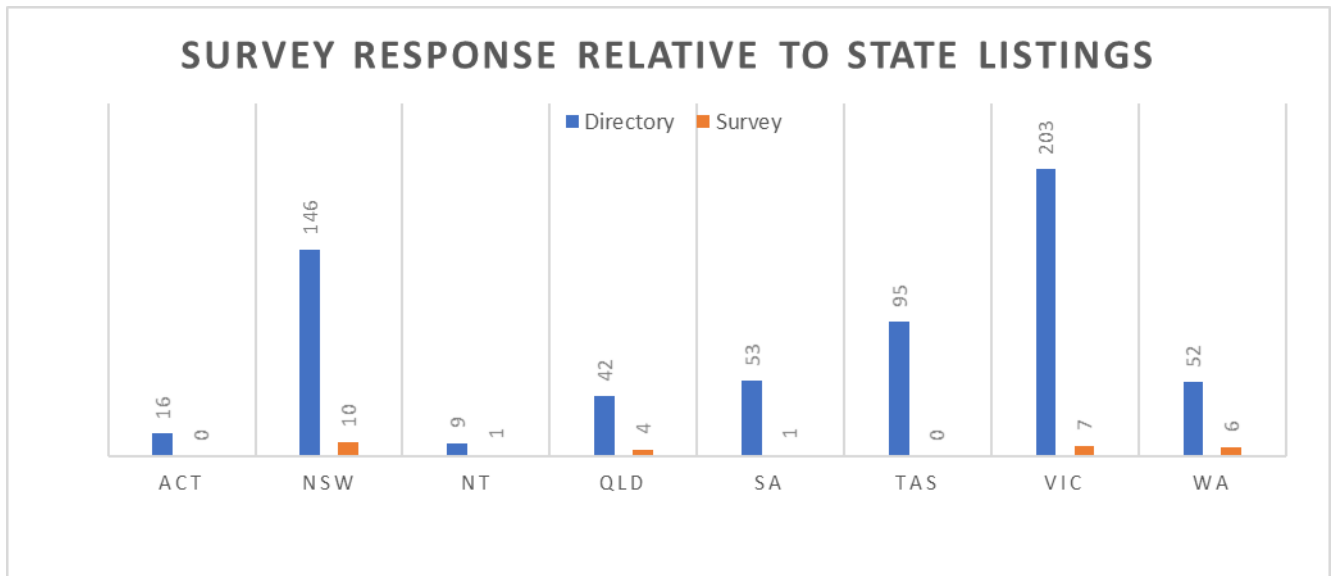


ACFCGN Community Garden Survey Responses

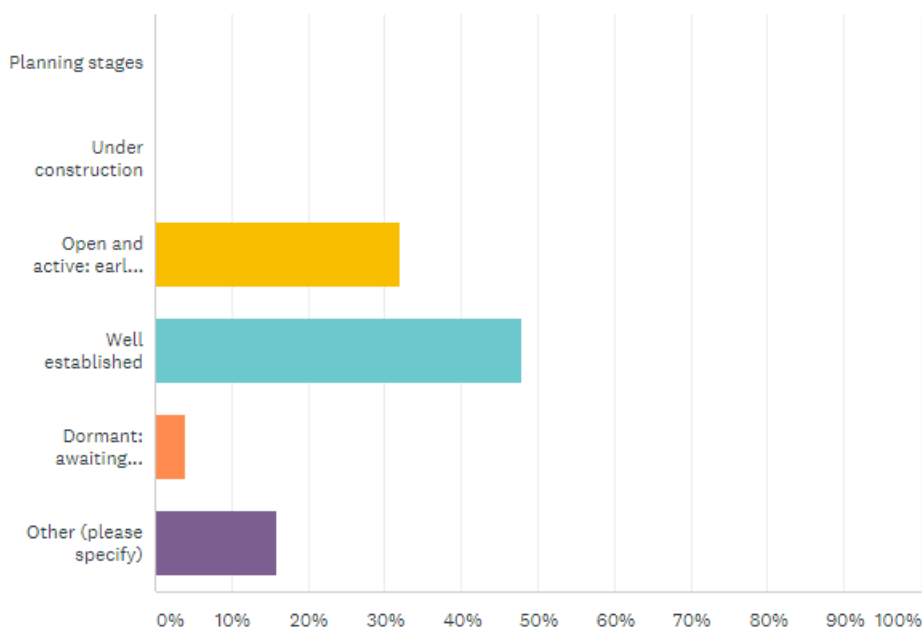
Get started on the 2018 Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGYSQ7G>

