlife.

The more animals I see, the more I know they enjoy the environment I create in the yard - interdependence

The bottom 3 are all vital to the ecosystem.

Possums ,Echidna s,Goannas..... even frogs and toads.

Spiders

Specifically I love to see the olive-backed sunbird visit. There is a sculpture of one at the strand with an info panel that says it was put in after a cyclone, because sunbirds are known for rebuilding their nest in the exact same spot after a disaster. So they are a symbol of resilience and they are just gorgeous with the noises they make.

Snakes are part of nature and serve a purpose

Small native frogs

Small mammals eg. wallabies.

Small lizards

Skinks (lizards)

Ants

Skinks

Skinks

Signs of a healthy garden, miracle of nature

Sightings of animals show the positive impact I'm having in my area. Also initiates links to others in the community starting conversations etc and pride in what is happening

Seeing too many wasps in the area already.

Seeing these animals means a healthy environment and perpetuates a good nature balance.

Seeing pollinators and wildlife in our garden makes me feel like we are part of something bigger than ourselves, it's fascinating and fun to observe them and their behaviour. It's good for my kids to grow up connected to the natural world, even in an urban environment. If they love nature, they grow up taking care of it.

Scared of snakes. Previously in North Ward we had echidna, monitor lizards, pheasant coucals, possums, frogs (have frogs here too). We currently have a nest of Indian myna birds next door that have scared many of the other birds away. I am sad about that

Reptiles. Frogs. Habitat for small natives

reptiles - skinks and goannas

Reptiles

Really it's everything, but these three in particular. Because they are natural beings and they belong amongst nature, and once upon a time they had much more room to live than they do currently - so it is my duty (to an extent) to give them room to flourish

Rabbit for my diner

Pretty (and mostly not dangerous)

Predatory insects.

Possums; goanna; occasionally small kangaroos

possums, wallabies

possums, lizards (we have loads of skinks

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Possums, bandicoot, lizards, frogs

Possums

Possums

Pollinators for veggie garden. Love the sound of birds. No snakes... we have chooks.

Pollinators are great for producing food and for flowers and growing more of everything. They are an indication of a healthy environment and biodiversity. We could do with more bees.

Pollinators & pretty

Pollinators

Pollination, healthy ecosystems

Plants you can eat.

Our survival is inked to a healthy environment

Our area hasn't really many people like gardening or have the time for gardening. By giving wildlife/Bees/ Butterflies/Birds etc a corridor where they can stop and find water and eat from flowers and plants then on a small scale this helps the neighbourhood. For instance we as a community should grow natives and flowering shrubs and plant insect and butterfly loving trees that are attractants for them.

original native plants and trees, wallabies, possums, frogs, koalas ( why not kn Kelso!!?) Only these two as bees are so important for gardening & butterflies don't bite you or eat the produce - I don't think :-)

nothing

Not snakes but there ok, lizards, my pets.

Not snakes because we have a dog. Unfortunately the veggie garden attracted a lot of rodents too. But the butterflies and birds are amazing. And I'm ok with the bats in my papaya but not sure how the neighbours feel

Not reptiles because my dog will chase them and kill them. I don't want them to die

Not concerned

None of the above

Non venomous snakes and native plants

No birds a nuisance due to neighbours feeding them. Bees and wasps are a danger to alkergic reaction. Snakes are deadly

Nature is less predictable than TV.

Nature in general

natural regeneration of desirable local species.

Natives plants for animal food and habitat, and to feel connected with Australia

Native: marsupials, lizards and fish

Native plants, wildlife and insects create a healthy ecosystem.

Native plants of local provenance, lizards, mammals, including wallabies, bandicoot, bat's etc

Native plants

Native plants

Native lizards, frogs, possums

Native insects

Native flora,

Native flora and fauna and an increase in local biodiversity

Native bees. Possums. Lizards. Frogs.

Native animals

Native animals

My plant choices mostly are to attract birds and bees.

My garden provides a diverse area for fauna to live

### **GARDENS WITHOUT BORDERS**



Moths

mother nature

Monitors and other small animals.

monitor lizard

possums

wallabies

Microbats

Marsupials, lizards, flying foxes, microbats

Marsupials and amphibians should be on this list:)

Many species of birds and insects and reptiles are becoming very scarce, e.g. green tree frogs. We need more public awareness and education as to how we can create conducive environments for them

Mammals/marsupial, reptiles (lizards).

Mammals including bats

Lizards

Macropods and lizards

Love to encourage Yellow spotted monitors along with all types of lizards

Love hearing the many varied birds and plant trees to attract the birds. Also have 2 birdbaths, so get to watch the birds taking a bath. Birds, bees & butterflies are an indicator of a healthy ecosystem

Love having insects and wildlife, less keen on snakes because of dogs and young kids at home

Love diversity of insects in the garden, they're all very good for it

Lots of fauna is rewarding to experience in your garden and its good when they choose your space

Lizzards, worms

Lizzards

Lizards.

I don't mind seeing the ones I didn't tick but I love to try and identify the native birds, bees, butterflies and lizards.

Lizards.

Lizards, spiders.... all animals

Lizards, skinks, native bees

Lizards, skinks and geckos

Lizards, possums, frogs

Lizards, possums, any native wildlife really

Lizards, possums,

Lizards, natives

Lizards, goannas, wallabies

Lizards, frogs. Seeing these creatures I feel it is helping the environment

Lizards, frogs, toads, spiders etc.

Lizards, frogs, possums, and birds. Love birds in the garden

Lizards, frogs, bats.

Lizards, frogs, ants

Lizards, frogs, all nature

Lizards, frogs,

Lizards, frogs

Lizards, frogs

Lizards, frogs

Lizards, frogs

### **GARDENS WITHOUT BORDERS**



Lizards

Frogs

Lizards and skunks.

Like to see all these animals for biodiversity, supporting native species etc

lizards and skinks; hover flies and dragonflies; butterfly larvae and cocoons' some wasps and native bees

Lizards and skinks

Frogs

Lizards and other animals native to Townsville

Lizards and frogs

Lizards and frogs

Lizards and frogs

Lizards

Froas

**Echidna** 

Lizards

Lizards

Lizards

Lizards

Lizards

Lizards

Lizards

lizards

Lizards

Lizards Lizards

Lizards

Lizards

Let's me know that the ecosystem is healthy, or otherwise.

Ladybugs, praying mantis and other pest controlling insects

Lady Bird's all the bugs that keep a balance in the garden so I don't need chemical's

Koalas, echidna, wallabies, possims

Koala

Knowing that they are helping my garden grow and flower

Kangaroos, ducks

Kangaroos and wallabies

I've included snakes - they are part of a healthy ecosystem. I'd definitely add frogs too.

It's great to see life thriving in my yard.

It's great to see and hear nature doing its thing. Beauty of creation.

It's good to see a healthy and diverse ecosystem

It's brilliant seeing any native animals in the garden. I like to see a healthy ecosystem.

It shows a healthy ecosystem. Microbats fly in our backyard some evenings.

It shows a healthy ecosystem and biodiversity

It means I am supporting the local ecology which in turns assists human health both mental and physical

It just feels very cohesive

It is wonderful to see a whole ecosystem functioning, so the more diversity the better.

It is just amazing to see any wildlife. It all has a role to play- well most cane toads don't Increase the flora and fauna of suburban area with too much asphalt. Honeyeaters need flowering plants to thrive.

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In addition to the above, there are a few different species of Lizards, skinks and geckos in my garden. I also have a dog, so it's nice to see them still thriving

I love watching birds having a tub in the birdbath

I love to see them and love to provide habitat.

I love to see a lot of native flowers

I love seeing that my garden is habitat, and nature generally keeps itself in check. Have a phobia of snakes so not stoked to see them in the garden!

I love seeing bees (other pollinators are nice too)

I love creating a diverse environment on my property. I also get bats, lizards including goanna, echidnas, frogs, worms, etc

I love a healthy environment

I live in the tropics because of astounding nature and biodiversity, and want to share it with my young family as much as possible.

I like to see public food plants. I think we need more natives like macadamia trees. I think public green areas should focus more on native trees to support our ecosystem and food plants to support foraging and food education

I like to see fauna in my yard, hear the birds, provide a haven and natural food for wildlife

I like to help maintain the native eco system.

I like to be out in Nature with all its wonders.

I like them all and they all add to my sense of belonging in the world and nurturing and being nurtured.

I like them all

I like providing habitat for various creatures

I like having pollinators in the garden. My children enjoy seeing and learning about these animals.

I have always enjoyed bird watching, and observing the flow of migratory birds helps me feel connected to the nature and the seasons. It is also incredibly rewarding to interact with the birds and develop positive relationships with them as they become accustom to your presence.

As for bees, i keep native bees and enjoy watching their remarkable work, and I find the solitary bees fascinating as well.

Butterflies are simply beautiful.

I also pay a great deal of attention to frogs, appreciating the various morphs and doing my best to reduce toad numbers and create frog friendly habitats.

I had a beautiful family of magpies living close by. They were never a danger. My Dad could hand feed them (mince). Then a group of drunken indigenous from around the corner started throwing rocks at them whenever they staggered down the street & now I don't see them.

I did spot my first blue winged kookaburra today. I have particular trees in my yard that attract the ulysses butterfly & I love seeing them fly around - that is very calming.

I feel like the environment healthy/going well when I see native birds and insects

I enjoy providing spaces for wildlife and insects to enjoy

I enjoy looking at them during the day

Health environment

Having a balance in all things builds a healthier place.

Have flowers that attract birds and insects

We have green hairy caterpillars that provide a very nasty sting and swelling

Green Tree Frogs

### **GARDENS WITHOUT BORDERS**



Green frogs, flying foxes, possums, geckos.
green frogs
Green frogs

Green frogs Green frogs

Green frogs

Green frogs
Green ants

Mushrooms

Lady bugs Caterpillar

Good pollinators

Good for pollination and pest control

Good for pollination

Goannas; snakes (if they are non-venomous). Earthworms!

Goannas, equinnas, wallaby, bush turkeys, lizards, etc. these are in our yards now.

Goannas

goanna, possums,

Goanna, frogs, lizards

Goanna

Gardens help bring nature closer to me in my everyday life.

Fungi; lizards; frogs

Fungi are also very important. As for others listed, I love to see as much biodiversity in terms of native species as possible. I'm also drawn to building great soil so I love to see lots of critters in our compost and mulch. Actively encourage black soldier fly for chicken food.

Fruit bats

Fruit and vegetables as it is fun to grow what you can eat

Frogs..have fish ponds in for them to breed and also dragonflies

Frogs. Other than cane toads. Have a frog hotel with 67 current resident green tree frogs. So my dogs don't harass them.

Frogs. Lizards. Worms. Chooks. Native plants. Edible plants.

Frogs. All of these animals and insects indicate a healthy ecosystem, they all have a role to play in adding back to the areas that they visit.

Frogs. lizards.

I enjoy seeing wildlife feel like they have a safe space to flourish in my garden.

Frogs, lizards. I think they're an indicator of environmental health.

Frogs, lizards, spiders.

Frogs, lizards, spiders, worms .... Everything!

Frogs, lizards, possums and bats.

I love native plants, especially the ones indigenous to the area, because they support all the levels of native insects and animals.

Natives belong here not the imported weeds growing rampantly in the environment.

Frogs, lizards

Frogs

Lizards

Frogs

Lizards

Frogs 🐸

Frogs lizards worms

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Frogs as well. Seeing these tell me I have a healthy garden, which can be a haven for
wildlife.
Frogs any wildlife is great, means I have created a good eco system
Frogs and lizards
Frogs and lizard
Frogs - though sadly I see few of any of these creatures. (We're planting things to attract
them.)
Frogs
Frogs
Frill neck lizards, Goannas
Food plants, orchids, heritage flowers i remember from childhood in townsville - roses and
gerberas
Flowers, shade
Flowers and colour
Fish, frogs. Indicates a thriving environment.
Enjoy giving back to the environment, derive great enjoyment from seeing animals utilise
my yard for food and/or sanctuary.
Ecosystems health & keeping local wildlife alive
Ecosystems fascinate me and it provides life
Echinda
Echidnas
Echidna, goanna
Echidna
Wallabies
Echidna - until the dog next door got it!
Eastern Dragons
Earthworms
Dragonflys, worms, snails, lizards, and bugs.
Dragonflies, frogs, lizards bats
Diversity is important.
Delightful creatures make feel happy and connected to nature.
Curlews
Caterpillars & Worms
Cairns Birdwing Butterflies and caterpillars.

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Butterflies and birds are pretty and I enjoy watching them fly around. While bees are essential for the ecosystem.

Birds bees butterflies are all signs of a healthy ecosystem

Biodiversity, entertainment, looking at fauna, flower and vegetable fertalisation

Biodiversity is a sign of a healthy ecosystem within an urban environment, and a flourishing garden provides refuges for native wildlife.

Biodiversity and healthy garden

Because they perpetuate more nature.

Because they are beautiful and I know when they're around the garden is doing what it should and is healthy.

Because species diversity and supporting of wildlife in urban environments is important. Supporting our pollinators is important. I also like to see bats, possums, and small reptiles in my garden.

Bats

Bandicoots, possums, green frogs

\* noticed not as many insects as there used to be. : (

Bandicoots, Echnida, possums

Aristolochia butterfly vines - only food source for the Cairns Birdwing Butterfly

Anything native

Anything native

Any other native animal

Any native plant or animal or insects are a bonus and very welcome to create an environment that benefits the betterment of all.

Any native animals and insects particularly those endemic or locally significant

And plants

And Frogs.

Butterflies are beautiful and their habitat is reducing

Also lizards, earthworms. Because They belong and they are fun to look at.

Also lizards and other insects like dragon flies.

I like to know I'm providing shelter and food for more than just the people inside my house, and the wider range of critters the better - it shows a healthy ecosystem.

All types of vegetables and fruit trees

All of them because it signifies a healthy ecosystem and garden

All of the native insects and insects and birds contribute to a healthier ecosystem

All of the above. The statement that normally is stated, flora and fauna. That is two words, not just flora. Fauna is in there too....

I'm waiting to see the common sense part of the survey

All natives

All native animals are welcome. Mammals inc echidna, flying foxes, microbats. Lizards, frogs, the list never stops.

All insects and creatures

All insects and animals play an important role in the biodiversity of my garden.

All contribute to a healthy urban ecosystem

A Sign garden is having positive effect in ecosystem. Just for the pleasure of seeing them.

a nautal environment encourages native flora and fauna

A functioning eco system is important and it is good to see them.

A chance to get more native species present

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What type of gardening do you do inside your property boundary?	(Other (please
specify))	

Yard and garden maintenance.

Yard

Would prefer none

Worm farm

Wild flower gardens for bees/butterflies

Weeding

Weeding

Water wise plants - succulent varieties

Wall garden

Vines and trees that are bird and butterfly attractants.

Vines - butterfly specific.

Vines

very little

Various succulents and airplants for side income of 20 dollars a month. Mainly to pay for gardening but also to share and connect with friends neighbours.

turf

**Tropicals** 

Tropical, magnolias, ferns, gardenias and ornamentals

Tropical themed

Tropical style, butterfly friendly

Tropical plants. Foliage. Water plants. Flowers.

Tropical plants for texture and colour

Tropical plants Broms, philodendrons, etc

Tropical plants

Orchids

Tropical plants

Tropical plants

Tropical orchid

Tropical flowering plants

Palms

Shade trees

**Flowers** 

Tropical and native

Tropical and native

Tropical ++++

Tropical

**Tropical** 

Treat pests and weeds

Succulents, orchids, ferns, palms, everything ready

Succulents, elephant ear etc

Succulents, cactus

Succulents and cactus

Succulents and cactus

Succulents

Succulents

Succulents

Still planning for vegetable garden & fruiting trees as well.

Starting out - mix of plants & some fruit trees

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Specificnative plants to encourage specific butterflly caterpillars

Soon to develop an at home veggie garden suitable per my homes lease agreement.

Some flowers

soil enhancement

Snake plant and some various native plants to attract wildlife

Shrubs, flowers

Shrubs

**Plants** 

**Flowers** 

Grass

Shrubs and native bushes

Shade trees

Shade & creativity

Roses

Rose Gardens, ornamentals etc

Replanting local native species for wildlife habitat

Really into my buffalo lawn.

Rainforest garden

Potted plants and herbs

Potted plants / garden beds

Potted flowers and climbers

Pot plants.

Pot plants on our own deck

Pot plants of all sorts

Pot plants

Pond plants for the animals like frogs and fish

Pond life for frogs. Concentrate on native plants where possible but as our garden has had many vegetation successions due to termites, shading, cyclones, end of life expectancy, we have ended up with a garden dominated by hardy drought resistant plants not necessarily native.

Plants that attract birds, bees and butterflies.

plants native tot he area - we ask landcare.

Plants in pots

Plants

Planting native vines for the butterfly populations

Palms,flowers

Palms

Palm Trees and Tropical Plants,

Previously Also Vegetable and Fruit .

Palm frond collection, watering and weeding.

Outdoor potted plants, native plants both fruiting and non fruiting. Native grasses and ground covers.

outdoor potplants and hanging baskets. Herb garden

outdoor pot plants

herbs

Outdoor pot plants - cactus/succulents, ferns etc

Outdoor pot plants

Outdoor plants like sunflowers and tropical plant such as my favourite elephant ears

Outdoor garden

Ornamental groundcover and lawn

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original native trees, outdoor pot plants
some fruit trees
Orchids, ferns
Orchids,
Orchids flowers natives
Orchids and outdoor potplants
Orchids and foliage
Orchids herbs groundcovers
Orchids
Orchid garden, natives
None within - no garden or plants allowed :(
none
None
None
natural garden, would love to do fruit trees just no room
Natives, such as Lillipillies, melaleuca, calistamons etc, which are drought tough,
symbolise Australia, attract bird life and require reasonably little maintenance.
Natives, palms,
Natives, bulbs
Natives to Townsville
Natives I believe in growing Australian natives to ensure Birds, insects and lizards all have
a habit and food supply when so much is being destroyed
Natives for fauna
Natives for birds, bees and butterflies
Natives for birds and native vines for butterflies. Frog Hotel. Tropical plants.
Natives and succulents
Natives and roses
Natives and flowering plants to bring the bees
Natives
Natives Natives
Natives

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Natives
Natives
Native's to feed the wildlife and create places to be safe
Native vegetation & habitat gardening
Native trees and shrubs.
Native trees and shrubs
Native trees and shrubs
Native trees
Native trees
Native to the dry tropics
Native plants to attract local critters.
Native plants that attract birds and insects
Native plants of all sizes, including grasses
native plants in a bush like gardening enviroment
Native plants and trees
Native plants (local provenance)
Native plants
Native planting
Native grasses and trees
Native grasses and flowers
Native grasses and nowers  Native gardens
Native fruit tres
Native flowers Native flowers
Native corridors for wildlife, wild areas by the creek.
Native bushes
Rainforest trees
Native palms
Butterfly attracting trees and vines
Native Bush garden
Native & water saving plants
Native
Native
NA. However if I could it would be a produce based garden with fruiting trees, plants, herbs
along with local native plants
N/A, currently do not have a garden space
mowing
mow
Mixture of native and exotic plants suitable for the dry tropics and some that are more wet
tropical plants.
Many flowering pot plants and orchids

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Many	Australian	native	plants,	Exotics
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Majority are native species and those that bring in native wildlife

Low maintenance garden with tolerance to dry climate

lots of natives, no grass

Lots of herbs and citrus trees

Lots of Australian native trees.

Lots & lots of natives!!!

Look after my garden beds and lawn.. why was this not an option?

Locally suitable plants/shrubs that attract butterflies and bees and birds

Local natives.

Lawns and weeding

Lawns and native fauna

Lawn n shrubs

Lawn maintenance and weeding

Lawn care

Lawn care

Lawn care

Lawn

Lawn

Lawn

Lawn

Landord wants weeds sprayed.

Japanese Garden, Australia Native Garden

Is it so hard to add a button for all of the above. Like seriously, some people actually put in an effort. I know 50% of the population is lazy, but some of us do actually try. It is nice to be acknowledged. Glad to see that gender norm of surveys is being portrayed once again

I try to cultivate the vines preferred by butterflies also

I mow the footpath

I have an enormous Bromeliad collection of more than 1000 plants + 4 vegetable patches

+ a green house for herbs.

I have 3 x different themes - tropical plants, native plants and roses

I grow annuals that flower and attract bees and in some cases bugs eat them instead of my garden vegetables

I garden with flowers for bees and butterflies

I don't as I don't have a garden. This should be an option.

I also garden in the Tsv Community Garden and have fruit trees, vegetables and herbs growing

Hydroponics, lawn, cactii

Herbs.

Herbs, natives to attract birds and trees for shade

Herbs, native flowers. I plant veggies but they don't make it to maturity

Herbs

Plants indigenous to our region

Herbs and natives

Herbs and flowering

Herbs & succulents in pots.

Herbs

Herbs

Herbs

Herbs

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Herbs
Herbs
Heliconias and gingers
Have a very active compost
Hardy species suited for dry tropics.
Gumtrees,palms
Groundcovers
Ground covers flowers, natives
Ground cover flowers, grasses
Grasses an drought tolerant plants
grass and grounds
Grass
Grass
Gardening for butterflies, bees, birds, lizards
Garden Herbs
Following
natives, Birding butterfly vine
Foliage plants, potted plants
flowers,pineapples, herbs
Flowers, succulents
Flowers, palms etc
Flowers, in the right time of the year.
Flowers, different colors and textures includes succulents. Love Ferns
Flowers, composting
Flowers
Not trees as the trees on council land next to me have blocked drains twice costing me
over \$20,000
Flowers for the bees
flowers everywhere flowers and I also created a couple of ponds out of gardening ponds.
flowers & ornamentals
Flowers orchids ornamental pot plants
Flowers
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Flowers
Flowers
Flowering trees, screening shrubs
Flowering plants
Flowering plants
Flowering plants
Flowering plants Flowering native plants
Flower patch outside in garden bed
Flower gardens for bees. Natives.
Flower garden to attract bees & butterflies & to grow cut flowers
Flower beds
Ferns, vines and orchids
ferns, tropical and native plants.
Ferns, cactus
Ferns and native grasses Exotics
Eucalypts and specific natives to castle hill in particular and perineals of course
Drought tolerant plants and trees
Desert roses, Frangipani trees, roses.
Create ideal conditions for wood eating fungi such as wood ear.
Contage flowers
Conifers/ Pines Turf.
Composting
Compost
Banana trees that produce fruit colourful annuals
Cactus gums bottle brush other natives
Cactus & Succulents
Cacti family plants due to water
Butterfly gardening
Butterfly and pollinator support, flowering plants for look and smell, natives, lawn
Butterfly and bee attractions
Butterflies food plants
Bromeliads
Botanical collections from Cape York Peninsula, local vine thicket species and threatened plants
Bonsai (partner), pond with water plants, Australian native species
Bird and butterfly attracting plants
Believe need to best use of limited resources of land and water
Beautifying my yard
Australian natives
Australian natives
Australian and tropical natives.
Araceae, grasses, gingers and others.
Aquatic plants
Aquatic plants
Anything to bring bees and butterflies
Annual flowers
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Annual flowers

All sorts

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All of the above. Plus flowering plants for butterflies, eg Cairns Birdwing.

Air plants

Shaded courtyard of pot plants is good for tenants but have been asked to remove plants as they get larger

Aesthetingly pleasing shrubs and flowers

Above, Flowering plants and cover for all to live and take cover in.

A variety of screening and shading plants with complimentary ground covers for amenity. A small area of herb and edibles and potted plants.

