

## BHP AT CARE FOR HEDLAND

The Care for Hedland Environmental Association has a proud history of recycling and waste initiatives in the Port Hedland community since 2003 and aims to connect people and the environment to create a more sustainable, inclusive, and environmentally aware town. Collocated and working in a strong partnership with the RSL Port Hedland branch, the Community Gardens is a focal space which delivers and builds on these objectives and is an important shared place for not only garden lovers of all ages but the Hedland community at large.

It was another beautiful Pilbara spring morning on 30th August when the large team of workers from MOCRS C Shift arrived at the garden to lend their hands to the list of tasks that the organisations had lined up. After a warm welcome from their hosts, the 26-member team split into smaller groups and were well organised, allocating each a specific job to crack on with.

The first team moved boxes of donations for the RSL community shop sorting clothes, toys, appliances and bric brac into departments for resale in the RSL community shop. The second team got stuck into dismantling rusty old garden beds and assembling new ones, then carefully fitting them over the existing plants and mound of moulded soil. The job was fiddly and needed some creative thinking, but the group worked together in good spirits laughing and joking with each other. The third group were assigned to the mulch, compost and fertiliser run, picking up many trailers load from the nearby horse stables and unloading to the specially built enclosure at the gardens. They mucked hay into a pile and removed more trailer loads of rubbish to the landfill.



"Checking out the community garden and seeing all the different kinds of vegetables. Also learning about some plants"

"Working with my team mates"

"Community service and a good feed"

"Friendly volunteers, learn't a lot and was an enjoyable morning"

"Seeing all we achieved and being able to alleviate work from the other volunteers"

"Helping community organisation"

"Working with my team"

"Working with other co-workers, teamwork and helping each other"











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## BHP AT HEDLAND BMX CLUB

The team worked hard with the onerous task of weeding, raking, and tidying the entire front and side boundary fence line, inside and outside of the yard. Filling many bags with litter and weeds, while others attacked the heavy weeds whipper snipping the whole car park and surrounding yard area.

The busy team were grateful for the morning tea break to rest and refuel. Enjoying the tales and history about the bombing of Port Hedland from Retired Warrant Officer Class 2 - Val Middleton before recommencing their tasks. The group then got stuck into the re potting of mature trees, planting seedlings and harvesting and packaging seeds ready for the upcoming market garden sales.

Big thank you to this team, they should be proud of the work completed on the day. The staff at Care for Hedland were so grateful for the team:

"We are so appreciative of the assistance form the team, the work they completed in one day would have taken us forever to get through" - Staff at Care for Hedland

Fantastic effort team, your contribution has been of great support to the community of Port Hedland we hope you enjoyed your team volunteering day.