2017-Oct | Number of responses: 29 | Listings in Directory 605

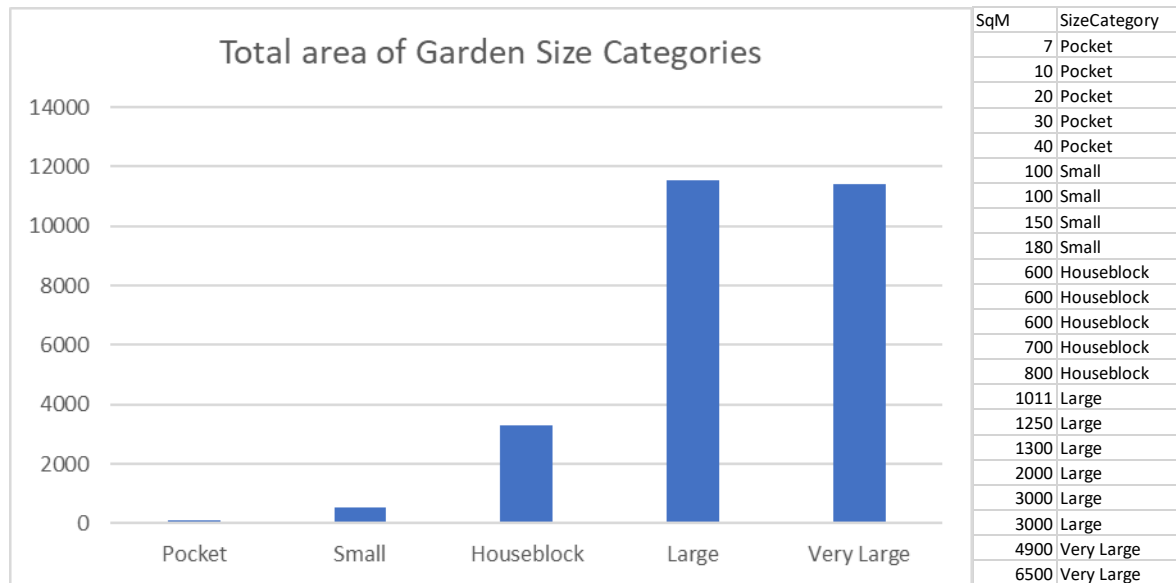


Garden status

What stage of development is the garden in?

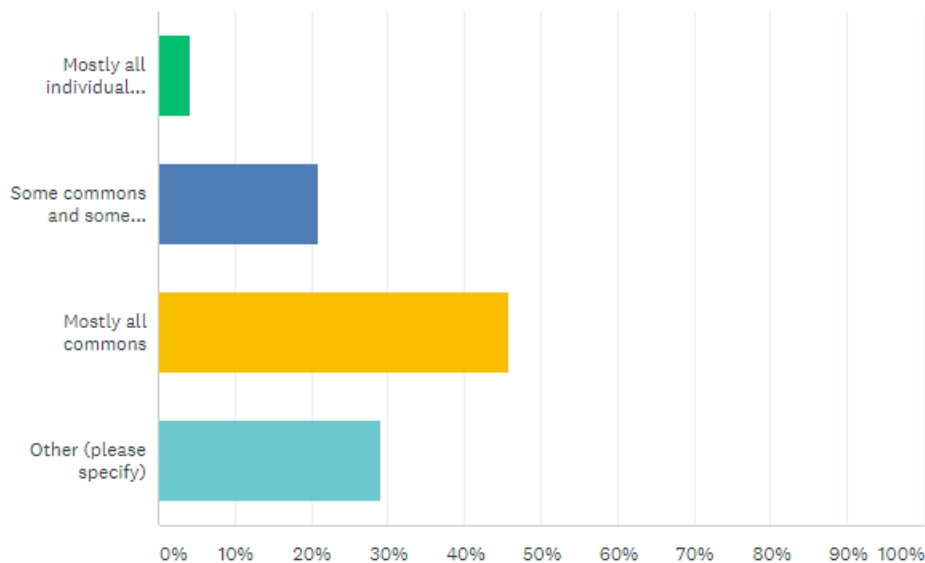


How big is the total garden site?