A variety of potted plants, flowers and herbs.

A miniature Zen Garden.

- '- Native trees (both fruiting and non fruiting)
- Ecosystem important vegetation
- -permaculture

### **GARDENS WITHOUT BORDERS**



#### APPENDIX 4 – OPEN TEXT DATA – CONCERNS ABOUT COMMUNITY SPACES

Please outline any concerns you may have about how the common spaces (gardens and parks) look outside your property boundary but within your immediate suburb below.

Cars parking on green spaces

Water wastage often on pre set timers on roundabouts and traffic islands

(Work premises). Irrigation broken. Goat heads on footpaths (27 Mitchell St, North Ward)

- 1. The Port of Townsville continaully use pesticides and heracides in the nexus park between Port and residential area of Sth Tsv. They also cut down decade old trees to replace with small plants but use media releases yo say they are planting tree. .... badic green washing 101!
- 2. For TCC to stop increasing the amount of bitumen used as this is creating urban heat sinks.

Road verges can be replaced with verge gardens to reduce ever increasing temps.

- 3. Teach TCC engineers that verge gardens and street trees are assets. Currently they only view gutters and roads as assets. This is a big cultural change needed!
- 1. Who would be the care taker?
- 2. security of the garden from vandals
- 1. Need to reduce water consumption, labour or fuel requirements.
- 2. Need to reduce fire risk.
- 3. Need to educate people that yellow is natural in the dry tropics.
- 4. Need to educate people to mow lawns on highest settings & self mulsh.
- 5. Decomposed granite road verges not being maintained (pernuability)

1320 riverway drive is a large vacant lot which has a sign indicating it was destined to be a garden for community use or similar many years ago. At current it is a disused wasteland of weeds that could be a real asset with some development. Basic plantings and a fenced dog park would be a real advantage. The various parks on Framara are well maintained.

#### A bit more regular maintenance wouldn't hurt

A couple of years ago I would have said Nathan Street was an embarrassment. I even wrote about it in a council survey. It was horrible that people flying into Townsville saw a significant street is such a way. Then council did a massive project & what a difference it made. It made it so much nicer to say where I lived. A gorgeous green corridor. Now I'm torn. It's still lovely from a distance but I don't believe it's looked after like it should be. There is an element of lazy owners/renters that don't look after their own yard/fence & the weeds have taken over & have invaded the public space. The parking space was very much appreciated & needed but it's obvious the budget was cut & a cheaper option was installed. The gravel hasn't been maintained. No matter how much money I spend on poison I can't stay on top of it. I was told a lot of promises by a councillor about the driveways & parking spaces but that of course was before an election so he's proven by inaction that they were empty words. I've given him a few years to deliver so I don't think I'm being hasty in my words. The previous councillor for this area was always out & about, in shopping centres, walking the streets, talking with people - genuinely engaged. The current councillor is a waste of money - he doesn't deserve to collect his pay. Ooops his staff do put out a newsletter.

A footpath still needs to be maintained as the road is for cars and the footpath for people. a little worse for where, it would be nice to use these spaces to help with the hunger eg fruit trees

A lot of effort is put into watering and maintaining grass (often with sprinklers watering cement and walkways). I think these are lovely spaces, but I would love to see this effort put into also productive and educational spaces such as community gardens

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A lot of Riverside Boulevard has wonderful trees planted, but there are some bare patches around the tavern. Also, many of the smaller streets are not well planted with street trees, and could do with some.

A lot of the paths along the creek beds are clearly not on anyone's maintenance register, as problems such as animal poo or dead critters on the paths and dumped rubbish are never spotted or dealt with. I've reported things once or twice (and just picked up rubbish myself), but it would be better if a council worker walked up the paths occasionally.

A lot of the public areas on Magnetic island look weed infested and uncared for. There is only small areas that are maintained and minimal to promote further wildlife (prominent for "tourists"). I would like to see areas for native bees, butterflys and birds to thrive.

A senior cit, I hate having to walk on busy street because of vehicles obstructing walking areas.

A truck parks out front of park 90% of the time and council just mow around it so the truck makes area look shabby and the long grass around truck looks shabby and snake pit- no one f St ones anything about the truck- can't see the lovely park over the horrid truck-also would like more shade trees in the park on the beachfront parks reserves a wonderful example is the foreshore at Toomulla beach with shade trees tropical plants and also more park seats around -would like to see shade trees planted on beach access and beach front parks to make it an appealing place to visit and shade

Absolutely horrified by the lack of care and support given by council to residents who WANT to beutify our suburbs.

I have witnessed council workers pulling out flowers, destroying garden beds and removing small trees in public spaces for no other reason than to make their moving easier!

Active removal of established trees and shrubs for the parking öf boats, cars or views

Aitkenvale is a very dry and hot suburb of Townsville. Some streets have adequate shade trees but garden beds are very dry

All are reasonable

Some could do with a bit more TLC

All pretty plain looking and not mowed regularly

All very low lying plants, they don't provide shade keep the temperature at street level high and make it hard to go for walks

Along the river we lost a lot of trees from cyclone Yasi

These have never been replaced

Cranbrook park has a wonderful play area a couple of tables and a very disappointing exercise area, we need another area for picnics (tables, chairs and under cover) similar to Douglas along the river and the other area of Cranbrook park.

Alot of common areas are not maintained

Always concerned to see council cutting down beautiful old trees in our area. Hate seeing palms planted which offer no shade or protection for wildlife.

Always overgrown and looking scruffy

Am concerned about the existing trees and landscaping being destroyed to upgrade the River way Drive road

Anderson Park is usually beautifully maintained but other parks and verges could definitely use a lot more work

Annandale lost a huge amount of mature trees during a cyclone (Yasi?) many years ago the trees down main connecting roads i.e. William Angliss Drive have never been replaced. The suburb was beautiful because of the trees (similar to Riverside and Idalia) please replant the trees. Be great to see large trees (gums) planted along wetlands side

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of river to support bees and birds, currently this area is hot when walking as there is no shade.

Appear bare with little more than grass and gum trees

#### Area unkept

As a whole Townsville have some lovely parks but in a lot of suburbs there could be more vegetation along verges for the fauna

As a whole TvI has great parks could do with fruiting trees that the community can share in.

As an older suburb I would have expected to see more mature trees along the streets of Annandale.

The large open, dry, space next to Annandale central is an eyesore.

As long as it doesn't effect walkways or the edges of roads when I tow my boat or van.

Aslong as water isn't a problem I think council does a better job then 90% of other LGA'S

Assistance is needed from council to maintain these areas as the tenant/ homeowners are not always willing and then they quickly become eyesores and havens for snakes

At times gardens look overgrown with weeds or dead due to incorrect plant selection. At times Mindham Park seems to be mowed less frequently than needed. It would also benefit from more trees. Leucaena trees require removal and treatment. More generally across Townsville leucaena trees and ivy gourd vines have become widespread weeds and require focussed TCC action.

#### Atrocious

#### Aweful. Dry and poorly maintained.

Bamford lane walking path centre strip in bad need of an upgrade- it's full of trip hazards and makes for an unsafe walking route

#### Bamford Lane! All of it ....

#### Bare nothing there just bare

Bare, brown and unattractive. There are no gardens in a community setting and the local park has broken glass, needles and rubbish everywhere

Bare, under planted, limited species variety, unshaded pathways, limited large trees because of powerlines, turf/garden areas that were once in the roadways around trees are now asphalt. A path was installed along Boundary St, trees were removed and not replanted. Boundary St is extremely wide, make a provision for tree planting.

#### Basic

Bats are a problem. Would not want to walk through the beautiful park, for fear of getting shat on.

#### Be nice to have fruit trees on the streets

Beautiful but could always do with more trees/plants/flowers

Being an older part of Kirwan, the gardens are a bit run down with the exception of riverway which is beautiful!

Being in a new development most trees have been removed, which is actually quite sad and I'm sure adds to the heat and barness

Belgian gardens parks are maintained nicely. I live on the border of BG and garbutt and think castle park could be maintained much better, nicer trails, perhaps a track that could be used as a city park run and somewhere for a coffee cart to pull up perhaps

Better maintenance of generalised area, grass getting to high etc, staying on top of tasks such as grass cutting, tree trimming, hedge trimming, weeding, all general gardening needs.

Bicentennial Park could have more trees and shrubs to make it more pleasant. I would also love to see the nature strips turned into food producing strips that the community as a whole can access.

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Bicentennial Park doesnt have many lights at night. A dim and subtle (maybe solar) lighting on the near by path or outskirts of the park would be nice. Nothing too blaring, just enough to see in front of you. More flowers and shrubbery on sidewalk gardens would brighten up a way to work. The vacant spot next to Hall's Firearms on Charters Towers Rd is a but run down, maybe a community garden could go there

Bit monotonous in terms of species.

Bland, not much going on, not supportive to native flaura and fauna

Bland.

Borina

boring grassed footpaths, some well maintained some not so much

Boring. Ugly. Not enough

Bushland beach ,gardens look terrible ,overgrown and weeds ,fallen down or dead trees are never replaced

Bushland Beach has incredible areas of parkland where mature trees have been allowed to remain. These include the areas where the original drainage exists. example The park between Mendi Drive and Coutts Drive (Mt Lowe Parkway) has many mature trees that are providing nest sites for a number of different bird species (migratory dollar birds and torres strait pidgeons, white crested cockatoo, lorikeets, various honey eaters) as well as possums during the day. Trees have been left behind the houses along Marina Drive that have raptor (brahminy kite) nests in them supporting the fact that these birds can still live in the area despite the increases in human population.

Opposite Mostyn Close, running parallel with Couttes Drive however there is a large grassed area (one large mature tree completely removed recently) with only a few mature trees left. What an incredible opportunity to tree this area with the larger trees that will not impact on the houses nearby. They can and would reduce the thermal heat radiating from the area. These future trees would increase the bird habitat available in turn increasing bird numbers. Notably bird watching can bring money to a location also! If the bird habitat is here (a single sign is at one of the beaches provides information on our shore birds) birds will come.

Slashing and mowing has only increased the weed problem. Likewise on the opposite side of the Mt Lowe Parkway either side of Marina Drive tree density has been reduced significantly in the grassed easement area. While this may result in ease of mowing for the local contractor it is contributing to limited ecological diversity. Grassed areas are contributing significantly to high weed areas - a problem compounded by the mowers and slashers that have to come into the area......to mow the grass.

I encourage the Council to embrace the opportunity to involve local groups, form schools to local land care groups to be part of greening (other than grass) these areas. The positive spin offs such as mental well being and cooler suburbs (thermal heat reduction) as a result of large park areas has been documented in a plethora of literature. It is a known fact that urban greening can cool ambient air temperatures. Whilst it is understood the outer suburbs like Bushland Beach provide more affordable homes, the phenomena of 'thermal inequity' whereby poorer people live in hotter places, will evolve. Living in suburbs devoid of shady plant life contributes to a higher cost of living (i.e higher electricity costs to cool the home) and poorer mental health.

There is such scope and opportunity for the Council to address this by working with local groups including schools and the University to enhance our suburbs by planting trees and shrubs in already large open areas!

Cambridge Park could use some big shade trees

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Cement, sparse trees and lots of mowed grass.with few with children's playground and dog park too far from my home.

Certain areas kept well. Others look like they are not maintained. Hit and miss approach

Charles street Street sweeper seems to have disappeared from its weekly clean. The Aboriginal reserve is overgrown with weed and vine on the fence

Childhood bullying in the park by different races,

China apple trees and similar weedy woody species take over

Coconut trees in nearby public areas not always de-nutted when they should be, posing a threat to human safety.

Common spaces well maintained, landscaping needs re doing at the approach to boat ramp in Fifth Avenue

Common spaces, street plantings and botanical gardens/ parks in Townsville severely lacking.

If one goes to Cairns, the comparison is enormous. There tourist dollar speaks for itself. Vibrant street plantings everywhere. Local park plantings are non existent. Fix up our own botanical gardens first, employ more staff, then extend to suburbs

Concerned about the huge amount of tree removal in anzac park, along strand and in Queens gardens. The choice of brick and roses in raised garden beds in Queen's Gardens. The extended periods the whole of Queen's garden is closed to general walkers during NAFA and other festival setup. Why fairy lights that are attached to trees on turned on all night, what is the reason for the purple light illuminating Castle Hill all night.

Concerned about the massive weed infestation along the beach easement behind Livistonia Close. The weeds are strangling & killing the natives & the older trees. It is also full of rubbish that is going into the oceans. It is not safe for the local wildlife, residents & pets.

Concerned about vandalism of any verge gardens.

Concerns about a lack of maintenance on corner of Townsend and kings rd. Block is over grown and trees are almost blocking footpath.

Concrete

Many opportunities for greening

Considerable amount of free space (grass) on cnr of Mooney & Hammett Sts that could be further utilised. eg. shade park/community garden project.

Control of weed species is lacking (goathead burrs, neem trees, Leucaena)

Corner garden going into Westbrook needs attention.

Corner of Highgrove Avenue and Greater Ascot Avenue: The beds look poorly. Initially they had plants in them that, as they grew larger, were not maintained, and some were ripped out. So the space is empty and dead, and the few plants that remain look awful. It would be better to have the space as grass only, this would be easier to keep tidy and allow cars to park appropriately without having plants covered in weeds right up against your vehicle. The trees planted in these spaces, particularly the ones next to the first house on the right as you go into Highgrove Avenue, have berries that fall and stain the concrete paths so dark it looks like bats live in the trees. These stains are also left on cars parked under them, simply a poor choice in tree. The response I received regarding the trees from the original suburb developers were that I could pay the costs to have them removed if they were such an issue. I am constantly having to powerhose the sidewalks, gutter and road under these trees to remove the stains. I have done the powerwash in the last week of March 2022, as I do every three months, so the council will not see the effects until later in the year should they wish to look for this problem to verify it. The other trees planted towards the front of my property that, when flowering, leave tiny little leaves in such volume that I have to rake the council yard and my own yard to be rid of them.

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They have grown to the point they overshadow and hang in the way of people walking along the footpath so I have to trim the tree myself simply so people can walk past. Just a frustrating process all around. Grass would be preferred in the beds, and trees that don't rain berries that stain or leaves that pile up overnight. Thank you.

Could add some spaces for wilding instead of manicured gardens and lawns. Natives and productive plants would be good

Could be maintained a bit more thoroughly

could be more trees

Could be more trees for shade.

Could definitely use some beautification around Deeragun/Jensen/Mt Low

Could do with more attention mulching trimming of trees etc etc

Could have more native plantings and better maintained

Council & Ergon regularly hack street trees

Council come and spray herbicide on native plants I have planted

Council does not provide a service level to the area, very unkept

Council doesn't keep

Up the mulching

Council garden team aren't able to recognise native species and often remove or kill them unknowingly. Council need to recognise ALL the benefits of revegetating areas, more trees = shade=cool suburbs. Grass is expensive to manage and maintain. Rubbish in our environment is unsightly and deadly to our animals.

Council has created a shady tree lined strip on Stuart Highway, from Edison Street, but it doesn't continue as far as our street (Hynch). I love walking in the area of trees, but don't enjoy getting there where there is no shade and the footpath is not shielded from the road.

Council has mismanaged areas of Castle Hill close to our place where the new hill lights are, which has caused erosion and sediment/rocks to flow into our yard.

Council irrigation in parkland beside our home does not work well and sprinklers never reach all areas so can look very dry and dead in the summer.

Council maintenance has diminished over the years

Council NEVER mows our footpaths and often there are property owners/renters that don't either do it can look very messy.

Council parks and gardens wonderfully kept, but many local area verges are unattended, uncared for, overgrown and blocking foot traffic and water flow in gutters.

Council planted trees over hanging onto the streets.

Council plants trees on the nature strip but don't let residents know they need to water them. Trees planted along Bayswater Terrace - most have died and council didn't water those where drain is and there are no houses. Council should be watering new trees until they get established. Bayswater Terrace would have looked so much better with those trees.

Council should invest more time in maintainance weeding mowing etc

Council using positioning

Creek edges and surrounds full of noxious weeds, green spaces are left overgrown because mowing and brush cutting schedules are not frequent enough especially during summer.

Crestbrook, Gardens poorly maintained, green spaces overgrown and under managed

Criminal behavior creating havoc and destroying.

Curbs look unappealing with overgrown grass

Current concern is the untidiness of the current landscaping. In a relatively new and expanding suburb management of the current landscape is poor for the selection of trees, shrubs and hard scape as they are high maintenance and need alot of up keep can be manageable with pgr's. The turf management knee high grass and feilds of weeds

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between streets in reserves is habouring pests, rats, mice, cane toad populations which invade close by housing.

Cutheringa Park does have an issue with bindis which makes it difficult to walk the dog

Damage done by others and the overall upkeep of the area.

Dan Gleason, over population of flying foxes, cause the place to smell.

Children's play ground has poop on equipment, possible transfer of germs. Riverway is is okay, Park on the corner of Charles and Bamfield is pretty good,

Dan Gleeson is my local park. I walk my dog there daily. I'm not happy about what the bats have done to what was a beautiful park.

Dangerous swooping birds. These are a concern and should be relocated by council. It effectively makes the parks unusable

Dead plants never get removed and replaced

Dedicated gardens not maintained (weeds, plants dead/dieing), overgrown drainage easements, rampant weeds (singapore daisy. Goats head burrs), minimal natural nesting sites eg hollow logs or trees

Degradation of developer investment once council takeover. Poor investment in high maintenance geometric (unnatural) pruning and nil in mulching and proper horticultural maintenance. Simple irrigation failures result in whole bed death of established plants. Management of gardens and contractors and their obligations is not working effectively.

Depressing when not maintained. Cranky towards lack of maintenance as the seeds of weeds transfer to inside my property. Cost of rectifying is frustrating

Derelict, neglected, overgrown, weeds in gutters, paint on infrastructure ageing like willowbank bridges, signposts

Devoid of trees and shade, very sterile and unproductive.

Do not attract enough wildlife and do not have enough native plants

Doesn't get regular attending too by council

Don't like the round up sprayed in the playground where my child plays

Don't worry about the gardens how about put playgrounds in for kids, there is no where for the kids to play at the big tennis courts nothing for kids

Douglas is maintained nicely on the whole. People don't upkeep their part of the spaces.

Douglas is nearly perfect, the greenery is why I live here.

Dowdy, fried

Drab, weeded but unkempt with large areas of soil showing.

Not even the irrigation pipes are covered!

Drains not maintained and overgrown.

Drv

Due to high density housing there the day to be a lot of vehicles that are parked on footpaths. Also the infestation of weeds such as Luecaena and Neem trees.

During normal dry season conditions the regional area suffers through poor irrigation and limited access to ground water

Easy care, boring, Unloved.

Enjoy .. should be public toilets in each one .. more flowers and colour

Entrances to parks and walkways are often not maintained. Keeping them maintained sets the standard but also provides safety to residents.

We have a large gum in court nearby, it drops limbs and debri on road. This tree barely is maintained.

Only time we see maintenance is when we have logged a call.

Everything looks better with plants.

Existing gardens where planting has failed and are now overrun by weeds. Use of Glyphosate in these areas with pollinators being impacted.

Extensive weed growth on river edge Gollogly Lane to Loam Island walkway

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Fairly plain and sometimes unkempt

Fairly well maintained actually

Feral pigs.

Foley Park could do with more perimeter plantings

Footpath soil is poor and turf on footpaths in our area don't do well. Verge gardens with edibles encourage better soil, and better community through sharing. Also encourages neighbours outside to interact, which has led to good connections.

Footpaths/gutters are worn and in need or repair.

Footpath around the HPSS look shabby/old and are uneven.

For it not to be repected

From the Fairfield traffic lights south the "garden appeal", if it can be called that, is an absolute disgrace. The grass is always long and the roadside littered with rubbish. We get a slasher twice a year who only do two strips along the road prior to rates being due. The local community take care of the suburb signs on the highway turn off in Allendale Drive and Alligator Creek Road.

Frustrated by neighbours only mowing to the footpath & not the nature strip.

Full of weeds and a complete mess

Full of weeds and poorly maintained

Garbutt is a neglected suburb by council. I have friends in newer suburbs where council has teams of gardeners do work on a weekly basis (Douglas) with gardens and shrubs, parklands and creek bed maintenance you can see why council ignores some suburbs and pays a lot of attention to others.

Garden along the creek/drain when we moved in had flowers, shrubs. When council took over from developers it now looks tired and not appealing to encourage people to walk along the paths. Paths become slippery after rain

Garden beds are full of weeds, irrigation has been in need of repair since floods and despite phone calls still nothing,

Garden beds have been stripped back, let grass to over grow as we have been told it's easier to mow than maintain garden beds. Multiple trees have recently been planted along the street (even though we protested their planting - waste of money when trees are yet to be replaced elsewhere) but have not been maintained and now look sickly.

Gardens always look like they have t been watered/not well maintained

Gardens and parks are generally lovely and well-kept spaces. I would like to see more native bush spaces.

Gardens become to dense, over grown and weeds growing throughout.

Gardens in our area have never been restored since the flood. Alot of areas are an eyesore. Council garden team poison & whipper snip long weeds that once were gardens. No bark or rocks replaced since floods. Exposed irrigation pipes that do not work. Many plants & trees have died. Rubbish is never removed along Lake edges. No rubbish bins on Fairfield central side of the lake. Council mows when ground is wet, deep ruts in grass everywhere in last few years. Paint has been taken off our fence with their whipper snipping.

Gardens look great. Would be amazing if we could get communal vege and fruit trees to share responsibility. Also more natives.

Gardens need to be controlled so snakes cant hide and come out at unwanted times.

Gardens, parks and most common nature strips now seem to be a lot less treed.

Generally good but the area around the "southern lake" needs many more shade trees. And "the beach" area needs to be fixed or returned to the lake.

Generally good but would like to see more native trees and plants.

Generally some of the parks are good and some of the thefloodwYs could be made look nice

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Generally the gardens, grassed areas are well maintained. The idiots who complain, particularly after rain need to gets life!

Generally they are very well kept, neat and tidy with very little rubbish. There are a couple of properties in Picnic Bay that have trashed cars on the nature strip that should be made to remove them.

Given that I live in a rural residential area I feel that council keeps it maintained to an acceptable level

Given that it is a newish suburb I think most spaces are good.

Good

Good now they are being weeded and mowed

Graffiti

Graham avenue, mount Louisa. There is a long garden bed that has been empty of plants/shrubs for years. It's between Adrian rise and Greenview drive. Would be great to see some plants back.

Would also like to see the trees along Dalrymple road left to grow. Australian natives always grow to about 50cm in height before they get mowed over. Would be nice to let some of them grow.

Grass is boring and consumes unnecessary water

Grass is good in a park where you have kids kicking football etc. but it really is just a hangover from the english cottage garden mentality. There is a thing called Mundingburra mentality . eg. Oh I love all these trees in this suburb , but I dont want them in my yard. Hence mundingburra is slowly losing it big trees which not only change the character of a place but take away habitat for wildlife. We all need to live with trees and we need to change how we build ,our laws to property and what we do with our power poles. all power should be underground. I am a mother earther. We take care of her she will take care of

#### grass is long often

Grass is mown too short, in parks that aren't used for ball games/family picnics anyway. Grass areas on side of Ross River should be seeded and left as flowering meadow-like areas. Sick of seeing 2tonne mowers being driven on top of the Rainbow bee eater nesting grounds on banks of Ross River, in Annandale. Yes, they nest underground, but driving on top of this dry area, to cut Grass to 2 inches high, is ridiculous. Leave it alone. Ross River in Annandale needs trees planted, to eventually create shade along the length of the footpath, which runs from Sandbek Dve, to the Murray football stadium. It is so hot on this side of the river. Aitkenvale and Douglas have beautiful tree covered footpaths - so much nicer and cooler to walk under trees.

