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## Edible Pocket Garden Now Sprouting in Palmerston

Soil was turned, and planting started, for the first Edible Pocket Garden in Strawbridge Park in Moulden today.

A new initiative for Palmerston, the recently adopted *Edible Pocket Garden* policy allows residents to plant fruit and vegetables in sections of their local parks and reserves, following a simple approval process.

City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell said there are many positive aspects to having this smaller style of share-gardening.

“Edible pocket gardens are a free-range style of garden, they are not fenced and are planted amongst the existing landscape.

They foster a sense of community; the harvest grown in public spaces is accessible to the whole community and they create opportunities for those with limited space to be involved in gardening activities.

They also encourage residents to get involved in environmental sustainability, as well as increasing the use of green spaces throughout Palmerston,” she said.

Residents wishing to plant a fruit tree or edible plant can contact Council on 8935 9922 or email: [palmerston@palmerston.nt.gov.au](mailto:palmerston@palmerston.nt.gov.au)

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