

Seeds sown with love

Community gardens are taking root

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WOOLGOOLGA'S Community Gardens are starting to take shape with the first plants embedded at last weekend's working bee.

About 20 volunteers gathered to help plant vegies, herbs and flowers as well as hoe soil to establish the first garden beds at the eastern boundary as well as a flower bed at the garden's

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entrance.

Gardening supplies were provided with support of MI Organics and Woolgoolga Handy Hire to help volunteers transform the



SOWING SEEDS: Ava Corinne White and Maree Lane were happy to get their hands dirty at the Woolgoolga Community Gardens. PHOTO: ROBERT WATKIN

space into a flourishing garden.

President of the Woolgoolga Community Gardens, E J Merrick, said installing the garden beds and flowers was a significant milestone in the garden's development.

“We've been going at it for

a few years, this is the first chance for us to put some plants in the soil,” EJ said.

“It's so nice and very positive to get some vegies and some seedlings in the ground that we can grow as part of the garden that the community can share.”

March will mark the next big step for the garden's development with the committee to present the long-term design plans established in December.

EJ is looking forward to exhibiting the plans for community feedback to

ensure the gardens are sustainable for various community uses.

“Our goal as the community gardens committee is to grow it for everyone, as a learning place, as a meeting place, as a natural asset for the community,” he said.