Grass of mindham park is often overgrown and unkept.

Grass should be tidy, but if grass was replaced with lots of bird, butterfly and bee attracting plants, that would be heaps better

Grass.grass.grass

grasses are poorly kept in wulguru and as a reult the parks look very overgrown

Grassy space across the road - no one uses it much except dog walkers and plovers

Green area along Mt Louisa creek is in poor shape. There has been damage to trees and shrubs from the slasher late last year. Grassed area gets very over grown. Some weeds are overwhelming areas.

Grossed out by the litter around the city - particularly the small stuff that bothers other small creatures as much as the unsightly big stuff bothers many people. The cigarette butts used as mulch in the garden beds around the bus stop and at the foot of Victoria Bridge! They're pellets of plasticised poison, ready to blow into Ross Creek and out to the reef. (And they're ugly once you start seeing them.)

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Growing edible plants and trees should be high priority. Should be available all over town, on the streets, sidewalls, all home gardens.

It's about permaculture, sustainability and taking responsibility for our planet, town and country.

Gulliver doesn't have the nicest council gardens, the trees that line most streets are an eyesore.

Gutters and drains need cleaning

Gutters and traffic islands get infested with weeds.

gutters need cleaned better

Have none

Haven't seen any but believe it would look much better than a nature strip full of weeds
Having gardens along walkways make each of our communities and better place. Sharing
excess fruit and vegetables within our local region will bring back a sense of community
Having the drain across the road can be a true eyesore so I want to look out to see

beauty and colour

He public gardens I look after have no water and are not being maintained. The gardens I look after are in full view of the street.

High grass makes me think there could be snakes

Honestly, there are a lot of council tended gardens that contain noxious weeds. The greatest example of this been to duranta Invictus. It has been added to the national weed registry, and yet the Townsville City Council continues to allow this noxious weed to be used as a hedging plant. Replace it, remove it. This plant has been known to invade bushland and push out native species. Do your do diligence, or do not expect the populist to match.

Horrible, Oonoonba Road needs ongoing maintenance and trees are left overgrown

Overgrown gum trees planted in drainage points at the Cnr of Oonoonba Road and Fairfield Waters Drive - Block Drainage flow and the TCC Needs to redo the whole Drainage system

Housing commission overgrown footpath and yards

Huge amounts of grass

Hyde Park is relatively green, leafy and tidy.

I am pleased with the progress at Illich Park and I hope that the rest of our immediate area continues to green up and be planted out with flora that is both lush and suitable for our climate

I am concerned about the imported plants that Council has in its gardens. This encourages people to plant things that do not support the environment and native fauna.

I am concerned about the lack of trees and greenery in my area. More trees will cool down the area and make me want to go outside more. At the moment, the area looks dry, brown and lifeless.

I am concerned that the mock orange bushes in the walkway are not regularly hedged and also should be kept to a more manageable height. All the mock oranges in the surrounding streets are hedged and a good manageable height, but not in the laneway. I have emailed council regarding this and although acknowledgement of email was received, there has been no activity to date.

I am concerned that there is too much unused grass area, that could be turned into fertile soil producing tasty herbs and veggies for everyone to enjoy.

I am also concerned about how much Glyphosate is being sprayed in common council operated spaces, even though this product (and others) have been proven to be carcinogenic, neurotoxic and are banned in most of Europe.

I would love to see common land with community gardens and edible landscapes

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throughout the city. It would be a step towards a more sustainable city and bring the community closer together.

I am happy with the way gardens throughout Townsville are maintained

I am mostly happy with how plants & gardens look in Annandale. We could do with more trees as we lost a lot in Cyclone Yasi. I know the council panted some but many died due to lack of water & care.

I appreciate the open spaces in my area. I would like more budget allocated to maintenance. These are important spaces in the urban area for both social and environmental. Council should place a high importance on these spaces

I believe there is confusion on what is our (residence) responsibility. And maybe a fear of injecting money into spaces only having it removed and getting fined or in trouble. This creates some bare unsightly areas that need love. South Townsville is an older suburb with well established areas and other areas that are an eyesore.

I despair about the streets behind the Strand. So many resources are put in the beautify the Strand but you go one street back eg Mitchell Street and you see unsightly garden verges, lacking mulch, full of weeds and sick or dying plants, inappropriate plantings- it upsets me each time I drive. The Kissing Point park which is supposed to be iconic to Townsville suffers from noxious week growth, erosion, lack of maintenance, death of plantings particularly those which have specific plant identification interpretative signage....the list goes on. The council has responded once to my guery re the state of the park indicating that they do not have enough resources to maintain the area. I have responded to the council offering to help set up a community weeding and care group much like what happens on Castle Hill and on Magnetic Island but I did not receive a response. I have also written to the council lamenting their choice of roadside verge plantings particularly their use of Fraxinus trees to line major roads, They do not do well without watering, many dieback severely during our drought, they are not native, they do not provide a food source for our birds and insects...there are so many preferable native plants that are hardy, that do not grow too tall and are nectar suppliers that to my mind are better planting choices. The council also often chooses roadside verge plants that require pruning. This appears to me to be a waste of valuable resources and because they need pruning can look ragged in between pruning.

I dislike tall bushes at roundabouts because it makes it more dangerous. This being said I don't want there to be no plants, I would love more flora and faun everywhere as long as it doesn't lower the safety of drivers.

i do not want to see exotic species or weeds.

I do wonder if large culverts could host arid trees or shrubs along the edge to assist water drainage in wet periods- this may provide extra habitats along these grassland strips

I don't believe there are any council planted areas in my suburb

#### I don't have any

I don't have any concerns.

However, I feel the council/government should invest in developing the river sides from the dam to Riverway. The parks there are amazing but developing some of the existing bush areas into strand style parks would be incredible.

I walk those trails almost daily and it is so beautiful.

I feel an area /park that's created for handicapped persons would be a benefit to community.

I also love seeing the river be used but I feel we need to have better parking for rowing events and to cater for the many skiers that drive to the rivers edge.

I also feel there should be a space developed along the riverside (somewhere along the Rasmussen stretch) where a cafe or food trucks could establish a presence with council managing the seating, bins so the public can enjoy all the river has to offer.

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I think it would be very easy to develop and would be a great benefit to our city. Just look at other river cities. Our river is our life blood .

I don't know of any in my area (Black river off Bowden road)

I don't think it would be that hard to make the garden snd park spaces look fabulous!

I don't think there is a lot of variation with council revegetation between the council areas. We have the same boring trees that are out in the McMansion suburbs of Kirwan and Kalynda Chase. South Townsville has so much personality! We should embrace it! I would love to see more verge gardens, fruiting trees on the streets, native shrubs and bird habitats in the suburb that support the ecosystem and are water wise.

I don't drive so I would like to see better defined pathways so people wouldn't park on the footpaths making me walk on the road with my children. I would also like better cycling link up between green areas. I don't always feel comfortable cycling on the road with my children. More community gardens that heath people how to garden would also be welcome.

I don't go near them, too many young troublemakers out there

I dont like seeing bare earth, or overgrown neglected areas.

I don't like to see weeds taking over our native bush

I don't think they look very well maintained most of the time, the trees across the road are never trimmed nicely and the haphazard planting makes the area rather unpleasant, the thickness of the canopy blocks out the sun and allows mosquitos to flourish and kills the grass.

I don't understand that planting of trees that grow tall under power lines that then need cutting and maintaining when much smaller, fruit producing trees could be used to benefit the whole community.

I enjoy all these spaces, they are a pleasure to be in and meet like minded people of the community

I feel that bushland beach looks tired. Just been to cairns a few weeks ago and we need to look at modernisation of our public spaces. Marina drive medium strip needs to be tidied up . Looks very messy. Beach area needs to have the vegetation cut back. I know the council cleaned up last year but needs more. We should be able to see the sea from the round about. Knowing we are so close to our beach. We live in such a great part of the world. Let's make it look the same.

I feel that grass wastes water, and would love to see more xeroscaping/productive use of the land!

I feel that Ross River road could use more shade trees. Presently it has almost no large trees. Townsville in general needs more shade trees to mitigate the heat of our ever worsening summers

I feel there should be more trees planted along the bike track between Bowen Road and Nathan Street bridges.

I find it difficult when one side of the water flow lane gets mowed all the time and our side every now and then.

I find since council change contractors about a year ago that the standards of gardening have dropped plants not being replaced mulch not being put down just basic day today stuff that would make the area look so much nicer it'd be nice if they could fix a few of the garden beds clear out some of the dead trees and replace them in the table drains.

I give feedback quite often because I love this city and I am a house/community proud person. Maintenance services let this city down. Nothing is done via foot anymore. If it can't be slashed by a large machine it doesn't get done. Grass can grow up to a metre high in small spaces (footpaths). It is then often poisoned so the brown looks worse than the green long grass/weeds. The strand and queens garden is the only exception.

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Although, I have complained 3 times over the last 12 months about the huge heavy palm fronds hanging on all the palm trees along the strand. If you have ever had one fall on you or near you, or been next to a car that has swerved to miss one falling, you will understand this is a huge safety issue. I'm told covid has restricted this work being done due to resources, but I raised this long before covid was an issue in Townsville with multiple cases. Artificial grass has weeds growing all through it, never blown off. Don't plant more plants if you aren't going to manage the ones you have. Services are not on a 6 weekly cycle. Inner city gardens where you have the bulk of tourists visiting our city are worse than residential suburb gardens. There is currently an area in walker street with metre high grass in the middle of it, near the new hill walk, 200 metres down from TCC main offices, and that's right in the midst of the city looking like that. You would never see that in Cairns or Brisbane. We keep using our lack of rain as an excuse. We shouldn't have any weeds if there is limited rain. Maintain what we have and our city would look so much more presentable.

I have a large strip of grass outside my property that could easily be converted to low maintenance gardens that would look great and provide habitat for birds and wildlife. Would also save on Council maintenance/mowing.

I have a strong association with Townsville. I enjoy the parks and gardens and the wilderness spaces. The streetscape though looks tired and neglected. Weeds grow around concrete medium strips, around traffic lights, Louchina trees infest our area particularly around the Bohle river and old bridge area. There are many beautiful parks and gardens but it is obvious the priorities for the council is not stopping weed growth and proliferation.

I have always felt that we need to grow more fruit trees in our public spaces for the poor . I wonder if that could be extended to coloured lettuce and tomato plants in roundabouts etcetera where we beautify already with useless things that no one can eat and use our precious water.

I have concerns about the untidy aspect on many residents - footpaths covered with cars (including wrecks), piled up green waste and other debris. It's really depressing to see when many other residents make efforts to beautify the suburb by taking care of their gardens and verge areas.

I have contacted council numerous times to have trees pruned up and back as u have to walk off of path to miss low lying branches. Also snake breeding weeds everywhere that all council do is whipper snip low and they just grow straight back. Council need to start doing more for community to make a safe place to walk/exercise

I have no concerns.

I have no concerns. As much as I have a winge about rates if you come drive through the village it's pretty well maintained.

I have no issue with using common spaces outside a property boundary being used for gardening.

I have noticed the gradual removal of shrubs and trees from my neighbors properties and they now complain about how hot or dry their properties have become and the lack of bird life. We have kept our trees and ground cover pedestrians stop to seek shelter under them

I have scrub opposite me, areas need to be mowed more often by local council. We have no footpaths so need to walk on roads and moving off roads when cars come is problematic especially needing to go into unkept grass/weeds, unable to see snakes in grass

I have serious concerns. The council mows the lawns in the area but do not maintain the gardens. The plants are overgrown and the trees need pruning. The weeds are choking the plants and growing onto the footpaths. The parking spot gravel installed by the council

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is all over the footpath and the parking areas are overgrown with weeds. It really looks terrible.

I like parks like Anderson Park

I like the trees planted on Stuart Drive and think it would be good to extend them further towards Stuart. I would also like to see more trees.

I live in Riverparks Kelso. We have a few lawn areas where the kids play. But ai think you could definitely utilise some of the area along Riverway Drive up our direction

I LIVE NEAR THE PARK OFF WAYNE STREET. IT ISNT REALLY USED VERY MUCH - I THINK SOME YOUNGER PEOPLE WOULD DESTROY ANYTHING THAT WAS PLANTED THERE.

I live on a corner block and would love the verge to be plants that attract wildlife. Instead of having to mow all the grass, maintaining a garden would be so much more lovely.

I live on the river, with a very large grassy expanse. This area could be used to plant more trees.

I live right across from a park...... it's beautiful...

I live right near the old meatworks factory chimney and would love to see the two empty garden beds with some native plants to make it a bit more welcoming and look like it's actually cared for. A lot of people stop there to look at the chimney and right in front of it are these two empty garden beds with some scraggly weeds.

I love living with the trees and the lake in Idalia. Studies show that trees in neighbourhoods correlate to increased happiness, equivalent to that of a pay rise.

I love the common space of riverside gardens. The big trees are maintained beautifully

I love the look of large trees for shade - especially on Riverway Drive.

I love the natural creek through Crestbrook, the large trees around mount louisa soccer field are also great.

I love the way the big trees are looked after. Some need careful pruning to help them with stand a cyclone.

I love to see gardens etc but they can so easily/quickly become overgrown, riddled with rubbish etc. I also have concerns when choice of plants in areas such as median strips/round abouts can impact visibility when driving (e.g. Dunlap St median strip)

I love what you have done at magpie park and the green park down the road. I'd like to see more edible fruit trees about

I notice a lot of gutters are overgrown from lawns ... it's not great for drainage with the weedy obstacles stopping water flow into the drainage

Even drainage holes are full of weeds

I'd like to see more shady trees in front of every house

I planted a tree in the common space and the council ran it over on a lawn mower

I prefer planted verges over lawns

I really love seeing established trees around Townsville, but have noticed that rarely do I see new trees being planted. This saddens me. I feel like especially the council responsible and businesses on bundock street should plant big trees. Shade is always appreciated in Townsville for pedestrians, cyclists and people looking for cooler parking spots.

I ride my bike on the path through the park in Brock St, Aitkenvale. The weeds growing next to the path are goats head burrs which caused punctures in my tyres. Can also be transported to homes & other areas if walked on & stuck in shoes. Also might hurt little feet... I made a complaint hoping these would be poisoned but no they remain to cause possible future tyre punctures or injuries  $\Box$ 

I see a lot of water intensive exotic plants and shrubs that often don't do so well with water restrictions (plant boxes).

I also see a lot of parks that have the space for a more expansive garden area but don't

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(Harold Philips and Cutheringa park). It would be good to see more trees (preferably natives) planted and maintained at all parks.

I think all public places should have shade. We live in a hot area so shade is a must. Even on street scapes .. i would love to see more tree lined streets. I love the strand .. its truly amazing i woild love to see more toilets available as there r only 3 on the whole length of it. With regards pallarenda i would love to see more trees or shade on the walking paths. We live in a amazing place .. it could be more beautiful with greenery .

I think council do a great job but they spent a lot of money along Nathan street a few years ago putting in new plants and irrigation. Unfortunately there is to many weeds overgrowing the plants which does defeat the purpose of the lovely plants. Better maintenance would do wonders. If the home owners don't do it (which most dont) it becomes a mess.

I think council does a good job! Watering roads is my main concern and where trees impact road line of site

I think it looks boring. Could do with some flower beds

I think it's super dangerous when you put shrubs and trees in roundabouts because you can't see cars or their blinkers. Lik the roundabout on dalrymple and thuringowa road. While I love green grass the water it takes to keep the parks that way is a concern

I think many common parks could do with a facelift. I think there are many options for a volunteers operated Community Garden. I think that shelter is a huge issue in Townsville Parks. We need shelter/huts due to the heat & rain during various seasons in Townsville.

I think most of the parks and gardens in my area need some updating and more emphasis on native plants or edible plants etc.

I think that I community garden would be amazing. We could grow fresh herbs and vegetables and sell them for better upgrades in our community

I think that you should focus on natives and get guide from expert landscapers and botanists not the community

I think the council does a fantastic job maintaining the parks and gardens in this area. I have no concerns.

I think the ground covers could be beefed up to protect coastlines

I think there is a lot more potential as we have a lot of kewlews, snakes that would benefit from more plants

I think there should be more trees planted on the verge. I think this would help reduce heat build up around the houses and create more wildlife habitats.

I think they look ok but I get annoyed when people don't maintain them properly such as poor or infrequent mowing, don't trim low hanging branches or put effort in to weed and maintain in a good state.

I think they look relatively neat and tidy

I think Vincent isn't very well maintained, there is normally a lot of long grass, overgrown shrubs and litter prevalent as well as graffiti.

I think we need to have a lot more edible plants around. Everyone in our are keeps their gardens nice. We live across from the library, and Aitkenvale park which is kept quite well by TCC. However I think community led and run gardens would really benefit the community and bring all of our cultures together. We don't have much else to bond over. Gardening would be awesome. And could lead to cooking work shops etc. if he happy to facilitate a garden.

I think we should steer away from native shrubbery. Go for more tropical or pine tree type looks.

I was upset when I first moved into my house 6 years ago that the roundabout on santal Dr was not cared for, just one lonely shrub, I thought I should go put some plants in but then the council ripped out the shrub and concreted it:(

Other than that the gardens in the area are pretty basic but don't need much garden work.

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I wish everyone else in our street cared and took care of their gardens.

I worry that Bushland Beach lacks street appeal especially along Mount Low parkway. The entrances to the beach and thoroughfare s are often forgotten and overgrown.

I would like the lawns to be mowed more frequently along the river walking track and urban green spaces (Mundingburra side). It is often far too long and I see a lot of snakes. It also looks ugly and unkempt.

I would like to see more bird and bee attracting tree planted on the nature strip. Even fruit trees?

I would like to see more community garden spaces for everyone to access and grow food.

I would like to see more effective use for the mounds covering the refuse in Bicentennial park - Perhaps a native habitat space with native trees planted and rambles, similar to the Landcare site at Aplins Weir. The site is littered with weeds, rubble and rubbish.

Similarly the erosion along the river oin bicentennial park and the parkland behind Whyte St could be prevented further and beautified with native planting.

I would like to see more local native planting and for the planting that happens on verges to survive at a higher rate. The local gardens and parks are wonderful but municipal planting in other green spaces might be more resilient and eco friendly if it was native.

I would like to see more natives

I would like to see more plants on traffic islands

I would like tree lined streets for shade when walking

I would love to see indigenous fruit trees.

I wpuld just like to see more vegetation

I'd like them to be kept well if they're there

I'd like to see more native plants, food plants and herbs grown in common spaces.

I'm concerned about heat build up from large sections of bitumen without shade trees

I'm quite happy with my suburb

I'm tendered dead gardens are an eyesore

I'm very concerned with the weeds along and in the river.

I'm concerned with choice of plants that people have planted that are now considered weeds

I'd like to see fruit and vegetable plants in common areas, and having the produce available for the public to share and use . Tending and growing produce instead of shrubs may be a good use of council gardening time and resources, it would encourage healthy eating, and help with the cost of living

If they are overgrown and unmowed they are depressing. When they are green and cared for it lifts the suburb and most people seem to take more care of their own.

If we didn't maintain the footpath and verge the grass would be a metre high!

I'm concerned that the Slashing Contractors are spreading Grader Grass throughout our neighbourhood and Townsville region.

I'm not a expert but the manicured shrubs don't seem to be native and i never see bee's. Why do the "lawn" areas need to be lawns can we not plant native wild flowers one it would look better and two I'm sure it would be cheaper for council not to pay all those mower men.

Immature park - need more mature and safe foliage

In front of my house- would like Brazier park to return to its natural state. I suspect it was a salt pan or had low lying shrubs like much of the common

In general, I'm lucky that where I am there are still some larger trees. But there are some quiet grassy areas that could include some little micro-habitats

In Hyde Park there is often space where more could be done surrounding the drain ways

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In Mount Margaret Estate, greenery outside properties is non exisiting. No parks exist in this estate either.

In North Ward around the strand area and Jazzene I think the plants are great lots of natural plants for the animals

In our new suburb we need more native spaces. I have approached the civil prior to this survey but at this stage have not had a response to correct this issue. I'd love to assist with this in my area.

In Paluma we are lucky, local residents have pride in how our environs look, but I'm concerned about weeds and invasive plants on roadsides.

in south townsville most bitueman surrounded street trees look neglected and distraught Inconsistent. Some areas greened well, others not. Need more trees.

Increase of native plants and increase in availability of fruit & herb trees and shrubs. Eg bay leaf

Infrequent mowing of the power line reserves that are not directly next to a road. Grass along Dalrymple road has been mown 3 times since the rear of my property and it is now 1m+ high.

Intentional damage/vandalism is an issue.

Invaded by non native pests

Invasive weed species increasingly dominate and there seems little action to manage or eradicate them. A lot of work isn't followed up so any weeds controlled soon grow back and long-term benefit is lost. Many residents plant inappropriate plants outside their boundaries, often contributing to increased weed infestations

It appears TCC resistance are not equal as new estates get the majority of impact

It certainly is improving, and looking nicer

It is extremely hot in Townsville and the lack of trees in this town contribute to the hot conditions and lack of shade

It is unused land that has a lawn that needs to be maintained. If we are watering a lawn surely we can have some natives of fruiting planta

It looks boring. Plants that are in common spaces seem to have been selected for low maintenance rather than visual appeal or with thought about wildlife

It looks disgusting - dirt and weeds in csrpsrk and loose gravel.

It would be good to see more native plants used in traffic islands, footpaths and garden spaces. There is lots of potential for increased planting of native vegetation in green corridors and drainage gullys.

It would be great if more edible plants like fruit trees etc were placed around town with the produce available to all.

It would be ideal if fruit trees were planted to feed people and wildlife

It would be nice to have a few more native trees and shrubs, encourage other residents to plant street trees

It would be nice to have more native flowering species on the footpaths. Also, while grass is easy, low-growing ground covers require less water and maintenance for footpaths.

It's a disgrace... because our suburb is old and not wealthy it is largely ignored... it certainly isn't as pretty or well kept as Belgian gardens, north shore, Mundingburra... There are very little trees in our suburban streets especially past the overpass heading north. All around Geaney lane and veales Rd is just plain ugly as well as houses being allowed to keep rubbish etc like a junk yard..

Rates etc are paid by northern beaches residents for very little.

The local shopping centres are not even landscaped...

As the northern entrance to our city it's an eye sore!

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It's a thoroughfare between the University/hospital and across the river for pedestrian and bike traffic, but could do with some work. Footpaths and the flexibility to plant out to the nature strip would be appreciated.

It's all grass, should look at other ways to green the area. I have considered planting fruit trees on our verge for all to access

It's attractive but a lot of wasted/non productive space.

It's distressing to see gardens established by developers be left to deteriorate and eventually disappear altogether including garden edges and the plants themselves. At least Riverside Gardens looks to be well kept... Why not Annandale? Residents eventually follow suit.

It's just grass. We need more natives, more drought hardy plants. We need more shade giving trees on our streets to help break up the heat islands.

It's pretty but it could be made more use of edable plants and trees . Council could provide free trees or plants to house owners with the rate notice to get people to plants and start gardening like Logan council in Qld

Just council weed beds everywhere. They are not garden beds or round abouts. Sitting in a truck with a high pressure weed spray to control them is not gardening or even keeping the weeds down.

Just need to be well designed and not block cars from seeing the road at intersections. It would be good to have the gardens semi landscaped so that they look natural and tidy but still invite wild life to thrive.