(26,898m² total, or 2.7ha)

Style of management (individually-tended plots, or is the garden a commons)

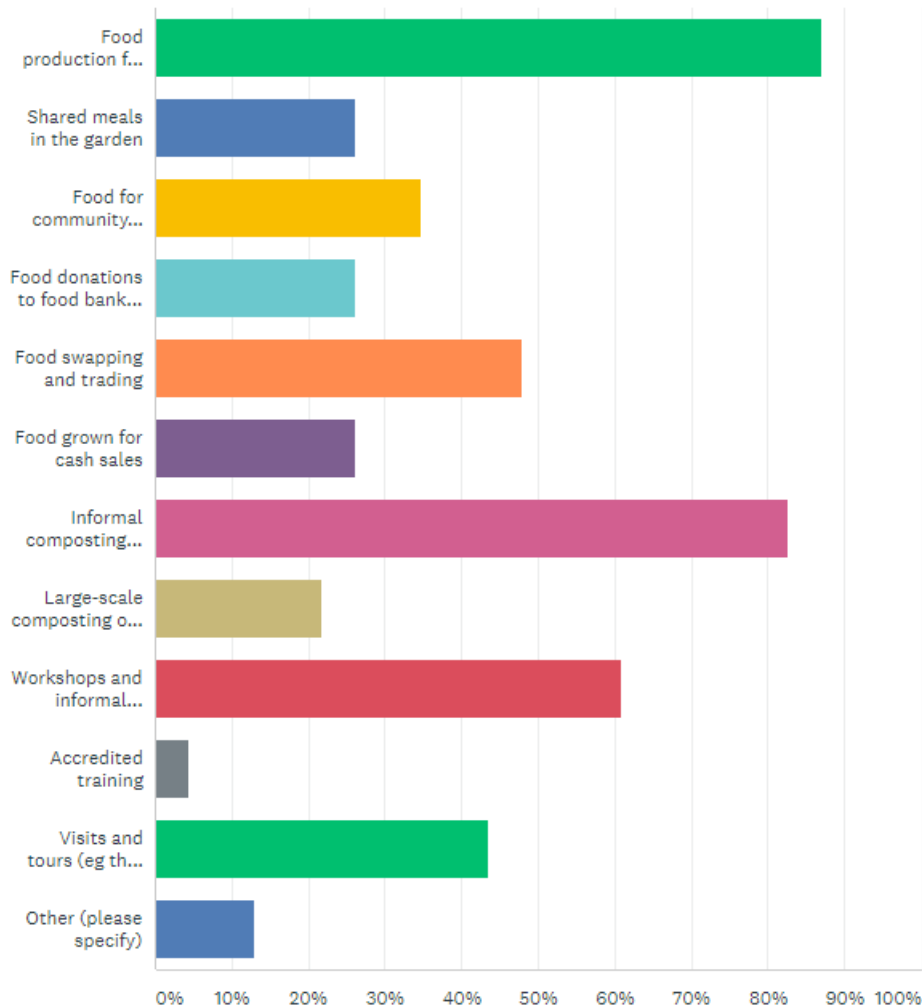


Approximately how many people come to the garden in a typical week?

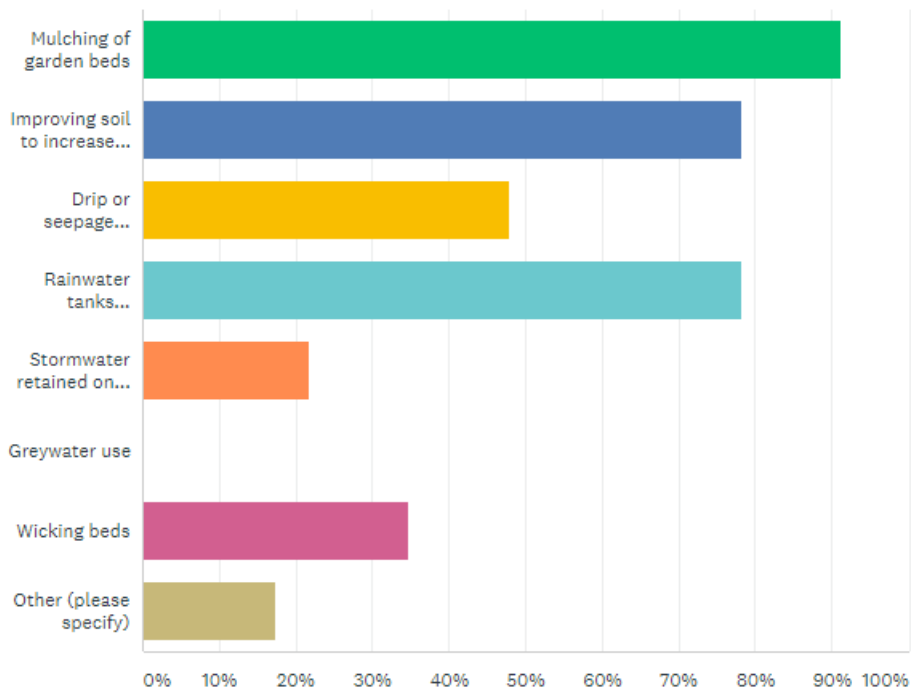
Total estimate: 484 people per week across 25 gardens. Avg. 20people/wk/garden
 With 605 gardens, very approximate estimate would be:

In an average week, 12,000 Australians visit a community garden.

Types of cultivation



Strategies for Water Conservation



Organic and Biodynamic standards

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ No specific policy. Gardeners make their own decisions.	9.09%
▼ Use of chemicals is discouraged.	9.09%
▼ Policy of organic production is strongly encouraged.	77.27%
▼ Garden meets formal standards, but is not certified.	4.55%
▼ Garden is certified organic or biodynamic.	0.00%

Volunteer Support

How many volunteer hours are contributed toward the management and operation of the garden as an organisation? Reported as regular weekly volunteer hours plus total annual extra hours for special events.

	Weekly hrs	Annual total	Avg/Garden	Natl total hours	Natl FTE
Regular volunteers	395	20540	934	564850	282
Special Events		1647	75	45293	23

Community garden volunteers contribute the equivalent of over 300 FTE positions across the country.

Funding model

What is the basis on which a garden is able to meet any expenses of operation?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ In-kind support (eg volunteer labour, donated goods)	91.30%
▼ Support from non-government organisations (eg. grants, assistance from service agencies)	47.83%
▼ Government support (eg grants)	56.52%
▼ Self-funding activities (eg. plot fees, plant sales, workshops, fundraising)	78.26%
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 26.09%

Affiliations

As an organisation, is the garden affiliated with or hosted by another organisation?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Affiliated with a church or school	4.55%
▼ Managed through a local council or State programme	13.64%
▼ Independently managed (no host organisation)	36.36%
▼ Other host or affiliate	Responses 45.45%

Memberships

What other groups is the garden associated with?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Australian City Farms & Community Gardens Network (ACFCGN)	43.75%
▼ Garden Clubs of Australia	12.50%
▼ Australia Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA)	0.00%
▼ Seed Savers Network	6.25%
▼ Other (please specify) Responses	43.75%

Support you better

Please tell us how we can support your garden and your growing community.

- Visits to other community gardens. Understanding what they do to bring in the community. Tips on how to encourage members to run workshops and share their knowledge.
- Please sign us up. We also need guidance about retention of management roles and strategies to increase membership considering the "invisibility" of the garden
- Provide volunteers and organisations that might want to be involved.
- Support the idea that community gardens can be located almost anywhere, not just on public lands. (Community gardens can be open to the public, or closed to public access).
- Have information templates that can be translated into karen, burmese, indian. Or have services or register of individuals that can volunteer to translate signs, information and forms, Or have access to small grant for translating. The simple sign template where you insert logo, name and can make slight adjustments., for compost do and don't sign, worm farm do and dont sign. A way to replace infastructure. Start up funding is easy and event/activity is easy but get funding 6 years in to replace raised bed past repair or upgrade dilapidated old port-a-loo is ny impossible.
- By providing resources and tools, grant information and local news
- Guidance on grants available/suitable to community gardens, methods of management, how to improve member engagement.
- Examples of how other gardens are doing would be great
- Information on any special grants, support or ideas for better management or improvement in any way.
- It would be wonderful if we can be added to your Community Garden network.
- Funding ideas, helping to promote events and ways to connect with other SA gardens.
- It's possible that ALEC has already completed this questionnaire and made contacts. We are a five year old garden, still developing, with high ambitions. Sustainability remains fairly dependent on the energy and knowledge of a couple of key volunteers though we have a pretty committed committee and strong backing from our sponsor. Linking with other gardens over time might strengthen our self belief and provide insights into what strengthens our broader community's interest and support.
- Promoting us to the wider community. I would love to get in touch with the Gravel Hill and Long Gully gardens in Bendigo and see if we could have some combined working bee days :-)