

## **Christians in Community Gardening – Exposure Visits** **Gardens of South Western Sydney, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

*Are you or your church involved in community gardening? Or are you thinking about making a start?  
Are you interested in meeting with Christian community gardeners and hearing their stories?*

*Come along to this tour of community gardens in Sydney's South West and learn about how Christians and churches are sharing the good news in their communities, building community locally, caring for God's creation, and serving the needy.*

**Date:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 9:30am to 3pm

**Location:** Meet and finish at Liverpool Uniting Church, 28 Pirie St, Liverpool. 350m from train station. Parking available.

**Gardens to be visited:**

Hughes Street Community Garden

Food 4 Life Market Community Garden

Glenquarie Anglican Church Community Garden

The Living Garden

**Cost:** \$15 (\$10 concession), includes lunch

**Transport** between gardens will be provided

**RSVP essential**, to Miriam Pepper on 0447 730 772 or [info@unitingearthweb.org.au](mailto:info@unitingearthweb.org.au). Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

### **Hughes Street Community Garden Inc, Cabramatta**

This garden has been up and running for 10 years, and is a haven for members of the local migrant/refugee population, particularly those who have come from rural/agricultural backgrounds in the areas of Former Yugoslavia and Indo-China. The garden was established under the umbrella of a small (now inoperative) Christian organisation called 'Urban Concern', with the support of the Fairfield City Council.

### **Food 4 Life Market Community Garden, Warwick Farm**

The Food 4 Life Market is a community-based cooperative set up by the Salvation Army and the Sydney South West Area Health Service in 2009. The Market is staffed by local volunteers and aims to improve access to affordable fresh, nutritious food for residents. The community garden is an extension of the project, which in partnership with Liverpool Council, provides fresh vegetables and home gardening skills.

### **Glenquarie Anglican Church Community Garden, Macquarie**

**Fields.** The garden was started in 2009. The local TAFE runs a Permaculture Course which is open to all Campbelltown residents. The garden provides some fresh produce for the church's "Break The Cycle" Cafe, which provides meals 3 days a week, and also runs a welfare program. The Cafe and garden provide a bridge between the church and the local community. Permaculture students are developing the whole site, and aiming to promote home permaculture and gardens.

### **The Living Garden, Liverpool Uniting Church**

The Living Garden is a flower community garden at Liverpool Uniting Church that is for public use by local residents. It was created in joint partnership with the Liverpool Council and the church, with several other partners, with a grant from the Council of Arts.



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