Just that they are maintained.

Kirwan has a lot of poorly used space, especially median strips. Also a lot of the shade trees or palms which are not natives could be easily replaced with fruiting trees which the public could use. Imagine if we replaced every palm tree in Townsville with a fruit tree!

Kylinda chase is nice. More trees the better. Verges could be improved with small native shrubs and ground covers

Lack of appreciation by others resulting in mindless vandalism and trashing.

Lack of attention to improving the shade outcomes throughout the open spaces. Trees that are obviously not healthy or vigorous are left to wane and achieve NOTHING. I am also concerned that most residences do not plant shade trees for all the benefits they bring.

Lack of clarity on wether TCC or Stockland (the developer) are responsible for maintenance.

Many previous attractive beds now empty and drab

Lack of local native plants.

Lack of made footpaths is a concern as we live close to the Strand and when there are events on the Strand people walk down the streets rather than along the footpaths as many are rough. We actually pay a gardener to mow and keep tidy our footpaths and road verges as we live on a corner. This costs us \$ 1 848 per year with no assistance from the council.

Lack of maintenance of council parks and gardens

lack of maintenance, vandalism, weeds, irrigation not installed correctly

Lack of maintenance. Put more staff on and look at the number of staff for the area to be maintained. Design your gardens better

Lack of maintence and refurbishment of local native species collections within the local Botanic Gardens.

Lack of mowing leading to hidden movement of snakes

Lack of mowing on Pallarenda Road

Lack of natives. Swampy build up after rain (lack of proper drainage).

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Lack of ownership and maintenance by Council

Lack of playgrounds

Lack of pruning and tidying up large trees

Lack of shade trees

Lack of shade trees along walkways

Lack of street trees

Lack of trees, landscaping & irrigation

Lack of trees along street frontage.

Road teserve at rear is just mown occasionally.

Lack of upkeep particularly in relation to weeds and invasive grasses poor weed hygiene and slashing practices erosion and non ecologically sustainable drainage

lack of water usually dust

Lack of water. When we have water restrictions everything will die if not in parks that use bore water.

I would love to see more native plants and flowers.

Lacking greenery needs more trees and shrubs and the irrigation needs to be fixed across the road in the green space also.

Lacking in shade in some area, too much grass that requires a lot of irrigation

Lacking love . No initiative to build. on developer initiated landscaping. planted vegetation that has died has not been replaced.

Lacking water, lacking plants, unkept gardens

Land erosion now affecting fence line

Council Tree roots blocking house drains under house slab twice

Council tree branches over my roof

Laneway isn't slashed often enough. Overrun with bindis and other weeds.

Large shade trees are being replaced with palms or not replaced at all. I'd like to see native verge gardens and mulched areas surrounding footpaths to reduce watering.

Large tree roots impact inside the boundary

Larger mature tree to provide shade would be better.

Last time I visited the park across from iga at Crestbrook it was overgrown with weeds and had rubbish in the water area.

Lawn in park over the road would be kept healthier and park used more if grass was mowed more often. It's not healthy ground to sit on. I'd love to go over and do yoga but it isn't pleasant grass.

Lawns are expensive and produce nothing for any other organism (if you don't have a pet cow/goat).

Lawns not mowed regularly make it unpleasant to walk because of the grass seeds catching in clothing. This is so at the rental units where I live also as the mowing is not attended to on a regular basis.

Leafs clogging drains. People hiding in areas to attack the vulnerable

Leaves in street gutter, overgrown verges

Left over gtrown, Water restrictions

Length of grass left too long by council

Crap trees planted by council that leave so much leaf litter and seed pods

Weeds that have become trees because council does not keep up maintenance

Less watering of some park areas that are not used for sporting events - such a waste. Less mowing of grass in some park areas - this would encourage more grass eating bird life such as native finches and parrots.

Allow householders to plant their roadside verge area.

Lights and drink fountain should be installed in our little park

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Lights in park plus water drinking fountain

Limited

Limited native and tropical trees, that provide a shade and haven from the heat in Summer.

And Provide a safe sanctuary for native birds and animals

Barren parks that have limited if any use by the local community's due to lack of the above and facilities.

littered, bare

Little to know consideration given to public land by council. There should be further investment in greening the city.

Live in a tidy street

Live opposite a large park, which is well maintained by council...

Local park (next to Hermit Park State School) is next to a water drainage way which is often very overgrown with weeds. There's space there for nice gardens but it is not used. The playground is also in a state of disrepair and doesn't have a fence despite being next to a main road. If the playground was fixed up, fenced, and a nice garden area put in, it would be a gorgeous place that would get a lot of use, particularly being right next to a primary school and down the road from cafes.

Local park not enough trees, as before we have council tree outside our property which is over grown needs cutting back we can't afford to cut back as you would need a cherry picker

Long grass, increased sightings of snakes.

Look fine but very boxy very quickly hedged

Look good

Look good, but made shade is always desirable. Nothing worse than long stretches of shade less sidewalks. They keep me from walking my dog until the evening.

Look sad

Look terrible. Unmowed. weed infested abandoned trolleys

Looks bare. More shady trees would be nice

Looks dead

Looks good with the strand and related gardens and open spaces

Looks unkempt, unmowed public property, gardens overgrown and poorly maintained or non-existent, infrastructure needs repairs

Loss of bushland due to development

Loss of trees due to councils over zealous removal of trees for "safety concerns"

Lot of weeds and many areas are quite neglected. I think more could be done to encourage proper corridors and areas for native plants and wildlife.

Lots of areas need weeding and tidying and maintenance

Lots of empty space

Palms and lots of fallen frons

Lots of exotics which have the potential to become weeds. Need more native plants in private gardens to support local wildlife

Lots of leucana growing on the cliff face in front of our property. It is taking over the other native plants. Other plants also need to be maintained and trimmed. It's not done regularly ie once a year or two.

Lots of trees planted near the new road opposite Beck road on the Plover street side

Lots of unused space.

Lots of weeds and nut grass

Lou Lister grass is full of burrs

Lou Lister Park (Boundary St side) - barron parkland without any trees. No water access. Large expanse of bitumen & concrete. This space regularly has overgrown grass,

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abandoned cars & hoons doing burnouts and it's extremely hot especially during the summer months due to a lack of trees. It's also on a busy road diagonally opposite the Civic Theatre so would definitely benefit from some beautification.

Lou Litster Park is easily one of the most neglected public spaces in Townsville. It is used by scores of people daily to walk, run, cycle & exercise their dogs. However, it has vast spaces that are under-utilised. Solar lights on the paths, exercise equipment and more plantings could make it so much better.

Love Queens Garden. Especially sitting on a seat under a big tree. The rose gardens and maizes.

love the short colourful shrubs in garbutt near the lakes. Natives are lovely in cranbrook and reflect our closeness to the ross river. Frangipanis are beautiful.

The parks near the river accommodate to animals which is great to educate the young ones.

Lovely at the moment but sadly will degenerate without water and upkeep.

Low diversity, many weeds

Low level of diversity, non native species effect hayfever

Magnetic Island has a serious problem with weeds and invasive species. I wish Council would do more in this work

Main concern is road junction visibility. More attention must be made to this especially on roundabouts and within the high traffic areas eg shopping centres.

Main park areas are nice, but smaller parks etc very overgrown and need to be better maintained

Mainly along the main road not many other common space gardens

Mainly just bushes and trees. Nothing beautiful but nothing scrubby... could be nicer
Majority are very well kept - a lot of space for Community Veggie Gardens; could also be
a space to 'give away' soil / mulch etc... to Community Participants - share seeds / plants,
ideas and skills, make new friends; the elderly can have a place for a cuppa and chat

Many areas are filled with weeds especially in the ground layer. Non native plants are used too often which require more water and are normally not resistant to cyclones and exclude native wildlife. Need to create corridors of native vegetation to increase biodiversity around Townsville

Many areas are unkempt with long grass. Verges are untidy. Trees drop leaves and are not regularly cleaned up leading to issues at very high tides and heavy rain. Trees are way too sparse and disconnected. Having walkways covered by trees would be much more appealing. The main road, Abbott St has some beautiful trees, but the asphalt is messy and looks very tired. Those spaces could be awesome. There are also area where the verges have been planted out, and is now overgrown along the walkway along Abbott St, meaning we have to walk on the road to get past.

Many areas require weeding, irrigation and mulching. Look poorly presented

Many attempt to make public areas, including the area between foreshore and homes,
open and accessible to all. Likewise footpaths are generally well kept however we need to
accept that not all have the means or time to achieve this.

Many council's are proactive with allowing some planting on the footpath adjacent to their residential property, with rules and regulations around this. This should be encouraged where appropriate to green T'ville. Otherwise significant amounts of this area just become wasted space. There could be specific tree species that could be allowed, pending their location, distance from services etc.

Many of the areas look unkept. There is a focus on the main highlights of Townsville (strand/riverway) and limited focus on smaller parks and gardens. In saying that even riverway looks "tired".

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Many of the common spaces (especially the smaller ones) in Annandale look pretty barren and dry (and usually not in a 'healthy native woodland' way). Is visually unappealing and don't give a sense of calm space or of vibrant/diverse life. Often there is very little shade.

It would be so nice to see more places have the type of feel that the lush section of nature strip landscaping between Domain and Stockland has. Although I'm not sure how that's watered (is it?). Natives feature in it so maybe it doesn't get watered often?

So many house gardens in Annandale seem to use only a handful of plant species — usually not native. Often heavily grass and palm focused. Feel sorry for the native birds and insects.

Many of the roundabouts are dying and looking dreary. It must impact peoples morale. I know it's sad having come from the Gold Coast to now see so many places uncared for.

Many paperbark trees have been lost in floods adjacent to the Ross river and should be replaced.

Many people do not mow their naturestrip on a regular basis

Many unkept yards in the area

Overgrown trees in the street on the footpath have been chopped down with no replacement - it looks bare and dry

May obstruct drivers view at intersections etc

Maybe a levy or built up council garden beds /street closure to try and stop floodwaters I from flowing into properties on Lomax Street. This could perhaps solve several problems for residents and be visually appealing and practical.

Maybe the overhanging branches can get abit much ie on corners so seeing oncoming traffic is a problem

Melrose Park could have more trees

Messy

Mindham park needs to kept a bit better May be a community garden

Mindham Park should be on a more frequent mowing schedule. Some more seating with shade with be very nice near the playground and basketball court. Even just some bench seats.

Monoculture large trees and close cut grass. Plenty of open space for urban farming.

Monoculture lawns and introduced species such as palm trees prevent biodiversity and don't negate urban heat island effects

Monopolisers. Vandalism

More and more of the large old trees and other vegetation are being destroyed by Council or private contractors.

More care for gardens

more desert plants and flowers low matinence stuff low water use

More native species should be used on footpaths, on-road plant boxes and at the top of Castle Hill. Trees that offer shade on footpaths and decrease the heat that is generated by road bitumen

More native trees should be planted to reduce road noise

More planting in beds near iga would be great

More Plants please but not those bottle brush- they are harsh looking (grey/green with very rough dry bark) and they get pruned poorly by council and end up looking like an eye sore.

More shade trees would be nice

More shared food resources. Fruit trees in parks etc

More street appeal. Example Ralston St, West End

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More street scaping in the new subdivisions

More tree cover in parks and streets. Some areas of Hermit Park are very well vegetated, while others are not. Street trees are shown to lower temperatures in urban areas, which is extremely important in a tropical area like Townsville, especially when factoring in issues like climate change.

More trees and native shrubs need to be planted and encourage people to add gardens to their footpaths it make a space look better and feel cooler.

More trees needed in parks, more shade needed for playgrounds, general lack of parks and community garden in neighbourhood... Pimlico has many units and lower income residents who would likely benefit from participation in a community garden and access to parks. More trees needed on verges - planting program after Yasi made a big difference but more needed. Rubbish bins at bus stops to reduce litter. Anderson Gardens is beautiful and a great asset but needs more input and investment to ensure it remains lovely. It lacks public amenities that make the park useable for families - eg toilets, bbq's, playground. Sharing of the road between walkers and cars is not ideal. Not many new plantings / active gardening happening at Anderson Gardens rather just maintenance.

Most are good. Some wasted space and poorly maintained

Most are in good condition. There is one round about strathburn that gets a lot of weeds. It did have some little John's (small bottlebrush) in it but when they sprayed for weeds they also sprayed the plants and killed them.

This would needs some small plants but am concerned if they are bird attracting that they may injured however they also need to be low to see traffic.

Most are well maintained but indoor plant orchid house and fruit tree garden at Anderson park used to be much better....

Most areas which appear as common spaces are not maintained and have palms in them. Most houses in our area have fences on the front boundary. Anything outside the fence tends to not be cared for wether that be lawns or gardens.

Most of the areas look good.

Most of the gardens near me are all the same, there's not much variety at all.

Most of the green space is well watered and maintained

Most of the plants that are maintained by council on the rear fence are either dead or overgrown with weeds

Most people keep easements etc tidy.

Most tend to be boring with not much curation.

most you cannot take children too as there are no toiletfacilities

Mostly good but there are strangling weeds in the council garden. I've occasionally pulled them out but can't fully eradicate the weed.

Mostly good, some overgrown/unkept footpaths

Mostly just really thirsty grass and tall trees. There's very little variety and diversity.

Mostly kept well but could do with more improvement.

Mostly pretty good.

Mowed regularly by council but dry and dusty. Needs a community garden

Mowing has been poor. Creeks and easements are poorly maintained. Traffic islands with gardens are not maintained. Trees along footpaths are never trimmed. Trees planted on footpaths have roots that lift footpaths and put me off purchasing the land as i am concerned about their impact on homes. There has been a recent change of contractor so this may improve.

Mundingburra is a great suburb for our lovly park.

Anderson park. Is gorgeous and should be utilised more. It is big enough to have so many activities available to it.

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Including a coffee shop over lakes. Maybe.

Even though irrigation has been installed., trees now established.

The park seems to have been forgotten socially.

Toilet facilities would be great.

Many ideas

must be maintained

My biggest concern is the creeper vine (that I and many other residents battle with) getting into the tree canopy of my local park Lou Lister.

I walk in Lou Lister park most days. It's a beautiful space. Obviously a lot of mowing is involved to keep it looking tidy. The weed control is a lot better now through the native trees plantings and undergrowth. However, the weeds through the grass sections is a headache. And the creeper vine!!!

I know the sinkhole issues in Lou Lister are being addressed now. This has been a big concern over the years with holes emerging and the risk of twisting an ankle or worse.

My house faces a park that is founded by Oarsman place, Biglow Court and Rowers Lane. Cyclone Yazzie blew down almost all of the trees and the Townsville city council promised that they would replace all of the trees and they never did even though I have called them multiple times. I would like those trees with masses of pink blossom and some fruiting trees, plus a belt of native shrubs for the birds along the fence line plus possum boxes in the gum trees. We also could do with some more seating and shelter in the park. There is a beautiful little pavilion already there that I love a lot, but it used to have lovely trellis work on it and then the trellis work was removed because a vandal damaged it. I would like to see it returned to the pavilion.

My main concern is that I see lots of wasted space that could be used to grow food or plant trees for shade.

My nature strip has been washed out for 10 years. I have called council 4 times in the past 10 years to have it repaired with no action taken. The council did repair the nature strip 15 years ago after it was washed away and I contacted the council then who promptly fixed the problem. The main problem is there is nothing to hold the soil in place. I asked the council 15 years ago when it first washed out if I can plant some low growing natives and was told that was not allowed. I understand why and the possiblity of someone tripping on a plant however I have witnessed the postie come off his bike a few times because of the great holes in the nature strip that you can't see because the weeds are so long. I have tried to mow the nature strip but there are far to many rocks so I have tried to whipper snip the nature strip and both times I unfortunately broke my car windshield and on the second event the neighbors car windshield. I made a claim under my insurance on both occasions. I tell people not to walk on my nature strip as it is very dangerous. Most of my neighbors have planted there nature strip and it looks fantastic and I see no sign of soil erosion. I would really like to plant my nature strip also but I am not wanting to break any local laws. What I would like to see happen is for someone to attend and look at the condition of my nature strip and I think they would be able to identify the risk to the public and hopefully fix the problem or allow me at my expence to have soil bought in turf and some low growing natives. Apart from my nature strip I like what council have done in other suburbs such as Douglas and Riverside Gardens.

My suburb needs more trees

N/A

N/a

Nat adequate use of space. Grass and lawns in parks not suitable in some areas and better use could be made (eg canara street park).

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Gardens could include food/bush tucker plants that could help feed communities in time of shortages as well as reduce food miles, food waste.

Nature strip maintenance is a bit hit and miss in Gulliver. There have been times when council areas have overgrown and cause weeds to transfer to neighbouring lawns. This is dangerous with respect to snakes and very annoying with lawn maintenance.

nature strips in parts of Mitchell, Eyre and Cook streets are lost opportunities for shrubs or trees

Nearest park to us is 7km up the road bike/skate parks do not exist in our area.

Neat and tidy

Need better footpaths. The one between Balsam and Manuka crt need to be renewed with cement one and widening as it is used by many locals constantly. It has been patched up so many times it is a health hazard now.

Need looking after. More natives planted.

Need more big trees for shade along sidewalks. And natural plants in the parks and unhoused areas. Rewild the "wild areas" in urban settings.

Need more colourful plants added to park on Shannon street and more trees

Need more native trees and shrubs to attract bees and birds.

Need more native trees and shrubs.

Need more natives

Need more shade trees on footpaths, particularly next to the paved paths.

Need more vegetation and less concrete

Need mowing

Need some maintenance.

Need to be updated and more flowers and trees added.

Needs more regular maintenance of the verge by way of slashing. Chinee apple trees growing on council land, is a pest species

Needs more walking paths to enjoy outdoor areas

Neighbours are poisoning trees to gain views. Residents are dumping clippings, cuttings in Ross River. Need to be fined.

Never enough shade, especially over pathways

New development so looks bare and empty. No shade

Next to no plants or shade trees

Nice shady trees

Nil

Nil

Nil

Nil

Nil

Nil Nil

Nil

Nil concern

Nil concerns, I'm happy with grass and planting in local park

Nil parks

Nill

No

No

No concerns

No concerns

No concerns

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No concerns

No concerns

No concerns about gardens perhaps more shade trees required along the pathways. Many kids walk to school, very walkable neighbourhood yet not much thought to shading the pathways.

No concerns all native trees

No concerns as long as it is kept tidy, and doesn' obstruct view for traffic.

No concerns at present

No concerns at present. I'm happy with the erosion works, weed control and reveg council has begun along Ross River near Sheriff Park. I look forward to seeing less leucaena.

No concerns love the idea

No concerns.

No concerns.

No concerns. I think some "wild" spaces would be nice

No concerns. Our common spaces are well maintained and beautiful

No gardens

No issues

No large shade trees (no trees at all in my street.) Lack of trees and gardens makes the suburb feel dry and hot.

No life in them, trees don't bear fruit so no animals are attracted, trees birds don't nest

No major concerns. I do always think more trees are better though, never can have enough trees.

No our area is pretty good I think.

No particular concerns. Two lovely big parks nearby. Would be nice to have a more natural/wild space for walking, with larger trees, botanical feel.

No pathway

No real concerns. More frequent mowing, maybe.

No shade along main streets like kern brothers drive etc, drains that run through Kirwan could be utilised better with bike paths, trees, natural creek restorations etc to encourage wildlife back into suburb

No shady trees, too much focus on shrubs- minimal shade, ground covers, hedges. Need large trees to stop hest sink effect.

Biggest vandal and obstacle to decent large shady trees is ERGON which plants DEAD trees called poles with wires. Get it underground!

No specific concerns

No street trees,the species of the ones we have are messy and horrible, wouldn't want them in the rest of the streets.

No the existing ones are good but there aren't enough in North Ward. Would love a community garden and more trees on the verges.

No trees at all and it's so HOT! There are trees but not enough and definitely not for shade and to cool down the weather. If you walk on a place like North QLD for more than a block with no shade then there's something wrong. Also many people don't mow their lawn

No, parks are very well maintained

Non native plants and high water needs

Non native species

Non- native species and weeds get sprayed

Non natives, non edibles, non bird and bee attracting plants. Grassed and not bee attracting areas

None

None

None

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None
none
None
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None None
None
None
None None
None in tsv
None, would like to see more fruits, vegetables and herbs to be shared in the community
None.
None. Elliot Springs/Lendlease have done a sensational job with plants, landscaping and
area beautification.
None. Please let everyone do more with areas around them
North ward streets are a mess and need beautification
Not a lot of diversity in plants (lots of ixora)
Not a lot of natives, gardens lacking variety, dead plants not replaced
Not bad , could do with some more
Not being looked after and water usage.
Not caredvforadequately
Not drought tolerant and grasses die during water restrictions
Not e Pugh shade trees around the city - need to plant more Paper bark trees which do
well in Townsville
Also More fast growing shade trees
Not enough flowers or tree around. People also park on the garden.
Not enough fruiting trees, too much grass
Not enough large shade street trees. Overgrown footpaths look terrible.
Not enough native plants in local parks.
Not enough native trees to attract wildlife
Not enough natives with deep roots.
Not enough natives. The parks are very well maintained and get high level of public
usage, but there are too many exotics.
Not enough of it, not properly maintained and not always the right plants
Not enough of them. Usually pretty bland and blah. Or, always ripping them out and
planting the same thing in its place when there is nothing wrong with the plant/its location
Not enough shade
Not enough shade trees along the walking paths. It is disappointing to see the council put
in shade trees and then not bother to water them, letting them die - particularly around
Murray sporting fields.
Not enough shade trees.
Not enough shady walking space in Tsv in general
No communal public park or community hub in my area
Not enough street trees, we should utilise the nature strip and plant trees
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Not enough trees
Not enough trees  Not enough trees
Not enough trees
Not enough trees  Not enough trees and shade in general. Not enough local native species.
Not enough trees

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Not enough trees on verges where there are no power lines

Not enough trees to shade footpaths, verges and road shoulders, ornamental species used rather than species which provide food. Boring and monotonous plantings.

Not enough trees. More and more trees are required.

Not fully fenced for little ones. Very few appealing playground for little ones. Need more playgrounds that are like Heatly park with the amount of play equipment and fully fenced to be safe

Not green and don't get looked after.

Not irrigated large green space in front of house full of bindis and looks awful in summer as brown

Not knowing if I can assist in caring for plants (eg removing suckers on verges), median strips that have had weed killer poured on them.

We have good shade trees on main roads. I like seeing fruiting trees on verges. (Especially natives). Need more info given to people about bush ticker/weeds that can be used for food/medicine.

Not looked after well enough

Not maintained by council very well. Most plants end up dying.

Not maintained enough

Not maintained regularly. Rundown in parts.

Not maintained well

Not maintained

Minimal common spaces in our part of the suburb

Not maintaining enough!

Not many flowering plants

Not many gardens/parks in our side of railway estate.

Not many plants in places particularly on verges, and centre of road islands

Not many shade trees along the road.

Not many trees

Not mowed often enough. Environment overtaken by noxious trees which are killing gum trees etc

Not nice plants.. (oleander) growing wild

Not really just that they are basic and weeds are sometimes overtaking garden beds.

Not really....it's more private residences that are the problem.

Not too bad but could look at more flowering plants. With perfume.

Not very appealing

Not well maintained or healthy

Nothing is maintained with a sense of pride or love in majority of the suburbs in Townsville. Plants arent replaced, overgrown gardens are hacked rather than weeded and many are left to fend for themselves. Its an eyesore.

