

Woopi garden cash injection to aid growth

Page MP grants \$9000 for community project

WOOLGOOLGA Regional Community Gardens continue to grow, with the project receiving yet another boost.

Member for Page Kevin Hogan last week donated a grant of \$9000 to the garden association.

The grant will allow the association to purchase major infrastructure items for the garden, including a shipping container that will double as a storage area and a meeting place, as well as water tanks and a pump, plus garden supplies.

"This is great news for the community," Mr Hogan said.

"I would like to congratulate all the club members.

"They are all volunteers who are working with local community groups, schools, our indigenous and Sikh populations, and the unemployed to further develop the gardens as a

community asset.

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The grant was awarded under the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.



BOOST: Page MP Kevin Hogan chats with Woopi Gardens volunteers before awarding the grant last week. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

The community garden is located next to the netball courts at Scarborough St, Woolgoolga.

Community gardens are increasingly being recognised for their social, environmental and economic benefits and are seen to be about more than simply growing food, providing a valuable way to help communities develop and come together.

The whole community has been involved in the project.

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