# Summary of first Garden commons Community Consultation

20th August 2 pm

The Link (Peron Room) & online.

Prior to the meeting we had one comment emailed to the community inbox in support of the gardens.

We had one resident attend in person and one online. Corey ran through some background of the project which briefly touched on previous expressions or support and interest from the community as well as the experience at Gawari Marda in Holt.

Concerns were shared over the impact of the following to the immediate Tredwell Street & Blundell Place residents. These concerns included;

* The use of compost of on-site composting and odours associated with compost
* The use of snail bait and the severe risk to dogs
* People dumping rubbish on the garden (especially food waste)
* The garden not being maintained, and fruit being left to rot on the ground
* Pest management & selecting food items based on pest management system
* Location of the garden being so close to homes
* Fencing – if there would be any
* How large the plot would be and what other opportunity would be presented to use the space (i.e. Bench seats, play equipment, picnic space)

The following points were shared as features residents would like to see in the garden;

* Versatile garden with layers of food choice (Forest style)
* Nut trees
* Native fruit & veg
* Olive trees
* Childrens lunchbox varieties
* Vegetable ground cover
* Native pollinating plants to attract insect activity
* The possibility of the garden extending further west down Tredwell street into the existing landscaping (noting that the western end of Tredwell has Feijoa trees that would be good to connect to)

Thanks to Vanessa, Alyssa & Martha for their time & energy to contribute to the discussion around the food forest.

Corey is currently planning the garden based on the feedback received. Once this is drafted it will be presented to the community for further consultation. It is noted that more resident involvement is required to make the garden sustainable in the immediate and long term.