Often look messy and unkept. Weather would of played a part in that (overgrown at times).

Riverway entrance standard has dropped significantly, leaves only blown into over flowing gardens, Cycads look the worst they ever have (new growth continually attack by moth/larvae).

often lots of litter

Often overgrown due to heavy rain and large areas to maintain. Council strips between road are poorly maintained and the palms look awful and require constant maintenance. Get rid of palms.

Often overgrown with weeds or generally poorly maintained. A fair bit of litter

Often the grass gets long along the river, I wonder if council could mow more often in the summer growing season

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Ok

Ok goid but some space could be used to grow community vegetables and fruit trees.

Ok, mowed 😊

Old & out dated design. Run down & poorly maintained by tcc

Old stuff never gets removed and replaced

On the corner of Kings road and Townsend street there an absolute eyesore of an empty lot that's constantly overgrown with trees growing over the footpath. Keeping the trees but maintaining them and clearing just a small portion of the land could introduce our small suburb community to a community garden! Something that would be amazing to see and hopefully get younger children as well as older adults involved and provide them with a sense of purpose, community and belonging.

One park in particular has many gum trees which don't provide good shade canopies. They're also susceptible to wind damage and make a mess in the park.

Dangerous in cyclones.

Other very large trees are showing signs of rot and are a public hazard with falling / about to fall branches.

One renter may love the idea but the next renter may not - leaving a garden looking unkept and overgrown: I do worry too about neighbourhood kids on bikes - will the gardens create a traffic hazard due to visibility?

Only the legal side of planting outside my boundary

Only when trees are cut down

Other than the areas on the embankment which are maintained by the people in my street, the other parts are overgrown and unattractive.

Our area well maintained

Our gardens were demolished when the bus hub was built 3 years ago, they haven't been replaced despite our complaints from the body corporate. The Area looks disgusting and had turned into a free car park (4) (2) (4)

Our green belt is becoming filled with invasive plants and vines. All unkempt areas are filling up with invasive coffee bush. It kills native plants and trees plus native animals cannot survive in it. I have raised the issue before but nothing has been done about it.

Our immediate area is quite fortunate with landscaping however it would be good to know what options people have to grow landscaping outside of their property boundaries.

Our local parks and gardens are lovely but I would like to see a lot more trees and other vegetation along footpaths.

Our nature strips are pretty dry and dismal and it would be lovely to see beautiful native plants there, or fruit trees. The only plant life that concerns me in common spaces is high shrubs on roundabouts (especially noticed in South Townsville), as it's really hard to see oncoming traffic.

Our only park is often dry and unmowed. It is a huge space and so the potential for a community garden or planting of more shade trees is unlimited.

Our property backs on to a creek & woodland area. Becomes quite overgrown when TCC don't mow & maintain regularly.

Our property backs onto a reserve which is quite unkempt in places. People do keep their immediate fence lines clear but the remainder is not maintained by the council on a regular basis. If the council wants more greening of the city who will be maintaining these greened areas?

Our surburb has a greater number of large established trees and it would be nice to see some areas of smaller native shrubs in the area to support native animals and insects

Outside my property can do with being tidied and made presentable

Plus areas in my suburb need attention id like more community garden areas

Over grown

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Over run with weeds. Non native. Limited biodiversity.

Overall its great, But I would love to see a community food garden

Overall the maintenance is fine but it is noted that it could definitely benefit from being more frequently maintained

Overgrown & not we'll draining

Overgrown and need parks need mowing. In our street numerous people have complained about the weeds growing in the centre traffic island and nothing has been done to remove them. And the street behind us has over grown trees and weeds growing in the centre traffic island that need addressing too but once again no action from council.

Overgrown and unattractive park on corner of Bayswater Terrace and Kings Road. I feel that this is an ideal area to develop a beautiful park

Overgrown and untrimmed trees on footpaths which hibder walkers

Overgrown front lawns lack of shady trees

Overgrown grass, weeds

Plants dead and not replaced

Neglected garden beds

Overgrown in many areas. Council do not provide any services such as mowing verges. Very tired looking parks. No colour.

Overgrown inappropriately sized trees on the footpath that block traffic vision

Overgrown lawns. Not enough native flora.

overgrown trees that hamper visual safety for cars.

weedy areas.

rubbish.

i'd like to see more native verge gardens or more vegetable gardens on the verge.

Overgrown understory

& lack of continual maintenance.

Lack of community feedback & involvement

Overgrown with weeds, many invasive plants

Overgrown, graffiti

Overuse of herbicides leaving large brown or bare patches around trees and posts and edges

Pallarenda is beautiful and well-kept

Palm care along Stuart drive. It is hard to stay on top of palms. Lots of nature strips overgrown. The parks are pretty well maintained and green

Parkland that was access for canoeing near Louise Street Cranbrook has been neglected and left to over grow.

Parkland lawn area is overgrown in wet season and dead in the dry season due to lack of irrigation

Lack of shade

Parks and paths are usually well maintained, weeds can sometimes get out of hand. Along riverway drive near riverside plaza footpaths are quite average with a lot of overgrown, weedy or polluted areas.

Parks are great in the area, but there is some rubbish and graffiti. Lots of space that is currently not used, mostly grass in willows gardens park.

Parks are not always kept mowed regularly, and when they do they don't trim on the gutters or around trees.

Entry gardens to suburb are neglected

Parks are not well maintained, grassy areas unmowed and developers bulldoze all native flora for new housing

Parks are ok, but not maintained properly and need better managers to ensure workers complete maintenance works. roads need treeplant avenues to cool surface as roads are

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excessively wide, it's amazing how often we see TCC maintenance crews doing jack shit all day parked up at a park and sitting for hours doing nothing. That's your main problem

Parks are quite bare, could have more native foods and other food plants avsil for community use

Parks are usually full of weeds and dead grasses areas. Trees are not trimmed, which cause lots of spider webs, bees nests and green ants all over the equipment.

Parks around Douglas are generally quite good. Some areas lack street trees however, which i think are incredibly valuable

Parks look ok although they could do with more natives.

Rental properties never look well taken care of in front yard / nature strip.

Parks with drainage areas the appeal of the drainage areas could be improved.

Parts of Douglas are looking old and run down and could do we some new gardens even a community vegetable garden/space- great for the kids too

Parts of Kirwan are green, well maintained and feel lovely.

Other parts are old, tired, barren and obviously neglected. Beautifying the area and getting residents involved in building and maintaining gardens for both aesthetics and food producing could motivate them to take better care of the area and be respectful of what is being put in place for the area.

Get the school kids involved, help break the cycle of disrespect and disconnect that exists in this area.

Paths look messy with dead tree branches lying around for a very long time.

Gutters/paths are full of weeds, berries (from bats in trees) & leaves which make the streets look very untidy.

Pathways are substandard in design and maintenance

Pedestrians need clear pathways, including any over hang. I do not want to deter humans from exceeding or using pathways. Another would be pet friendly plants. Another would preferably be local natives.

People don't maintain their nature strip but our local parks always look lovely. Across the road from where we live I would like to see trees line the outskirts of the mangrove to give the street the appearance of an Avenue (Twelfth Avenue, towards the Boundary street end).

people dropping rubbish

People not mowing their footpath.

People poisoning the gardens

People trashing them. The council not mowing regularly enough. Weeding not being done.

People within the suburb parking /storing trailers boats vans, and building materials on footpaths - sometimes not even their own. Also garden waste thrown over their fences onto footpaths and Neighbouring land. . It's not possible to walk on a lot of the footpaths.

Perkins st between morey and allen street needs greening

Pervasive presence of weed species, uninviting carpark at Island ferry terminal; terrible hot

Plain. Grass is a huge waste of water, and it does little to contribute to the native flora and fauna. Riverway is a great asset though, with its huge and beautiful trees.

Planting of introduced plants when viable native species are available. Sometimes vision is obscured on roundabouts corners

Plants and trees that are easy to maintain and drought tolerant.

Plants are dying or garden beds are thinning and not being replanted. Monument Park sculpture garden bed is still bare post floods. Embankment at Ring Road overpass is dead and bare and awful and has been for years.

Plants are overgrown with weeds in Sanctum park, no regular maintenance to keep it looking it's best.

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Please fix up Gill Park. It has improved over the years but is still like a desert. More shade trees.

Please think about how you can use the trees in upper Ross River Drive when you do the upgrade rather than b just destroy them. After all money and lots of it was spent making these gardens and they are frequented with galas and other wildlife. Hire equipment to transplant them back into parks rather than chop down please

Poor cousin to Mundingburra and Hermit Park. Sort of forgotten needs a little more love especially along the Ross River.

Poor maintenance, park is full of weeds. Council ran over rubber mat around equipment months ago and still isn't fixed!

Poor selection and choice of greenery. Trees and large shrubs planted under awnings and directly under powerlines. Lack of diversity and choice. Mixtures of natives and invasive (Lantana present along footpath at car dealership). Failure to plan

Poor soil care resulting in erosion, poor biodiversity, poor water retention

Poorly adapted to drought

Poorly maintained

Poorly maintained and neglected. They are overgrown with weeds, Path edges are never trimmed and when they are it is always only half a job and is never cleaned. Alley ways are over grown with weed and dried dirt and slime makes them dangerous. Irrigation rarely works effectively and not often in use. Garden beds full of weeds, rarely mulched which produces stressed and dying plants.

Poorly maintained and used as dumping grounds in some parts

Poorly maintained gardens in the area are an eyesore

Poorly maintained nature strips, long grass, weeds on main roads. Very poorly maintained reserve area. Borrow pits walking track. Constantly overgrown, unsafe walking track. Long grass. Choked gutters water ways into main waterway.

Never given the care and maintenance same as other areas of TSV.

Poorly maintained, overgrown

Poorly maintained, overgrown, pest species, fire hazard

Poorly managed. Cambridge park has no areas for absorption of rainwater, so when it floods the water pools.

Pretty good where I live

Proliferation of very messy rain trees and poincianas and weedy leucaena that should be controlled

Public spaces could be utilised better for public and environmental outcomes. E.g replacing grass with natives and starting a community garden in Nelly bay. Issue with new residents being uneducated and removing vegetation on and near their properties, often replacing them with grass.

Rarely mowed or maintained even when mowed or maintained there's no love or passion in it.

Lack of flowering plants/shrubs etc to entice wildlife such as bees/butterflies.

Projects usually completed then left to rot and become overgrown and dilapidated.

Really sick of seeing overgrown street frontage strips that impact on access to paths / driveways. Would love to see productive garden frontages.

Really very below average

Recent greenery project on nathan street looks great. Other more aged/concereted areas such as fulham road would really benefit from similar treatments when time comes to upgrade kerbs, foothoaths, medians etc.

Reduction of flora and fauna

Repetitive and boring gardens with no life

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Reserve area behind Bayswater terrace is an abomination after rain and inaccessible to the public

Footpaths only on one side of the street

Residents need to cut grass laying in gutters that prevent water flowing properly when raining.

Ridiculous amount of non natives. Need native plants.

Right now it is bland and uncared for. Token trèes line the suburb....but there is no character

Riverside Gardens is kept beautifully by the council. Although there are many natives present, an increase in the biodiversity of natives would be beneficial.

Riverside walk is great and nature reforestation. The rest can look barren, bland and often poor choice of plant especially wasted sidewalks grass

Roads and nature strips in bad shape

Roadsides are scrappy. But parks are well maintained

Rossiter Park along Ross River is well maintained including gardens. Other parks are just grassed areas with no/little gardens.

Rosslea doesn't really have an immediate park, hermit park has Corcoran park

Rosslea is a beautiful suburb to live in. The golf course is always green and lush, and the cycle paths and verges are lovely.

Round a bouts look untidy, not maintained enough. Paths have black mould

Round a-bouts are over grown with weeds. I back on to mount Louisa and the area is over grown with bindis and other weeds that grow up into the native trees and take over.

Roundabouts and Median Strip's would look nicer with little hedges bordering their edges to green the place up.

Roundabouts are very poorly planted and maintained. Western end of Bayswater Rd (Roundabout to Mount Louisa Walking Track) along footpath is all weeds. It is a very busy path, that would benefit from some drought hardy shrubs and trees, and the grass irrigated - to match the rest of Bayswater road.

Roundabouts look plain, verges only have one tree that doesn't grow much.

Rowes Bay is fairly nice.

Rubbish from businesses at Domain blows into Louisa Creek. Especially rubbish from Hervey Norman and Bunnings.

Rubbish in Gardens, overgrown plants, non-natives and weeds

Rubbish trees planted by developer. Take so many years to replace if you got rid of them now. No foresight 20 years back

Safety for the rest of the community. I admire the food and forest gardens down in NSW on the verges the community work on and their methods are safe for the postie.

Satisfactory

Seems okay.

Sheriff Park and Anderson Park are usually well maintained. Has areas that could be improved on though

Sheriff Park is so well utilised by members of the community. What a great space! It would be a great space to add in a community garden or a fruit tree garden like Anderson Gardens or even a big fern display in the shade of one of the big trees. Something 'more'

Shrubs too high at roundabouts. It's dangerous.

Since the instalment of waste pipe upgrade in the easement /Park/ drain along back of Annandale Christian College Jonquil crt, Perrin crt the mowing in general especially under trees has been less. In particular, under trees in Perrin crt has not been done and let grow feral. This started after the rain at Christmas but has not been recitified or mowing is not consistant. Left to residences to try and manage so snakes don't come into residential

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areas. There should be more consistent mowing and maintenance of all parks easements to keep mosquitoes and snakes and wildlife from coming in to built up residential areas. As we have also seen more wallabies hit by cars along River Park Drive and Annandale Drive near this easement/drainage parkland. As the poor wallabies come to eat the long grass near the roads then get startled and hot by cars amd killed. More regular mowing by council please.

#### So bare

So much bare space that looks dry and grassless. But a few tree would green the area up without the need for regular irrigation and mowing.

So much open area with grass. We could ustilise areas to have small stands of shirubs trees

Some are really dry and need re vegetating not mowed enough, unkept

Some areas in my suburb are beautiful and well maintained but my end of the street has been forgotten.. no verge no footpath and no greenery in areas designated for them

Some concerns that plantings on road verges and medians can obscure our view of oncoming traffic. I drive a car not a ute so am lower to the ground. Please consider this and the speed of oncoming traffic when u plan your planting.

Some gardens in my area are well maintained but many are full of weeds and seem very untidy

Some look uncared for.

Some of the drainage off Bayswater Rd from the houses whilst useful are very unattractive given its a fairly new area I'm surprised it was done that way & not underground meeting the stormwater drains

Some of the Parks and surrounds in some suburbs requires some work however the Strand is probably in need of some upgrades but is extremely well utilised.

Some of the trees that are planted have created blindspots on street.

some people have lots of trees and it looks nice. others don't have trees and their yards looj bare. more trees more birds.

Some plants can be pretty thirsty, so roots travel far making it very hard to garden in yard. Some of these roots are known to block pipes too

Some shrubs and low trees overgrown and obstruct view at corners when I am driving and when turning a corner I need to veer off into middle of the road to avoid branches. Verge gardening is great if it is well kept.

Some spaces are bare and some are not looked after very well

Some trees/bushes impact visibility for drivers

Sometimes I mow my neighbour's nature strips as they look scruffy with long grass. I think more fruit trees in parks would be nice.

Sometimes lawn areas are left to seed and become unusable.

Gardens on footpaths that have trees with berries stain the path and don't look good and became a hazard

Somewhat run down

South Townsville gardens and verges have fallen into disrepair

Standard of open space maintenance is poor generally, no mulch, weeds, lack of mowing & tree maintenanace

Strand is good.

Jezzine Barracks very poorly maintained. The Aboriginal section with the art is especially neglected and highlights councils lack of care for First Nations culture. Turf is good but gardens are embarrassing.

Roundabout near St Joseph's is an eyesore.

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Street trees have been removed by residents without permission of TCC and valuable old trees in gardens have been cut down by residents destroying habitat and making the street hotter.

Streets could have more street trees, maybe enlist volunteer tree guardians (aka property owner) to secure watering in initial establishment phase. Street trees would provide shading, especially in years to come. Could also plant fruit trees to provide free fruit for street residents and visitors.

West End Park has massive green lawns, way more than needed for sports, but hardly any trees to provide shade for picnics, meet ups etc. Would even have plenty of space for a little food forest.

Suburb has little greenery compared to Douglas etc

Takes too long for mowing etc

TCC and Ergon "prune" regularly, which I understand. However, if service lines were underground, some of the pruning would be unnecessary. When either organisation prunes, plants become ugly and deformed. Some plants have died after pruning, and two have fallen over as they have become unbalanced. There seems to be apprehension about having large trees, even though they provide much needed habitat for animals and shade for people.

Terribly derelict, dry and unwelcoming.

That they still provide adequate space for public use - people walking, riding horses That they look good and are maintained

That they will be neglected or ruined by others. Not maintained and because I walk my kids to school overgrown footpaths are quite uncomfortable

The area along Riverside Bvd opposite when the ring road exits has been neglected and looks awful.

The area opposite Lavarack bordering on Annandale could be improved. The orange baracade at the Annandale Drive turnoff has been there forever. It's an eyesore.

Roundabouts on Yolanda Drive need attention as well as other streets.

It's about time the road at the gully on Glendale Drive was raised.

the area we live in has a lotof rental properties and i see so much space wasted and unkempt. It would be lovely to see a combination of Food trees and native flowering trees to bring some birds, bees and local butterflies to the area

The areas around the Rasmussen kelso border are very basic and uninspiring.

The areas look baron and wasted and are just full of weeds.

The bank that we partially look after I'm in keep with weeds and Leucaena

The 'beach' area of the lake on Lakeland Boulevard looks terrible. The whole lake area needs many more bushy green trees.

The 'pirate ship' Park needs a shade cover!!!!!!!!! And more trees on the riverbank near it.

The beach needs clearing up. Council have banked up the sand for erosion control but the weeds on this bank have got out of control. Please make Pallarenda like Rowes Bay and give the sand area next to the footpaths some TLC. Particularly from Three Mile Creek to Freemasons Park.

The biggest concern I have is the use of non-natives in council gardens. I would like to see all trees and shrubs planted by council be native trees endemic to the Townsville area. Species such as Peltophorum, Rain Trees, Tabebuia can be weedy and invade our natural areas altering the vegetation types and ultimately our ecosystems in our natural areas. Planting native plants in community areas not only prevents the risk of spreading weeds into natural areas but they are generally more resilient and require less water which can help council be more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

The biggest concern is tree lopping by Ergon. So many trees have been butchered and look terrible because Ergon have hacked them back to keep them away from the power

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lines. The other one is that some trees have been allowed to grow unchecked and don't bush out down low - ending up growing spindley in nature.

The bushland and creek are congested with weeds and non native species. The park near us is neglected, some trees are dead and branches drop on the footpath.

The closest park/green is always full of rubbish and weeds run wild.

The common spaces are very poorly maintained. The grass is almost always long and it's not at all inviting.

The complete lack of action on my snap, send, solves I put in about overgrown grass and weeds spread by council slashers. Lack of regular mowing and now you only mow 1 strip and leave about 1.5m NOT mowed . Take the rates but only action town not outlying suburbs .

The constant destruction of shrubs and trees planted along Dalrymple Road that are no where need the power lines but cut back to nothing each year which has resulted in 2 verges being totally destroyed and left bare in the last 2 years.

the council does a good job looking after the lovely parks and gardens

The council have failed miserably to keep the maintenance of my road verge. How many times have I emailed asking for the overgrowth, herbiciding weeds and general tidiness but I always end up doing it again myself. I would dearly love to plant native plants, trees to beautify our area.

The council needs to stop removing established old trees which support the growth of smaller plants, trees and animals. Outdoor spaces do not need to be perfectly manicured as that's not what nature is.

The council service of footpaths/street gardens is appalling. For paying the highest rates in the city, it is very frustrating.

Even in the CBD- on flinders street- our city's main drag there are weeds in the garden beds and it is such a shame.

Green patches are often overgrown in west end

The curb planting could be improved by adding plants that give something back to the community or environment. Be it fruit trees or flora that nourishes the surrounding soil, without being overly burdensome on the water table below.

The dan gleeson park looks like shit because of the damage caused by bats. It stinks like batshit everywhere and the batshit ruins cars and property every single day.

The deeragun skate park is an eye saw with rubbish everywhere.

The destructive planning in the green centre of Bushland Beach that is destroying it's character and creating a dangerous traffic issue. See previous comments.

The drain running behind our property in mount Louisa is derelict. Council only performs the most basic maintenance to this drain. It is an eyesore and a weed proliferater. We decided to vegetate our little section of the drain verge and it has significantly improved our visual amenity and privacy. People in the streets around are afraid they will be in trouble from the council if they use the land in the drain adjacent their property, but we took the approach that we are not restricting access by people or machinery and by us caring for that part of the land, we are preventing some runoff and sedimentation, we are improving the visual amenity and we are providing extra trees for carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat and weed suppression. I really think that the council should encourage people to take ownership over their section of land adjacent the drains. I can't think of many reasons why it isn't a good idea.

The duck pond on Golf links drive is often stinky and not looked after.it could be greatly improved.

The footpaths around my area are uneven, and at an angle. This often makes the use of a mobility scooter feel very unsafe. Especially if the user comes up to uneven cement, or the angle of the path (probably made for drainage) causes the operator to feel like they're

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about to tip over.

Also, the height of some trees on the footpath, don't allow the canopy of a mobility scooter to pass under, without the branches hitting it.

The footpaths in our community are generally well kept. I would be happy to see more plant life there. We have one public park and I have to say it is a disgrace with much room for improvement

The footpaths, verges, parks etc are not maintained or kept well by Council, they have a lot of weeds and no irrigation.

The garden bed in the middle of my street is unkempt but as its on a hill it's difficult to maintain. I'm unsure if it has native plants growing in it. The garden bed is also home to a family of bush turkeys

The garden in the middle of our street is very rarely maintained. It gets full of weeds and looks disgusting. The mango tree sheds all over the road and has caused accidents in the past with people on bikes hitting mangoes and falling off their bikes.

The gardens and parks in my area Of mount Louisa (Crestbrook) used to be looked after quite beautifully by council but now it looks terrible and is not maintained to an acceptable standard.

The gardens are not well cared for in Idalia. Plants have died off from poor sprinkler maintenance and mulch is rarely replaced. Would be good to see more fruit trees planted in public gardens either by council or permission to residents. There are many different varieties not just mango & citrus.

The gardens are overgrown & in some cases not watered. Money spent on planting trees & plants is wasted if they are not going to be watered & looked after

The gardens don't have a variety/biodiversity of plantings, much of the same plants have been used repeatedly along footpaths etc. Could have more use of local native plants with species labels for selected gardens.

The gardens made by community residents look tacky especially when there's addition of rocks and painted fairy figurines etc. it's detracting from a natural looking environment.

The grass seems to always be cut at the wrong times: when it is too far gone and then the maintenance people take forever to do it

I'm not a fan of shrubs near round abouts. Makes it very hard to see when driving. I would rather have them cleared and bulk shrub gardens somewhere else

The grassed area are poorly maintained especially over summer. Overgrown bushes at roundabouts hinders visibility

The lack of ongoing maintenance just outside of Sheriff Park along the riverways is always an eyesore with excessive weeds and overgrown out of control river banks. The inconsistent mowing in this area always a struggle to understand.

The lakes are disgusting with the recurrent algae.

