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Media Release:

Mission to reduce water bills

Local green thumbs are thrilled with the new water tank at the popular Our Community Garden in Collie, thanks to a \$3,900 donation from Premier Coal.

The new water tank will not only provide a reliable water source to keep the plants thriving, it will also help financially by collecting and storing water for later use that will help reduce the ongoing water bills for the garden.

Ros Gardiner, Secretary for Our Community Garden Collie, was delighted with the funding.

“Our main aim for this year was to minimise our water bills, which is our biggest expense.

“The donation enabled the purchase and installation of a 25,000L water storage tank, which is a reliable and large rainwater storage solution, perfect for irrigating the Collie Community Garden and helping us to save money.

“The new tank also builds towards our objectives of sustainable garden practices, protecting and enhancing the natural environment and educating the community about self-sustainability and reliance.

“Premier Coal assisted us 10 years ago when we were first establishing the community garden and we continue to be thankful their ongoing financial support,” said Ros.

The Collie Community Garden started in 2011 and continues to grow in popularity. It has raised veggie beds, a wicking bed and higher raised beds for those who have mobility problems. Nyoongar elders and members of the garden have constructed an interactive walk that showcases the most popular trees and plants the Nyoongar people would use for bush tucker and other uses such as dyes, glues and shields. The garden is always open to the public and there are benches throughout so people can find a quiet spot to relax. It is located on the corner of Bunbury and Prinsep Street, Collie.

Premier Coal Operations Manager, Braedon Gaske, was happy to fund the water storage project.

“The Collie Community Garden brings people together and provides many benefits including environmental benefits, as well as physical, social and mental wellbeing.

“We are pleased our funding could solve their water storage issue and reduce their water costs overtime. We are proud to fund an environmental initiative as part of our Community Support Program,” said Braedon.

The donation was part of the Premier Coal Community Support Program, which is funded by Yancoal and aims to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in Collie.

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