The lawns and verges which are council property can be neglected. TCC also seems to like removing mature trees, for example there is an old Google Maps pic of Macarthur Dr alongside Coles covered in palm trees and hibiscus - they are all gone. The trees in the roundabouts in Yolanda Dr were neglected for a long time amazing they have survived

The local off leash dog park on the corner of Bayswater Road and Partridge Street gets too much water and is not mowed enough. I say too much water, because in general the entire Hi Vista park gets too much water, the overflow sits in the adjacent curb drains. Bitumen and concrete do not need water. The grass in the off leash area and the park (not maintained by the Brothers Football Club) is usually well aver knee height before getting mowed. I think the council should either reduce the watering or come and mow more often

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than once a month. Perhaps strike a deal with Brothers to mow the off leash area for a reduction in their rent/rates bill.

The look good but could use more native trees in the park.

The median strip is untidy and unkept. The grass is often overgrown and the trees don't adequately shade the street.

The median strips at bushland beach are terrible and dont get the attention the median strips in the city get. Lots of people see them from all over townsville on their way to the bohle boat ramp. I would like to see them filled with native flowering shrubs for the local bees and birds. I drive passed the horrible one on marina dr and feel disapointed everday.

The medium strip across from my property is long and unattractive we got \$3000 fine from you for the same issue.

The Mundy Creek Landcare project has been compromised many times by developer encroachment and bungled attempts at gardening assistance by Townsville Council workers.

The nature strips or verges in some cases look overgrown

The noise barrier mounds along the Bohle river have been let go. The wood chips or mulch has washed away over the years exposing the irrigation and weeds have come through. It would be nice to see some native plants like bottle brush trees be planted along there so it encourages bird life.

the northern corner of Wonga court / Framara Drive would be greatly enhanced with some footpath trees.

The Oak Valley Park looks great, and the Fairfield Waters shopping centre garden beds are good too - this is our nearest big shopping centre to our suburb.

The one playground at Alligator Creek is appalling. More needs to be done to make it an attractive, shared space for locals. Just because we mostly have large gardens doesn't mean that public space isn't important.

The only concern I have in the local Annandale area are the big palm fronds falling onto the road near the Murray Sports Stadium.

The only park in our area is well maintained by council and widely supported by community

The park and surrounds at the entrance to Crestbrook Estate have been neglected and are overgrown and BBQ facility in the gazebo is a dirty unclean area. It does not feel safe walking through this area alone and the many foot bridges are rickety and rotten which makes them extremely unsafe. Finally roundabouts are a disgrace full of weeds which are poisoned by council on the odd occasion and then left to die and look terrible

The park in between Lagoon and Coral St is NEVER used by anyone. I have never seen children or adults in the park. Seriously never.! It's got play swings but they don't use the park at all. It would be much better to plant native shrubs and trees in it and have the wildlife utilise it. Instead of a flat green grass park with a swing set it should be a mini sanctuary where birds and bees and goannas and echidnas etc etc can actually use and benefit from.. Have walkways go through it so residents and children would enjoy walking through, discovering... It's 100% useless and has been for many many years. The only animal in there is mosquitoes. It's become infested with them

The park needs a mow.

The park space with a water way opposite our house doesn't get weeds removed but the council gardeners often cut out small shrubs that grow up. This takes away from the natural look of the garden space & leaves large vacant areas.

The parks and common grounds are often overgrown.

the parks and gardens are well kept

The parks are better now with irrigation. They need better protection from hoons in cars.

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The parks are boring and don't get used.

The parks are mostly mowed and kept tidy. Round about parmaston/bussy st is looks alwfull.

The parks are so dry and only play equipment is shaded, not the exercise equipment.

The parks around my area look great.

The parks have lovely big trees, but not particularly friendly from a flora/fauna perspective. The average streetscape is bare, lots of radiant heat from the overly wide streets and very few street trees. I would love to see more native, flowering street trees.

I have seen the council plant species list, but there doesn't seem to be much action on actually planting. Seems like it is up to the individual, which then the tree could be removed at any time by the council?

The plain grass is a waste of space, I don't understand why large areas cannot be filled with natives. We need to actively build up our community's biodiversity especially since there has been so much new development. I would love to see more fruit trees planted in common areas for people to take advantage of. I believe with some forethought and knowledge of the area the landscaping in Townsville can serve purpose to aid in environmental protection and still be beautiful

The public areas aren't mowed enough in our street. The end of the street is a no through road so the neighbours & I have planted out around the galvanised post & rail fencing that has made it more appealing. We would like to plant fruit trees in public spaces. There's also a small easement/parkland area a few doors down that isn't mowed enough either that my neighbour & I mow between council mows. Our biggest concerns here are weeds, especially bindii & snakes. This area is used as a thorough-fare between Bottiger St & Murray St.

I loved in Adelaide many years ago & it was lovely walking the streets picking fruit. 😀



The public areas need to be maintained more often often messy.

The public parks are generally very nice and we'll maintained in my neighbourhood.

The public spaces in Bushland Park, Bushland Grove & Santumare NOT maintained regularly enough & could be significantly enhanced to better the environment & support more animals to survive ... like bees!!! Butterflies, lizards, and mammals like kangaroo etc the weeds are hugely overgrown most of the time. The playgrounds are run down.

The road down to bushland beach (mt Low parkway) needs more trees and bushes, is too bare and hot. Trees and plants make the area cooler. Also the mid strip is fake grass!! At least try some real stuff but fake!! Bushes are easy to keep and don't require mowing. The nature reserve behind my house (behind Seabrook Cct and GreenTree Cct) is meant to be a reserve but it has very little trees and it has the potential to have some garden beds and even a community garden. The area around Coles can also be improved and revegetated with a lot more trees and natives plants

The road is dusty unkemp weedy and speeding cars

I'm the only resident who takes pride in this section of the road.

I get complaints from a vexatious neighbour at times.

The roads are in poor condition and there are weeds in the gullies and by the side of the road..it would be nice to try and replace these with native plants and restore the area more. Some of mour neighbours have tried to plant natives however when the council sprays for weeds sometimes it also kills these plants too.

The round-about as you enter my estate has been overgrown and looking in a poor state. The council team has come through and weeded, mulched the area but the remaining plants i'm pretty sure are all dead so the round about is just a brown circle with sticks poking out of it.

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The roundabouts and street gardens are not well maintained and have no real visual appeal.

The section of track between Nathan Street bridge and Riverside gardens is poorly maintained. Low maintenance planting and management needs to be high priority.

The sections of garden areas, dividing the roads used to have nice plantings. They are now mostly empty and are constantly whipper snipped or sprayed with weedkiller to keep weeds at bay.

When first developed there were lovely gardens along the main road fences with a watering g system. This has now mostly gone but the deteriorating plastic tubing is still everywhere.

My main concern: too many old trees are going for development with not enough new plantings happening. We will be called Bushless Beach soon.

The service Rd garden has been dug up some months ago and now just a mess of dirt. Would have liked to see more natives and edible gardens in public spaces

The shrubs aren't always keep neat and trimmed which make walking on the footpaths difficult at times

The street scape is scruffy

The street/ area where I live does not have enough trees so it feels extremely hot and too sunny. There would be alot more street appeal if there were trees lining the street.

The trees along Nathan street Douglas side look atrocious. They are over grown.

The trees in the road garden squares look pretty dry, however, it would be impossible to water them regularly.

The trees on the nature strip in Riveredge blvd create fruit that falls and makes a huge mess. There are green ants nests that cover the tree now. I wish there had been another style of tree used.

The trees over foot path hang too low and the foot path can not be used. Have to walk on road

The type of trees that are planted and the excessive wood chip mulching are inadequate The upkeep is sometimes "hit and miss". The plant choices are sometimes poor and at

times look scraggly and unkempt.

The upkeep of the parks is important to our environment

The verge is simply is a mix of green weeds and grass that I personally maintain. I would prefer that it provided a food source for native wildlife. Especially with consideration that the food trees on riverway drive will be removed with the extension of the dual carriage way to Hammond Way.

The verge could be planted with host plants for wildlife creating food corridors. This could be established without impacting the electricity lines etc.

The verges and median strips are starting to look bare now because dead plants have not been replaced over the last handful of years.

The verges are well maintained, but mostly bare of trees and shrubs. This causes a heat trap due to lack of shade and no habitat for endemic wildlife.

The visible area that the public can see are reasonably maintained, however the council reserve behind my property is overgrown and large tree need trimming or lopping. There is a blue tag on a rain tree with a blue disk #416 that is earmarked for trimming. We requested this tree to be trimmed before cyclone Yasi, but never happened.

The walking paths are so hot it would be nice to have shadier areas to make using the parks and paths more pleasant.

The walkway behind Greenwood drive is very bare I would like to see flowers and trees that sustain bees, butterfly and birds and the grass area across from Dickenson drive is

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also very bare and there is plenty of space for native plants to increase the wildlife population

The waterway on Eden Park Drive is terribly maintained and overgrown often. Potential of mozzies, snakes, water won't drain and weeds spread. Roadside on Darling Road, footpath isn't maintained and 3 properties on Darling Road are disgusting not maintained very overgrown when all the other neighbours maintain their property. Weeds in the rock kerbing in the corner of Eden Park Drive & Darling Road.

The West End side of the parkland next to The Woolcock St canal is sadly neglected. To get it mown messages have to be sent to TCC. For strimming, at the bottom of Vaughn Street, it was done recently for the first time in a few years (it was waist high) and only after persistent lobbying. The side of the canal on Woolcock Street is beautifully mown regularly.

There appears to be a strange vine choking lots of plants and trees off. Pretty sure it is a pest..

There are a few properties where the garden has gone wild and I worry about the residents, are they old and not able to cope or afford some help. We are the only garden in the street with the verge planted up and we have always had positive comments from passersby.

There are a lot of grassed areas that could be further.utilised

There are alot of weeds in some areas. But other areas where community/neighbourhood do some gardening and maintenance it is nicer. In speaking to these neighbours it would seem that quite often the planting and gardening that they do is sometimes flattened or poisened when council workers do some through. Perhaps more awareness and engagement amongst council workers could be a worthy goal too.

There are environmental groups that plant trees in nature strips and reserves that are not really suitable to be planted close to houses. These trees should be able to be removed easily at the councils expense.

There are large public spaces on Tully St but the irrigation is never turned on and lots of established plants and grass are dead or dying.

There are lots of law monocultures in hermit Park

There are lots of places around that don't bother to mow, their property that council can't do anything about and this make the neighbourhood less desirable. This property is on Charles and is a huge allotment and the grass is waist high, belongs to ATSIC and they don't bother to mow except at least twice a year, if my property had grass that long I would have a letter from council asking to cut or they will and send me a bill. Different laws for different people.

There are many larger, established trees that support lots of birds and wildlife, but less shrubs and bee-attracting plants. Many of the smaller native plants and shrubs at the CDTLI bush garden nursery are beneficial for the native wildlife, but we don't tend to see them in park garden beds,

There are no communal gardens in my suburb. Only mixed grasses and footpaths

There are no curb gardens, there's lots of space going to waste. It would also be nice to have a community garden.

There are no parks I've seen in our suburb, which is guite small

There are no parks or gardens in my immediate suburb.

There are no real gardens in Bushland beach. We are losing many of our trees and buffer zones to corporate greed. PLEASE put in more plants!

There are no trees planted on the road side around my suburb. It makes it hot and uncomfortable in summer.

There are none in Jensen, but at Paluma, I am concerned by exotic plants and potential for escape into protected areas.

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There are not enough trees. We should be planting trees by their hundreds in all open spaces, along the banks of gulleys bordering all parks and fields to create shade for picnics and spectators. Large open median strips such as Dalrymple road should be filled with shrubs and trees etc.

There are not enough useable trees and shrubs. Shade is rather sparce.

There are not many green spaces with good shade to go with my children or our dog for a walk/within walking distance from our home. The few green spaces there are are just patches of dirt, no shade, no fences etc! For a very family orientated suburb (lots of schools within walking distance) there are very few incentives for kids to want to be outside in the fresh air!!

There are plenty of native plants around but lacking in consistency, as in not every nature strip is planted out.

There are some really nice trees in my suburb, specifically along the river where I live. And some more trees have been planted fairly recently just after the floods. However it would be nice to see some more flowers.

There are some trees in my street footpath that make quite a mess.

It would be great to see heritage style gardens in west end to complement the homes in the area, noting plants should be carefully selected to ensure they are maintenance and suitable for small footpaths

There are way too many weeds

There aren't any

There could be more trees to create more shade. This will cool the area near roads and reduce sunburn while exercising.

There doesn't seem to be many garden spaces in the parks around.

There hasn't been enough planting along the frontal dune in Rowes bay. Now we have a row of casuarinas that have just been planted. Not a bad start but nowhere near diverse enough.

There have been so many street trees and property trees illegally removed in Pallarenda. We even had a neighbour get a contractor go on to an adjacent property (empty lot) and have them cut down a very large healthy tree. None of these trees have been replaced and so the suburb is getting hotter and looking denuded.

There is a cliff outside our house that resides above Eyre Street. The cliff is littered with Leucaena, a known introduced pest. This replicates rapidly and overtakes the cliff area and is incredibly ugly. The council have come along and removed it once. But this is not enough as the seeds proliferate and plants grow fast. The removal needs to be done yearly and before flowering occurs to stop the seeds growing. This is also an issue around the Denham Street steps and rampway where Leucaena proliferates. The council needs to get on top of this. The cliffs could be beautified by planting of other plants and shrubs, but we were told by council not to do so and it would be removed if planted.

There is a lot of mowed grass areas (or not that are full of weeds) that could be transformed into usable native habitat or an edible landscape.

There is a small park that is between Rower's Lane, Biglow and Oarsman Place in Riverside Gardens. During the last cyclone, almost all of the trees blew down. The council has been promising to plant large shade trees again in the park but has never done so. I would like to have a say in developing that park a lot more than it is at the moment

There is alot of grass space where trees could be returned. It helps with shade for when walking

There is always a lot of rubbish at the park near us. Would love to see more community initiatives and free events at the park in mount louisa

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There is enough rubbish being thrown from cars by self entitled grubs these days. It doesnt help when lazy mowing contractors cant be bothered getting off a mower and picking up a pizza box and would rather run over it and turn it into 50 pieces of rubbish.

there is no care for them. Around the historic water tower on Willmett street there is great potential for gardens and public green space, but this area is usually overgrown, receives no water, etc.

There is none

There is not enough plants that attract bees, butterfly and birds. There is too many green and boring plants that do not benefit the environment, there is lots of dead's patches and weeds as well

There is one naturestrip I love because it's been lovingly planted with various shrubs and looks great. The rest of the area looks boring

There is only one common space in our suburb and it is very disappointing. It would be great to have a decent kids park with a basketball half court and a playground etc

There isn't many garden spaces and when there is it's filled with non-native species that are similar to our grass plants so that they don't need maintenance and so there isn't anything for the native fauna.

There isn't really any gardens in Jensen in the common spaces.

There needs to be more shade. Watercourses are pushed around and treated like drains.

There were beautiful established trees, gardens and even a gazebo on my street opposite Townsville South Primary - the area is even irrigated - but in recent years it's all been left to decay and deteriorate. Dead or unkempt grass, plants and peeling paint on the gazebo. Please restore it to its former glory, so many people use this street!

There were beautiful yellow allamandas on riverway which always looked beautiful they were all pulled out. Hate seeing grass looking plants everywhere in gardens. There not appealing or give colour at all. Need plants with colour like ixona, crotons & Bangkok roses. Miniature bottle brushes

Fix up existing gardens when plants die. example groups of coloured ixora

There's a lot of erosion and salinity causing dieback of vegetation along the waterway near my house at North Shore.

There's a park on Corcoran street near the Hammet St shops that families and other community members try to use but the facilities (children's play equipment mainly) are lacking. Generally I'm happier than not but it would be nice to see some improvement there. Whilst some brilliant big old trees, some further landscaping would be a welcome improvement. A community veggie patch would be a value add too.

There's no kerbside vegetation near houses

These areas out here are left by the council to become over grown and encroach on the road way, when you do notify council they only send companies to slash the road side and leave the trees and bushes that are encroaching the road way.

These look good but could use some TLC, especially in terms of irrigation maintenance. It's hard to determine how many stations are faulty due to irrigation timing early in the morning, but I've seen quite a few.

They appear bland and have little diversity or anything to draw people in and encourage them to find a connection with our environment or take pride in our suburb

They appear well maintained

They are a disgrace. Street sweeper needs to clean up tree mess on roads. Upkeep needs to be regular if its done at all on the parks, walkways need to be maintained. Residential properties that are overgrown need to be fined if it continually happens. Mower men that mow rubbish

They are all well taken care of

They are good but not enough.

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They are in fine condition but a little dry and under shaded

They are lawn centric hot messes with no connection to gut health / in fact I know carcinogenic herbicides are used where by kids play and it makes me worry about them playing in soil and sand in council managed areas

They are moved regularly.

They are neglected and the choice of street trees is poor.

They are not being mulched and water is intermittent.

They are not friendly habitats for animals and insects. They do not have a cooling effect on the environment that a polyculture would. They do not provide any interest for passersby; do not connect neighbours and community.

They are not pretty, public spaces are bald and have no appeal. Narure strips don't have any nature!

They are not regularly maintained

They are often destroyed by children on motor bikes and other disrespectful people in the community

They are poorly looked after by Council who has made little attempt to do anything with the old parts of our area and our parks are often last to get mown. There is a very large park which is just waiting to be designed for drainage and ideal for a model trial just like you would see in a large city.

They are poorly maintained, usually dominated by weeds

they are typically just green. bring in colour

They are unkept

They are very plain. Not inviting.

They are very plain. Often just unproductive grass

They are well maintained

They aren't engaging - we have no community gardens, and our green spaces have a lot of non-native species that don't even provide food. Even the dog parks are a bit bare with insufficient shade (the small dog park in particular lacks facilities and relies on community built structures).

There are more toads than native frogs, and there doesn't seem to be a clear vision or plan - it's just green space for the sake of greenspace, when it could be elevated to so much more. Having a patch of grass is not enough, we need to look at a space and ask what its function is - how does it make people feel, how does it engage and educate the community? Yes, a patch of grass is great for holding events, but what about the day to day engagement? How can we design this space to be beneficial every day? It feels like opportunities have been missed.

They aren't too bad although issues with trees blocking driving views occured while the council appeared to be on Christmas break

They don't ever get weeded. Some lovely plants are being chocked out. Such a waste of council money planting the plants if let overgrown with weeds

They don't have character. All the same boring plants and no community gardens

They gardens and parks look great but residents don't maintain their gardens very well. They plant inappropriate fruting trees in urban areas that are attracting bats, they also plant tropical plants that use a lot of water. They rarely mow or weed and I don't see how that would change with this program, if anything it would give them further license to create conflict between neighbours and users of the verge space. This space does NOT belong to the resident and as such they should not be allowed to plant on it. I do NOT support this initiative and I am angry with council for even pursuing it when there are greater priorities. When will council refresh the existing garden beds around the city? clean the dirty paths? fix old infrastructure and better maintain assets we already have?

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that should be at the top of council's priority list and not some plan to allow people to turn the city into an overgrown mess!

They get destroyed by the youth crime

They just seem baron. Would be lovely to have a real sense of the outdoors/gardens/wildlife in public spaces

They look absolute shit unless we mow our own median strip's. And Deeragun is terrible exposed irrigation and dead shrubs and un maintained garden beds. What do our rates pay for again?

They look amazing

They look bare and hot. I have little kids and often don't go to parks as many don't have trees, just shade cloths. Shade cloths aren't anywhere near as cool as tree shade. We have the privilege of being tropical so could create micro climates with big trees and ferns under them.

They look bare and there is a serious lack of shade trees in Townsville. It's both ugly and hot!

They look barren. Need more gardens in the median strips

They look dry and unkempt. Shade is needed. In my opinion trees are a much nicer option over the awful looking shade structures. Very difficult to have beautiful green spaces in our weather and difficult to have nice things with the kids running around destroying things.

They look dry and unshaded. They aren't a place that I want to investigate. They don't seem well tended to.

They look fine

They look good

They look good thanks to the many council staff working on them. Ko

They look great but it would be nice if council put more thought into planting more native trees that will attract birds and if they do plant follow up with watering them as often they die due to neglect in watering

They look neglected. We had to ask council to remove two council trees outside our house as they ruined our irrigation and simply housed green ants only

They look pretty ordinary. The entry into the suburb is very ugly indeed.

They must have shade!

They must have a sitting area.

They must have "rules" e.g. no smoking

They need more regular Weeding, feeding and watering

They will get wrecked by animals and people

They're pretty non-existent. There is so much concrete, a couple of palm trees and some grass that takes so much water but is still so brown and dead.

thier is no community garden I Townsville with all this wasted areas along Ross River This is a kick I the guts. I try to plant some small plants and get threatened with HUGE fines and now you are paying goodness knows how much to run a survey about this exact thing.

This suburb is lovely, I have no concerns

Tired, sometimes overgrown. Some are beautiful and well kept, some are free ranging, bountiful and amazing

Tired, wood structures need replacing with recycled materials Not enough bins so rubbish To be honest the thing impacting the visual appeal the most is the kerbside collection. A lot of people don't understand how it works or that they need to book it. People seem to just dump rubbish on their kerb and expect it will magically go away, but it sits there for months until probably a good citizen takes it upon themselves to dump it. It might need some re-education of the community. I know this is not unique to my suburb.

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To many hedges in parks not maintained gardens should be low maintenance

To much open grassed space, no consideration for mulch & healthy soil structure, & where there are trees/garden there is not enough focus on food & native plant species (more decoration introduced plants)

Toilet facilities for children and the elderly would enable everyone to enjoy nature

Too bare and wasting space which could be filled with shareable edibles and natives

Too many eadyablished native trees being cut down for urban development

Too many ferals in the area whose yards look like dumps.. but they don't seem to get into trouble.

Too many high maintenance plants and lawn example bougainvillea on dalrymple road centre lane closed for hours to maintain it.

too many Moreton Bay figs on roadside plantings

Too many non natives and invasive species... lawns! We need to get rid of lawns!

Too many palm trees, palm trees are horrible aesthetic and there is too much grass.

Lawns and palms should be switched for native trees or fruiting trees

Too many palms and non-natives, too much grass. Be great to have more nature-play areas. Cover the grass spaces that no one uses with native trees.

Too many roundabouts with just a single tree surrounded by weeds - could very easily add ground covering plants or even mulch instead of leaving bare earth each time. Bicycle paths are very exposed along the river so it becomes very hot during the summer.

Too many trees are being cut down on private property. This should be addressed by Council. Planting on the verge compensates for this.

Too many trees have been removed and not enough replanting. There are lots of areas that can be replanted to create wildlife corridors but it's all bare grass. I am moving closer to hinchinbrook because I can't stand being in a city that doesn't value natural ecosystems. Not many people care enough here, everyone just chops greenery down and keep empty useless lawns.

Too many weeds

Too many weeds. Dunes are full of them and there is a lack of diversity and coverage of native plants. Commons is also full of weeds and burning schedule is inappropriate for allowing succession of natives.

Too much litter - Council seems to organise only superficial collections in a very limited section of the CBD on the odd occasion. They take just the Maccas wrappers etc and ignore the garden beds mulched with toxic cigarette butts (bus station, foot of bridge etc). Then look over into the mangroves beside the history walk, particularly the Salt restaurant end. Between the regular users/abusers of the area and the tide trap in the river bend, this patch is pretty much always gross. And yes I know Council doesn't own the riverbank so is not responsible - but does that make you blind? Why can't you cooperate with whoever does own the riverbank and get it cleaned up ... unfortunately regularly.

Also pretty distressed at the removal of ANY tree without consultation and justification.

Too much Lomandra Longifolia (mat-rush) in use as filler plants & Ficus benjamina which

Too much Lomandra Longifolia (mat-rush) in use as filler plants & Ficus benjamina which hunts for pipes & attracts Minor Birds. We don't have enough native flowers, eucalypts, gums, native ground covers. Also no programs are being run to remove paragrass especially from waterways/canals. We need more attention to water run-off areas to allow for wetland rehabilitation.

Too much reliance on watering in a naturally dry area

Too water usage to keep green grass in public spaces

Townsville Council needs to take a leaf out of Brisbane and Gold Coasts Councils' books - everywhere I look I see greenery - not fancy plants or gardens, but native shrubs and trees filling in gaps along the roadways and edges. It makes for very peaceful and safe driving, it provides screening and noise barriers, cleanliness and uniformity throughout

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the town, and looks like the greenery is cared for and maintained. Almost all of Townsville is non-uniform in the garden approach, and looks very hit and miss. It also reflects which suburbs are deemed as affluent when they should all look like they belong together as one township. Forget the fancy flowers and commercial shrubs - go for green health natives that will thrive in our climate and show that Council is truly focussed on greening up our town. Townsville has too many weeds and recognised pests that need to be removed, like leucana, goats head bur, Chinese apple, Siam weed, etc. Road verges are covered with overgrown vines and grasses that make our town look so ugly and dirty.

Traffic island on ponti rd is visual poor. Lack of planning.

Tree in Council land shedding leaves onto my roof causing rust and gutters to choke.

Tree leaves dropped often collect in the gutters hindering stormwater run off. More frequent street sweeping would be beneficial.

Trees and shrubs on footpaths look nice but create traffic hazard when close to corners. Trees fall down and aren't replaced, or if nature strips are planted, Council and residents don't water them and they die, ie Bayswater Terrace was planted up a number of years ago - the full length and there are maybe one or two trees that survived. We had beautiful trees put in our street and people removed them as they didn't want to mow around them! So disappointing because those trees that remain are beautiful now. Big blank sections of the street without shade now.

Trees that are not local and not suited to the conditions are an eye sore and require extra care.

Trees that are on council property that need trimming

Trees untrimmed overgrown ripping up the road

Trees up our street not growing much? Need fertilising. Can I grow flowers in the beds around them?

Type of plants used

Ugly non-native trees EG Peltophorum pterocarpum

Known weeds planted by TCC EG Fraxinus griffithii

Uncontrolled intrusive bat habitation, graffiti

Uneven, some can have palms, others cut off footpaths

Unfortunately council workers over trimmed my footpath trees reducing shade and protection for the birds.

Unkempt

Unkempt at times

Unkempt footpaths including main roads

Unkept and not tolerant so it's wasting rate payers money.

Unkept, messy. Do not attend park on our road as it is so disgusting, not looked after at all.

Unmaintained, no new tree planting, unloved. Not inviting

Unnecessary concrete islands, overgrown grass, not a good choice of trees, shrubs, plants, rubbish, holes, uneven walking path, dangerous for disability equipment

Unstrained dogs. Hire scooters lying about after use.

Unsure of how to proceed with weed identification and removal process in area classed as crown land or designate water drainage area surrounding my property

Untidy

Untidy

Use of pesticides as an easy fix to weeds then they are left as dead matter in garden beds, please spend time nurturing gardens and removing weeds fully

Vandalism of the gardens

Vandalism, lack of maintenance.

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Verge trees are removed by property owners, easement gardens don't expand beyond developer boundary.

Verges are quite neglected by residents with few street trees surviving apart from along Geaney Lane. Efforts are made in the local parks but local businesses seem to pay lip service only, to their gardens and green spaces. I feel quite envious of the lovely walk ways across the highway at Burdell and feel that more could be made of the land around Stoney Creek and Saunders Creek as park land and walking trails, similar to what is along the Innes Estate side of Saunders Creek.

Very bare. Not enough street trees or trees in the local Charlotte street park.

Very basic and no street appeal

Very bland

Very concerned about the continuing decline and destruction of Dan Gleeson Gardens that we used to be able to enjoy on a daily basis along with many others. The condition of the park now is appalling and mostly unusable!

Very drab visually.

Focused on water dependant grasses that either waste huge amounts of water or simply die instead hardy natives that can survive Townsville's climate.

Very dry and boring. Trees not looked after. The whole suburb needs greening

Very dry and 'bushy' almost unkept in places. Parks have lots of known weeds which council do not tend to.

Very dry grass, overgrown trees, extreme amounts of Bats in public park

Very dry not green at all

Very important that feral and noxious plants are controlled. Native species and plants to attract bees should be included. In our dry tropics area, grassed areas should be kept to an absolute minimum.

Very lucky that common spaces in my suburb are beautiful - part of the reason I chose to live in this suburb

Very messy. Contractors for a house renovation knocked down the trees on our street so they can park on the grass. Triller Place, Douglas

Very much underservices in comparison to higher income suburbs

Very overgrown and uncared for

Very overgrown and unkempt

Very plain, but would be good to see more community involvement is getting them to shine!

Very poor. Poorly maintained and poorly selected plants for the environment.

Very poorly presented and a lack of maintenance from my local council. The presentation of the entire area from alligator creek into the city is very poor and not welcoming to visitors what so ever. The council only seem to make an effort when the rates are due. It is a joke within the community that we know when rates are coming when we see the council in the area. And what is done at that time is very minimal. The local park on parkland drive through out dry season is very uninviting as the grass is dead and ground is like concrete. The park co you do do with a makeover by including irrigation to keep it green and inviting and presentable. Also gardens would make the space a lot nicer.

Very regimented. Not as natural as I'd like. Community gardens scarce.

Very sad and depressing! Poor quality plants (sick of lousy grasses) no mulch, weeds dead or alive, not enough trees, no flowering or bushy shrubs. Feel my suburb is poorly neglected when compared to north ward, Nathan street, the avenues etc.

Very unkempt and have no purpose.

Vincent doesn't rate the attention of other suburbs and so whilst trees were planted on the nature strip bordering woodcock street, there has been little to no other work. For

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example, following the tornado a small number of verge plants were replanted but many homes missed out, grass went from weed free to incredibly damaged etc.

Wasted space with grass

We currently have two dead treas oputside our property. The central reservation in the road is overgrown and eventually there will be an accident as you cannot see oncoming traffic as you emerge from the side road.

We don't have any gardens in Bluewater, we have plain grass sidewalks.

I would like to see more kept gardens

We don't have any parks or gardens, there are a lot of mature trees in the older area but my estate is all quite new, it would be great to have more parks and gardens to walk through and take the kids

We don't see council gardeneners ever

We have 2 large joined area's near our home, part is fenced, the remainer open, near the shopping centre, it would be nice to see it better utilized.

We have a beautiful park at the end of our street that recieved a makeover some years ago, however many of the plants that were planted have not survived maybe due to lack of water/fertilisation and now the area is beginning to look tired and uninviting again

We have a common space in front of our property and are not happy with the maintenance. One of the trees is a pest, it encroaches into our property and due to the height and wide spread of the canopy it causes issues with our gutters and management of house and property. We contacted the city council to remove it but they only removed one 3m branch. The tree also doesnt allow grass to grow in this common area as it drops a large amount of leaves, seeds and flowers. The canopy also doesnt allow for light to come through. We would love the council to do something.

We have a large area that is going to waste and could be turned into a community garden We have a lot of blank green space that is all grass, and no plant diversity. It takes so much water to keep it green, or it is just a dead brown field. I would rather see community gardens being used to produce food for families, or at least native trees, shrubs, and grasses to provide a bit of interest.

We have a reserve at the back of our property owned by the council that is not maintained. It is an eye saw and a fire hazard.

We have beautiful gardens at North Shore but some of the spiked type plants are too close to paths. Also, irrigation is often leaking in the gardens which is wasteful

We have bulrush growing/taking over our waterways.

We have quite a bit of empty lawn space in the parklands near my house, but no off leash dog park within walking distance, the one in North shore only has one fence so big dogs and small dogs have to share. It does not provide me any motivation to move about within my suburb or neighbourhood.

We have some nice areas in the medium strips up this way and also on the footpaths. We have some nice parks verges in suburb. More shade for walkers, people using scooters. More natives & fruit, food sources, especially as economy fluctuates

We live in a very wide street (Leigh )that would benefit from garden beds similar to Ralston St and Francis St this would help with shade and general beautification of the suburb.

We live in Eden Park. The developer had stripped all top soil away (which plants require to grow with optimum health). As a result residents need to really bring in lots of good quality garden soil and add plenty of volcanic minerals and compost to allow plants to take up nutrients from our clay soils (which are jam packed with nutrients). Residents are not educated in the importance of soil health and the important balance of microbes and mycelium structures which assist with plant nutrient take up. As a result lots of time, money gypsum and water go into creating the neighbourhood gardens but after a while

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plants are soon seen to struggle. I have neighbours who believe that they just need to keep adding water to grow gardens when in actual fact a well mulched garden with a healthy soil structure needs not much water at all.

We live near The Strand where it is maintained 364 days per year, but we are 75 m away and get nothing except when an election is near. No watering, planting or maintenance occurs except a whipper snip and a poison occasionally. The rates we pay here could afford a weekly gardener to beautify the place.

We need more shade along the river walk from Bicentennial park towards Railway ave. It needs some beautification

We need more shade trees on the streets and gardens it makes the street look nice and a lot cooler during the summer months

We need more street trees - line all streets with paperbark trees - they do so well here in Townsville and should be planted everywhere! Keep planting native trees. Trees that provide Shade from our harsh conditions

We need more trees and more maintenance (like trimming branches, etc)

We need some pretty trees in all the streets, like yellow flowering trees like in Nelson Street South Townsville that the rainbow lorrikeets and bees love and Corkwood Eodia fhat the Ulysses butterflies love or the smaller cousin, Little Evodiella mueller. And, for the black cockatoos, plant beach almond trees like the ones frequented on The Strand and the various species of bottle brush that attract nectar loving little birds. If we plant for the native birds, bees and butterflies instead of for shade for people's cars, our suburbs will attract visitors who bring tourist dollars to go on butterfly and bird tours like happens at Mt Molloy in FNQ but on a grander scale. You need to have some vision here and be prepared to water them and plant Aristolochea Vine on fences for the Cairns Birdwing Butterflies to lay their eggs on. Teach people about the creatures, plant for them, have a proud town that welcomes newcomers into that ethos, a town that grows and encourages native plants.

We often have damage to plants in our local park gardens when people fall/are pushed into garden beds and hedges. This results in broken plants and misshapen hedges.

We planted with a border around our plants but that was as a deterrent for people trying to park or drive over the plants. I would love to have planted more outside the fence but my husband likes things neat. It was a compromise.

I vote greener the better.

We should be growing more fruit trees

We too often loose big shade trees.

We want more plants and more C edibles in particular (why does keep wasting our energy growing things that we can't eat?!)

Weeds

Weeds and exotic trees everywhere

Weeds, graffiti

Weeds, Overgrown, not maintained. Old landscaping.

Weeds. General aesthetics affecting property value.

Weeds. Major erosion at Beach. Lack of native plants.

Weedy verges. Great local park needs more frequent mowing & further work on the small creek to increase flow/reduces stagnation to reduce mozzie. Continues infrastructure to further activate the park would be great - half court basketball. Frisby golf course, children play equipment or even better nature play space that included the creek.

Weedy, unkempt, not cared for, no theme or obvious/specific purpose

Well before COVID19, and easily since 2018, throughout Bushland Beach in the vicinity of Mt Low Parkway, along Lynwood Avenue, Baxendell Place & Dungurra Place roundabouts along with the storm drain behind Woodwark Drive through Dungurra Pl have

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been dilapidated, weed ridden, neglected slum like spaces. The Bushland Beach suburb sign on Lynwood Avenue/Mt Low roundabout rotted away years ago and has not been replaced. Passage near Kennard Ct and Cramer Street is full of debris. The rubbish bin at Ugarte Park is no longer secured to stand so has made it's way out to the street curb. Inbetween spaces, public gardens and roadside land spaces & roundabouts: along Lynwood Ave, Baxendell PI, Genesta Ct, Dungurrra PI, Sashens St, Goicoechea Dr, Lionel Turner Dr/Lynwood Ave, Mt Low Parkway/Livistonia Cl/Manuka St are weed inundated, and simply poisoned or snipped when it is way past unsightly giving an overall impression of a slum standard.

Well maintained

well maintained with lots of natives

Well maintained, but the Council destroys the bowers of the bowerbirds at Jabiru Park well the dog park and surrounding area is great but everywhere else boring as batchit not inviting dead grass everywhere or to long grass. Not many people take pride

When moved to current address, the creek thru greenwood estate was planted out with lovely flowers and shrubs.

Would be good to have this again and lighting as a lot of families use greenwood park for sport

When poorly maintained or full of ornamental grasses they can look like snake habitats which aren't ideal for public use.

When we moved here there were shrubs and small trees in the public areas and along the paths but as Stockland are now selling land in another part of the area many plants in our area have died.

When you see green grass, trees and shrubs it is very relaxing and calming. Flowering trees and plants and shrubs are beautiful.

Where there are no gardens it's very dry, weed infested and often eroded.

Who it belongs to and what I can plant there

Wil win park hasn't been fixed up since the 2019 floods destroyed the steps and the weeds are not maintained

Wish that natives were used at all times

Wishing there were more trees outside the Kirwan high school.

With warming climates and already extremely hot summers, I believe an enormous amount of work needs to go into street trees. They increase property value, shade parked cars, allow us to walk and exercise further into the hot days. Plus they would make entire suburbs of Townsville far more beautiful and less 'barren' and 'brown'.

Woolcock St channel grass area behind houses not maintained.

Area around trees in Shaw st not maintained native fruits not cleaned up.

If you are going to plant gardens the on going maintenance is a must

Worry about upkeep of common areas outside our property. Is the council actually capable of doing all the work required with all the new housing developments happening.? Or is it all going to be a weedy mess?

Would like to see more trees.

Would be good to have more big rainforest trees

Would be nice if the people maintaining would use a whipper Snipper every time they mowed. Also the gardens appart from being trimmed don't appear to be maintained well. No replacent of failed plants nore are they weeded and mulched very often.

Would benefit with a water tap to fill water bottles or wash hands.

Community garden would be great for community spirt and connection.

Would like more trees planted for shade when walking dogs. Repair and filling of sink holes in Lou lister park. Have already notified council about this issue

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Would like to see a few more tropical plants. Native cordylines in particular would be nice.

Would like to see more large native trees along the main roads in Annandale similar to more leafy suburbs like Mundingburra. Eg a wide bike path adjoined by golden penda like on O Reilly street, would be nice along MacArthur Drive, Yolanda Drive, and Annandale Drive.

Also there are many walkways in Annandale between streets which look really shabby-I would like to plant sunflowers and zinnias along there but haven't as council regularly spray weed killer along there.

One thing I would like to note is that shrubs near corners can block visibility of/ for cyclists on footpaths approaching corners. This is a problem on O Reilly street.

Would like to see more native fruiting and edible plants. Encourage alternative groundcovers to grass

Would like to see more plants and trees Native to the Townsville area.

Would like to see more trees planted outside my property. Especially natives

Would love to see more edible gardens

Would love to see more natives around.

Would love to see more trees on all our streets. Helps lower temperature and provide habitat for fauna.

Would love to see our park have a nice playground and garden area fenced. Something like Elliot Springs area would be beautiful. Growing community with families we need Something out here.

Would really like to see public toilets. Surly there is an option for vandal proof toilets. Ive seen them in Europe. Why are they locked at 6pm?

Wouldn't it be lovely to see fruiting trees, herbs/ veges to share in community spaces? We DEFINITELY need more natives, more wildlife attracting plants.

AND please please plant in safe spots that aren't under power lines as the recent "trim" in Wulguru, by Ergon Contractors, was heartbreaking to see. What an absolute mess.

Wulguru is an old suburb with some beautiful parks and old trees in the streetscape. However in general the streetscape is bare dead grass 90% of the year. If Australian natives like Bottlebrush and Grevillea's could be planted and watered by the council till they were established this would decrease the ambient heat from roads and encourage birds and bees to pollinate. I know that many ears ago there was a plan to plant 1million trees in Townsville I don't know what happened to this plan, it may have been a cyclone, it may have been a change of government it may have been lack of political will but how different would our streetscape and City look with an additional million trees. We can only improve the environment and the beauty of our city with conscious intent and a quaranteed water supply.

#### Yes

Yes I am constantly aware of massive opportunities for tree planting which would cool the environment and attract more rain across the entire city.

My own suburb looks unkempt. And as the entrance to Townsville from the west, that is very sad,

Yes I'm concerned after the floods, the shrubs which died weren't replaced. Now the gardens are missing many plants. More trees need to be planted along Harkness Parade/ Brookfield Terrace near the walking path by the lake to provide shade. Many people use this pathway & it's very hot especially in summer.

Yes, I feel we are a forgotten suburb. Most properties board a 80km/h road with no space to safely walk with children, prams, dogs etc. A good and safe access walk way would be welcomed, more walking tracks (NP has been closed for over 1 year). Furthermore, there is no playground at Alligator Creek but we have to drive to get there. Creating small

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playgrounds and parkland even in bush suburbs is essential. The only work undertaken by council is to slash along the roadside. No beautification is undertaken.

Yes, I like that our suburb OakValley Park still has much of the native around, which suburbs closer to city and more densely settled areas don't have, like moniter lizards, Frilled Neck Lizards, huge variety of native frogs , butterflies and native birds.

Yes, lots of lawn space with minimal habitat, especially understory plants, grasses, etc. As the area is near bush land and the river, a habitat corridor is essential. This will help if more construction goes ahead in the area.

Yes, more trees would provide shade and cool the area. Most verges are either wasted, ignored, or used for parking so look tatty. There is a large plot of land in the centre of Gulliver that would make a wonderful place for a community garden!

Yes, need more street trees and habitat, also very hot and dry

Yes, the large grassed drains are hardly mown regularly. They should be mown more often to keep our walking tracks from being over grown or seeded with native grasses and flowers to attract all types of fauna. ALSO, the concrete islands around Townsville are sprouting weeds and it is an atrocious look. This superb looks somewhat bedraggled and visually unappealing.

Yes, the local council likes to waste money on toxic, mozzie filled plants (aka Moses plant for one.

Yes, they are mostly just lawn and concrete

Yes, we need more green spaces to improve overall wellbeing: more drought tolerant local provenance species that LOOK healthy and happy with our dry tropics environment

Yes. We need more trees and native shrubs and flowering natives. I notice over the last 2 decades that pollination has decreased and I now get excited if I see a bee because I dont see them as much now. The minor bird and pidgeon population has become excessive causing great concern

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#### APPENDIX 5 - OPEN TEXT DATA - SUPPORT AND INITIATVES (OTHER)

# What types of support or partnership initiatives would you like to see from Council in your suburb? (Other (please specify))

Work with schools and youth justice to involve young people in the development of their local suburbs and streets. The planning, costing and building from scratch off these spaces for both the benefit of the council, community and student or young persons reward and pride in where they live and had a hand in creating it.

Work with groups that clear the rubbish out of natural and cultivated public gardens and parks. Build community groups that will adopt a spot etc.

work along businesses to implement gardening areas and short staff training to help the community

Without secured general water supply, ie completed pipeline to burdekin, operational and direct to treatment, solar power to control pumping costs; etc ths initiative unlikely to be possible

While guidelines and policies are needed, its the on ground work that results in real outcomes

Whatever I can provide I am willing to be part of a genuine effort to improve our green areas.

Weekly/monthly prizes/raffle for registered participants - win local nursery vouchers/garden care packs(like a meat tray raffle) lawn mowing vouchers- winner for each suburb?

#### Weed removal from front gardens

weed reduction

We have a major problem as you will be aware of Luccaena in and around the Bohle river. Some people even have it growing in their properties. Many of our walkways around this superb could do with some TLC.

We have a "mulch pile" at the community centre, this is an awesome resource. We use a green waste service - the constant green waste is a lot to handle. I would like to see the council taking a proactive role in insisting that residents keep their footpath/verge clear of waste and debris and especially: shopping containers, car wrecks and general waste.

We don't want recognition or a pat on the back, we want a beautiful outdoor space filled with shade, trees and plants that can be enjoyed. Free plants and organised "come plant a free tree/plant" days would be ideal.

#### Water allocations

True consultation on planning, face to face, not some stupid sign that "invites" us to comment or object but gives us no chance of stopping something that is patently obvious in it's degradation to the suburb. We don't have the legal backing to stop any of your planning stupidity. It's clearly against the character of the suburb but goes ahead. What choice do we have? None!

Tree protection policies within Council and the development assessment process. Developers are still clearing all trees and vegetation and not respecting the country (ie through the retention of old growth trees, protecting and enhancing the soil and protection of waterways including a buffer zone)

Traditional Owner or Indigenous Knowledge lead plant & garden initiatives.

To have the "plant species list" include noxious plants, weeds etc.

The planting of herbs. I have basil in my verge garden. Walkers love the aroma as they walk past.

The change of ideology that demonises lawn, when it in fact can contribute to cooling the microclimates. Very disappointed also that water restrictions contributed to the closure of Townsville's best and largest nursery.

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TCC is missing a great opportunity to do lawn awards per suburb and have an awards night on the strand. TCC should get in touch with lawn fanatics

Maybe offer a rates discount for winners and finalists

Take back the role from contractors to your own council workers - use the workplace to train all these kids breaking into houses and stealing cars - if they aren't attending school they must be working - feed them a Bunnings sausage sizzle breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and cheap softdrink - get them active and tired so they sleep at night - their salary can pay off the \$100k cars they wrote off - if they can run like rabbits away from police make them mow all housing commission houses - every area of Townsville needs help in the garden

Support. I have been told that the council do not support verge planting and this has been a worry. I would appreciate the council would suggest suitable plants. Not everyone has as much time as myself and husband have for garden maintenance but many would like to grow a few things, especially having cooking herbs available in the garden, parsley, basil, chili etc which are all easy to grow.

Support to establish a community led sustainability centre (community gardens, waste management information, displays, drop off points, space for everyone to interact with nature and opportunities for them to be involved in activities and events) in the northern suburbs (deeregan/burdell area)

support for community gardens i.e. plants and equipment for volunteers add costs that community groups might not have to get started.

Suitable native tree plantings in road verges with residents committing to providing after care WITHOUT TCC insisting that the resident be liable for ALL risks attaching to native trees planted by resdents.

This situation is a nonsense policy position.

Spring clean or community beautification program once or twice a year

Speaking in a general sense I think community gardening and food growing is a great initiative

Setting up of small community gardens on nature strips. A pumpkin patch on every corner!

Setting up community gardens for the areas for all to use and maintain

See Compostable.kate on instagram. Zero waste

Security and care of work done

Re-start the 1990s urban forestry program to replace many of the large mown grass areas in the city with self sustaining city forests as part of a city wide response to the climate emergency

Resources/grants to establish community gardens. Council assisting with the initial push to get people to participate (I would love to have a community garden at the park across from my house but am afraid of having to be the only one managing it)

Rental and Owner GARDEN competitions!! Incentives

Register of significant trees on Magnetic Island and permission to be obtained for tree clearing

Reduce rates & water expenses.

Recommendations to council to change small parts of land scape for better road use visibility.

Ref: (South Gippsland Shire Council)

All green waste bought to the tip is eventually mulched and free for residents to take if they load them self or for a small charge of \$15 the front loader will dump as little or as much as you can fit in the trailer truck etc if thats cubic meter or 100 cubic meters doesn't matter.

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Limited up here id say termite treatment would need to be applied to save law suits or blame games and complaints.

I believe there is a potential to clean up townsville, not just council part but also residential.

My idea is that by local law lawns must be kept under 3inchs, excluding seed heads as theyll shoot to 6inchs over night but the turf as a whole below 3inchs.

Warning given after 1 month, nothing done week after fine of \$50 and to be paid. After the lawn reaches more then 5 inches and fine not paid or paid, company is to mow and charge accordingly. If company is not paid within a week of the mow, council to pay contractor, and add the outstanding contractor fee to rates notice of that property. This would be the same for vacant land or empty houses.

Different highets for turf in water ways and vegetation areas of interest.

Rate incentives, product incentives eg fertiliser, equipment such as sprinklers/system parts

Protecting trees that try to grow on roadside verges that are always mowed down. Marina drive is my example. Let the trees grow.

Programs for schools and community organisations to participate in.

Planting of edible trees and shrubs on council land so the community has access to fruit and vegetables. This will also improve community health.

Planting more native species

planting fruit trees so people in need can have something to eat, give to charities etc Plant some large trees, especially in the road reserve, and maintain them until they are established. Isn't it about making suburbs liveable?

Plans to mss as he the suburb entry points and main roads attractive via plantings Places where we can compost food scrap and greens and where we could collect compost from also.

Per suburb planting plans, simulated future images of streets to promote community ownership and free street trees to beautify our suburbs. Jacarandas in Brisbane and Grafton are a clear example of this - cost is little but benefit is enormous.

People should be encouraged to plant natives to our area. Better for water usage, better for native animals (birds, bees, lizards etc). It is very difficult for people to get good information and the nurseries sell mainly imported plants and ones from other regions of Australia that don't do well here.

Partnerships with other community organisations such as Townsville Garden Club

Partnership with schools to consult with students and encourage young people to garden for their mental health including at school or nearby their school.

Partnership in maintenance of areas. Co-maintenance and Communication- eg. some trees need maintaining and I avoid telling council in case they clear all trees in the council areas. I'd love to be know I'm able to talk things through with the council and know that green areas will be maintained and minor maintenance work will help (rather than clear and remove). Work together to make our suburb beautiful and maintain patches of habitat.

Partners with vacant lots under state government control eg railway

Organised weed species removal event such as removal of China apple trees.

Organised planting days like Cleanup Australia.

Why not Greenup Australia. We show up in boots to do tasks with the gear available to do the job. TIDY does this locally for cleanups too. I have assisted TIDY.

Organisation of 'working bees' - have ideas/plan for mutual spaces and hold events for community to come together to make (as in physical labour)

Organic waste bins to help in organic mulch production.

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Opportunity for those who USE the parks and gardens to have their say. Go look at the Townsville Parks Facebook page - look at what Townsville needs. It's TOO hot without shade. We must have water and toilets. The ground must repel heat, not store it. The equipment and seats must be safe for the hot climate.

Opportunity – tie ins for local community to connect with schools and council. Where are Townsville's community gardens. They don't exist, they aren't in the suburbs. They aren't where they're needed. The world leads, we Trail behind. Time to catch up

Open up some of the harder garden spaces for people to come and help in them so they can be improved if people would like to help

Nothing. I don't support this initiative at all.

None really. Would love to see fruit trees on footpaths, a community garden on this side of town. I'm too old to be shovelling but would love to take my grand kids to a community g a rden. It would be nice if council supplied a qualified gardener to set it up and funded workshops, talks etc. I'm sure some garden groups bee groups bird groups would supply speakers etc, if the space was adequately resourced, well designed and run

None focus on townsvilles crime

Neighbourhood sharing of knowledge, resources etc such as plant and produce swaps Natives for gardens

Na

More walking/ bike concrete paths on footpaths as a safety issue especially if you plant on verges and footpaths kids riding or walking home from school or people exercising have nowhere safe to walk run or bike ride off the road if footpaths are over planted with gardens. If gardens are not maintained they become overgrown and a hazard also for postees, walkers gabbage trucks trying to pick up rubbish bins. Also rubbish gets blown into unmaintained gardens on verges and footpaths. It is better to have well manicured lawns with concrete walking paths. Neat and tidy most residents are already doing this for council.

More regular mowing and maintenance of council open spaces.

More regular maintenance by council. I'm getting old!

More patrolling,safer environment,more lighting at night,holders at end of park to avoid cars motorcycles driving in park

More native trees and shrubs planted in wastes space to help the environment

More mulching, and if possible maintain irrigation systems.

More hype with plant a tree day.

Education on native species. The Education of having the native species.

More greenery around main roads

More frequent maintenance and planting more trees when trees are removed. For example when the overkill roundabout at William Angliss/Brazier Drs was installed it took about 6 months for the adjoining park to be rehabilitated

More food/fruiting trees in public spaces. Community garden spaces in parks.

More focus on the environment, its wildlife included. More parkland.

More edible plants utilized

More community gardens. The one in South Townsville is awesome, but the wait list is loooonnnngggg. Council should also look at partnering with schools, unis and TAFE to get community gardens going. Especially TAFE, they have so much unused space.

More commitment from Council to maintenance to develop greater sense of community pride

Maybe tree planting day for families or some incentives for people to plant out their nature strips

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Many residents would like to personally improve their neighbourhood by assisting with gardening outside boundaries. I have personally experienced and heard from neighbours that there has been resistance from TCC to allow this.

Making compost/ Bio fuel from household waste part of recycling system

Discussion around what the council can offer to the rate payers and what is unrealistic at this time

make occupants responsible for keeping nature strips trimmed and tidy and trees cut back so pedestrians dont have to walk on the road to get by

Maintaining green spaces properly under current rates payments.

Maintain public spaces

Local community food garden

Letting people know what trees and flowers are actually weeds in their gardens and encouraging them to remove them or advice on how to remove weeds

Less pesticide. Allowal for wild "weeds" to grow that support natural ecosystems, even when it doesnt look like a "perfect flat green lawn"

Less grass and more native plants in council spaces I.e. much better water usage and management from council.

Lawn alternatives to reduce watering & mowing

Land care involvement, plant more natives

Just do the job of a council and mow, clean and maintain council land. Stop with the crap incentives, talks etc as above and just get in and do your job. Townsville has never looked so bad as it has right now

It would be great to have more "natural" gardens that foster wildlife.

In other urban areas it would be great to have partnerships near or with community organisations to help feed people. Grow fruit and vegetables to for local community organisations.

It is well and good to talk about water incentives, but the council does not run sprinklers to water tress they have planted, or to keep the grasslands green. During the dry months, tractors come and mow the dirt, creating clouds of dust.

Initiatives to encourage residents to care for footpaths/verges in front of their properties. Improved council involvement in activities such as street sweeping, defining road edges, partnered with a campaign to encourage residents to care for their footpath to show a sense of shared pride and encourage increased pride and actions from residents. Particularly in outlying suburbs where these services are not currently delivered.

Information sessions on plants, dry rainforest issues, composing and bokashi etc would ask be great.

Increased water allowances. We are trying to keep our beautiful 5 acre land alive with the same water allowance as a 400sq block in inner suburbia. We are planting natives and working hard to increase native biodiversity. Due to the location of many of the hillside properties, bores are not a possibility.

Incorporating partnerships to include the Australia Post in education/outreach so the postie stops running over what I am planting.

Incentives to replace grass with low water native gardens

Incentives to plant trees - or to keep trees if they're already there. Too many spaces in Townsville are largely treeless, and I'd love to see Townsville turned into a "forest" by having trees in all of the available public land, and incentives for people to plant trees in/in front of their own properties.

Incentives to plant more than a few types of plants. Most areas will have a certain percentage of the front yard that has to have planting other than grass, however people tend to go for cheap plants which may not contribute to the local soil or fauna.

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Incentives for those who keep boundaries mowed and clean.

In regards to q18. I would prefer imited interest in in community partnerships. I thunk this question require more nutting out and a broader scope then a yes no answer.

In more urban area, some community veggie gardens would be very interesting (lease a space, create a membership club?)

As well as a better use for water other than just watering grass in some public space

Improving guidelines for estate owners to take initiative to implement and develop greenery and gardens instead of taking profits and promising things that never come to tuition

Implement proper Drainage.

Remove the Hazardous Palms that will damage cars and kill a person - inappropriate plants around the suburb.

Remove the gum trees causing damage and impacting the Sanctuary Unit complex due to poor Planning and Development by the Council.

Fairfield Waters Drive needs to be completely overhauled and drainage and footpaths placed along the whole Fairfield Waters Drive and Oonoonba Road which has sporadic drainage and NON existent footpaths.

The Health and Safety of children, walkers, runners and the general public is pathetic. You zone for residential but footpaths and engineered drainage doesn't exist. Stops and Starts

Remove all GUM trees as they are hazardous and are loved by termites.

Plants along roads have root systems that are OHS hazards.

Council needs to really think about trees etc, as the council zones are not properly maintained on a regular basis.

Trees are destroying footpaths with their root systems that go across the area.

Correct the poor drainage and implement flood resistance FIRST

Council destroyed Idalia/Fairfield Waters and Oonoonba.

Correct all the drainage immediately and STOP wasting funds obtained by Government Grants.

Still Tax Payers MONEY

Work on Infrastructure and stop the wasting of the Govt Grants

I'd love to see more communal vegetable gardens

I would really like to see more and more community involvement in what our suburb looks like

I would like to see sidewalks cleared of over hanging tree branches, and where there are no concrete paths for them to be mowed, to be enforced by Council for property owners to keep their property tidy. There are also vacant housing blocks over grown and make suburbs look so untidy.

If vacant land is not mowed then perhaps Council can have it done and billed to owners. Long dry grass pose a fire risk.

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Council also need to employ for staff to keep checks on unkept property, serve notices for yards to be mowed and trash removal, including rusted old vehicles creating an ugly view of streets.

Planting fruit trees along river banks away from residential land to feed the bats and keep them out of residential areas and remove the bat feeding fruit trees from the parks so, that people can return to them again. Dan Gleeson Park and the Park near the Good Shepherd Nursing home are two such parks that people can no longer enjoy because of the bats.

I would like to see respectful relationships between council staff and residents regardless of whether they own the house or not.

Also I would very much like to see Aboriginal people engaged in restoring the health of their country.

I would like to see more of our nature strips planted with local natives. I would like to see people have the ability to plant there nature strips and care for them as I understand council are not able to look after every nature strip in Townsville. Giving the residents the ability to take care of there nature strips would/could put the garden crew to use in other areas of the city

I would like to see fruit trees and vegetable gardens in common areas. Managed by volunteers and accessible to all. Imagine children picking fruit from the trees as they walk to school through our walkway. Parents in the neighbourhood could access herbs etc.

I would like to see council work with the community to develop verge planting guidelines that are flexible for niche locations. In very quiet small streets or cul de sacs it may be safe to have native food shrubs and grasses on verges attracting wallabies where it is unlikely they would not be hit by cars. Some verges are very wide and should enable higher plantings closer to the house as sight lines would not be problematic. In short, different possibilities for differing locations. It would also be good if council were able to support a connected approach - perhaps along a watercourse, where some shaping and landscaping to reduce runoff speeds was integrated with neighbours sharing the benefits. I think that, if neighbours agree, council should be open to greater traffic calming. In our street and many others I think it would be possible to extend plantings onto the road area and create pinch points to ensure slower traffic and or even create a once way street with much more plantings near the road. In our street this could be done as access would be gained easily via a circulation around the adjoining block.

I would like to see a community garden in liberty. It would bring the community together. I think it would be great to go with our social bbq

I was a Volunteer Tour Guide in the Palmetum Botanic Garden, and was also involved and trained about the Queens Gardens and Anderson Park Botanic Garden from 1995 to 1999. A group of us, formed from Friends of Palmetum and SGAP members were trained by Dr John Dowe. I was Secretary of Friends of Palmetum from 1995 to 1999 when the President Joe Schmidt retired and moved south and the group ceased. The tour guiding function seemed to be taken over by the SGAP members. I was also involved in Landcare and CDLTI and NQ Dry Tropics in their early days, and Greening Australia in Brisbane in the early 1990s. I was also a Volunteer Tour Guide at the Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens in Brisbane from 1988 (after Expo 88 when the Japanese Garden was gifted by the Japanese Government and moved to Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens) to 1995, and I have seen how beneficial volunteer tour guiding in botanic gardens can be to the whole city and tourists when there is a regular roster of volunteers. We also had seminars, an International Palm and Cycad conference in 1995 and a yearly Palmetum Sale Day where all the nurseries in Townsville came together at the Palmetum for one weekend and there were a few food stalls too and Afternoon Tea was available in Tumbetin Lodge. The Palmetum Sale Day was the highlight of the gardening year in Townsville in those days- usually mid year and very well patronised by stall holders and

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the public. I know many gardening groups came from Ingham, Burdekin, Bowen and Mackay- they set up Landcare groups, garden clubs, botanic garden groups in those cities too in the 1990s. I went to a Landcare group seminar day in Ayr last year with Dr Greg Calvert, and Burdekin Landcare group is still functional with a great greenhouse full of native and introduced plants for sale. There are many keen gardeners in the Burdekin who are keen to join in Townsville gardening activities, like sale days and seminars. There are many keen gardeners in the whole Townsville region and I am pleased the TCC has organised this survey to gain input and involvement from the gardeners in this region. There is a wealth of local gardening knowledge and experience which can be tapped.

I want to see very strict maintenance guidelines to ensure people maintain gardens to the highest standards, they shouldn't be allowed to plant any gardens in the verge in my opinion and if they do they must sign an agreement to maintain them with financial penalty if they are not maintained.

I don't care about awards and ceremonies but education, planting days and free mulch points would be a great way to help people build and maintain green spaces.

I am unable to garden much as i have back trouble and need surgery on my R knee. However, was Townsville's first female public relations consultant and have a journalism career that took me through regional newspapers to The Courier-Mail. I would love to consult on developing a PR communication program to decide on a planting guide for city trees as outlined above and education campaign to get the townsfolk on board to make it happen. We need to put the critters first as we urbanise. By so doing we will create marvellous opportunities for city folk and tourists to enjoy moments observing nature, moments that gladden the heart and fulfill our obligations to walk softly on this earth and redeem that which we have taken away.

I am sorry ② I can't be more proactive but my health prevents it but I could be involved via email etc

I am deeply concerned that many of the new developments are simply destroying all trees, shrubs and vegetation in the area before building. They should be required to leave at least 10% next true Bushlands and also a certain number of mature trees in the area. There is nowhere for the wildlife to go. The wildlife also needs water sources.

Hopefully council would really be available to help solve our flooding issues. I would like council help with practical and helpful solutions.

Hobby food gardens side hustles.

Highlight the problems caused to the disabled or aged by inconsiderate parking. Congested paths mean I cannot walk to my nearest park or even to my letter box.

Happy to volunteer for whatever's doing. (Beats paying higher rates!)

Guidelines are a good idea, but it would be a shame i think to bring in restrictive policies.

**Guarantees Water supply** 

Grey water support and encouragement

Green waste and compost collection for those who do not have a compost bin or mulcher, perhaps at a central point such as previously suggested community garden.

Green bins are also needed for recycling and reusing

Give me free plants and mulch and i will look after the traffic island and roundabout outside my house others would do the same.

Free weekly Greenwaste collection

Free healthy alternatives to chemicals

Free green waste collection - leaving a pile on the footpath which council collect for you

Free bus to flinders st on Saturday night

Food type plantings. A community group and/or council team to help get it started. Like a working bee day once planning and prep is done.

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#### Food gardens

Focus on natives and don't waste talking to those that don't really know

Fines for unauthorised dumping of garden refuse in rivers and on council property.

Financial support for small scale community gardens like in Cairns.

Facilities at another park closer to the centre of the population base i.e Wellein Par

Everything is best. It may not take off initially but just general support will see programs grow.

Every suburb should have a community garden for interested residents to take a plot and share what they grow.

Engagement with the community on how residents would like to see streets managed Encouragement and guidelines for verge gardening (greening the suburb) community vegetable gardens where people can bring their home grown produce and trade it for plants/mulch/other peoples produce.

Encourage households to plant trees suitable for our climate. That trees planted along the road are cared for by pruning and kept free from overgrown grass around the base. Provide cement table and seating under larger trees so people can stop to rest or have a bite to eat to encourage an outdoor shaded activity.

Effective maintenance alerting.

Education with natives plant

Education in and around Butterfly gardening and attracting pollinators to suburban gardens

Educating residents on weed species to identify and control on their properties.

Edible native plant & fruit tree initiative programs incorporated in verge & park revegetation..

Edible Gardens in shared areas

Easy way to get permission to garden outside areas. The outside area that I am interested in is quite large and is currently grass which is both water and time intensive that would be far better suited to garden space.

Easier way to report when local gardening is required. Council may find they work in areas that don't need it as often, and not enough in areas that need it more. A better system to report when gardens need it, a higher reliance on community advice, would work well.

Don't just give free plants, run workshops on setting up the garden, soil, mulch, watering to help that plant survive..,

DO NOT just go along streets and plant trees in front of peoples houses on footpath and expect people to look after them. Like they did once. In alot of places they were planted in wrong places in front of houses. This was a waste of money because people pulled them out because they never liked them or ruined appearance of their house or weren't maintained.

Cultural food trails and significant involvement from local Elders to promote connection to country

Council to tidy, have safer, accessible footpath for all forms of equipment, person with mobility issues a safer way for them to use.

Council to provide pruning to vegetation that encroaches public roads

Council to act on problems in timely manner

Council take better care of community gardens

Council should be prioritising proper care of green spaces more regularly so that the community has an environment to be proud of.

Council should be encouraging residents to incorporate shade trees into their own properties through education and actually planting more trees themselves. Council spend

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\$mega on shade sails but not planting and maintaining well placed shade trees over playgrounds.

Council patrols trimming council planted trees on property lines...

Council need to contract out the maintenance work they cannot do. Planting more vegetation without being able to maintain the existing is no-sense

Council just doing the basics properly would be good. Restoring the area to how it was at the end of 2018.

Council contact to liaise with directly and seek advice and action upgrades

Cooperative not just spraying round up. Watering or providing rap for watering or sprinkler permissions

Consider initiatives with landowners (especially those with goats) to tackle weed problems.

More events/markets for businesses to advertise their products, get bunnings on board for div sessions, a family day for gardening.

Also consider a gardening/landscape/agriculture show with flower

arrangement/landscaping competition to enhance people's interest in gardening (held in spring/late winter)

Composting services

Composting service. Food scrap collection and commercial composting. See Bayside City Council (Victoria) for a good example.

Anderson Park has a lovely tropical fruit orchard. It would be good to be able to volunteer at the garden and then as an incentive be able to keep some of the fruits. Not everyone can grow fruit trees in their garden. But this gives them access to them.

Community vegetable Gardens

Community veges garden in the green space near the bike jumps

Community involvement in keeping gardens and parks looking fabulous.

Community input and consultation on green spaces to encourage more environmental corridors, food gardens and education in gardening techniques such as permaculture.

Community gardens with compost and native fruit and vegetables. Also revegetation programs.

Council should plant more trees and native bushes on the sidewalks, mid strips and parks

Community gardens and verge food gardens.

Community gardens

Community gardens

Community gardening spaces that bring people together- multi age- oldies and kids

Community garden, participation in public gardening initiatives

Community garden! I am on the Community Garden Committee on the island and we are currently seeking council support for the allocation of land in Nelly Bay.

Stronger emphasis on weed species and potential weed species that are often sold by commercial retailers on the island and by members of the public. People have a growing interest in local natives as alternatives to introduced plants and so there are real opportunities to educate people about viable native options. This is also part of the community garden concept - to help showcase what grows here naturally and its form/growth habit and it's uses.

The other emerging issue is the use of bore water on the island. Currently the use of bore water is unregulated and during these dry periods (particularly when the wet season has not topped up the ground water reservoir) there is real risk to established native trees on

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the island. Bore water is used to keep people's lawns green (meanwhile lowering the water table) when this is an unsustainable practice to many native species that rely on a health, sustaining aquifer during the dry. A policy and supporting guidelines on bore water use is definitely needed.

#### Community garden spaces

Community garden set up, with regular education and guidance from professional gardeners.

#### Community garden

Community consultation meetings (in person) about use of land and potential garden spaces. Council need to consult with the community that surrounds these spaces to find out how it is used and how they would like it to be used in future as local residents are the ones interacting in that environment every day.

#### Community composting

Communal sessions and/or gardens to help residents to see what can be achieved and to get advice / assistance

Clear guidelines on verge planting and free maps made available of service lines on the verge.

Free material (gravel) to make pathways where no footpath exists on verge.

Rewards for people actually making an effort to beautify and provide a beneficial environmental space within their suburb/street - like offering free mulch to gardeners who actually have made an effort, not just wasted water keeping the grass green!!

Chance for those who have knowledge and passion to have some inclusion

Care and maintenance of public space. Planting of shade trees. Enhance the median strip to show off the character precinct and match the value of the houses.

Can I just mention community beautification which also acknowledges weed eradication. Sorry to harp on about this but parts of Kirwan is looking bedraggled.

Buy back schemes got locally grown native plants support for small nurseries and seed banks specific targeted habitat restoration and enhancement targeting locally significant species

Initiatives to plant out roadsides with native grass and sedge to outcompete grader grass Targeted area specific campaigns yo remove Chinee apple grader gras and Siam weed all of which are prevent the in my neighbourhood

building materials for garden beds, trellis, etc

#### composting structure

Bring back greening tville program from 15 years ago, Could to do more openspace designs & built & maintained properly by tcc or outsourced to competent contractors

Better maintenance of public spaces

#### Better exchange of information regarding erosion and noxious plants

Better and more frequent maintenance of existing gardens, I am not in favour at all of any new gardens until the ones we have are maintained properly, there are so many gardens around Townsville planted by council in years gone by that are either dead, full of weeds or barren. It is not a good use of ratepayers money or economical to keep planting more gardens when the evidence tells us council and the community struggle to maintain the existing gardens.

Better access to water saving devices eg. Grey water systems

#### Beekeeping

Bee attracting gardens, more dog parks, more lighting for safety,

Assistance to create and maintain a community garden in Nelly bay

Assistance from the council when a yard is overgrown and out of control.

Allocation of land to be used by community, for the initiative of growing food

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Actually do something for the outer suburbs not just in town . We pay rates too in case council didn't realise .

ACTUAL education on growing fruit & veggies

Access to chipping of tree waste so that the mulch stays at the park / lot where the trees or branches originated.

A solution to the over population of bats in Dan Gleason park.

A program where residents can adopt a tree or plant on public spaces to water and look after and dedicate to a loved one. This will ensure so many dying plants get watered that are in neglected areas. So many trees die from lack of water on peoples footpaths right outside their doors. Maybe encourage walkers to pour drink bottles on isolated plants near the end of their walk. This will save council and make people take some responsibility as community members.

A forum to assist in community policing of created assets.

A focus on healthy habitats in urban locations, and reducing the impact of domestic animals.

A community garden space in Pallarenda.

Education on how and when to grow vegetables in the Dry Tropics.

- '- Native Bee Hotels either homemade kits or ready made
- Beneficial insect mixes for pots
- '- encouraging best practice for long term establishment (proper good quality soil, efficient irrigation)
- Greenspace Alliance (similar to Western Australia, which also has long-term water issues)
- Council register of fully qualified tradespeople (irrigation installation, landscapers, soil suppliers, etc)

better use of council areas to provide food and fruit trees and plants more native flowers instead of excessive grassed footpaths to attach bees and pollinates

