



Power Plants

Sustainable Gardens in Remote Communities

ALICE SPRINGS DESERT PARK

WHAT IS POWER PLANTS?

The Power Plants Program is designed to work with Aboriginal people to develop and maintain a Bush Medicine and Bush Tucker garden in the community. The program can work in town and in remote communities.

The Power Plants program can:

- teach you the skills to build and maintain a Bush Medicine and Bush Tucker garden
- help your community grow cultural medicine and foods. Your community can select the plants you want to grow.

WHAT ARE POWER PLANTS?

They are:

- bush medicine and bush tucker gardens
- gardens in remote communities
- gardens with cultural links
- gardens which will last
- gardens which can be the hub for culture and community



HOW CAN YOUR COMMUNITY GET A POWER PLANTS GARDEN?

You will need:

- support from your community, the community must say that it wants a garden
- some money (funds) to help train the people, buy the plants and manage the garden
- land about the size of 4 houses put together, this is about 800 m² to 1000m² of land
- access to water that can be used to irrigate the plants
- to do some training in how to run a Power Plants garden





WHO CAN BE INVOLVED IN POWER PLANTS?

- People and communities from remote areas or towns.
- Communities that can support the ongoing upkeep of the garden.

WHAT DO YOU LEARN ABOUT IN THE POWER PLANTS TRAINING?

With our partner Batchelor Institute we will train you in horticulture. Horticulture teaches you how to grow and look after plants. The training is made up of modules (step by step learning) that you will study while you are growing your garden.

You will learn how to:

- plan and manage a garden project
- identify different plants
- grow seeds and plants, this is called plant propagation
- irrigate your garden
- stop the weeds from growing, this is called weed management
- operate machinery
- use chemicals in a safe way. (You will get a Certificate to say that you know how to do this)

You will also learn about **Occupational Health and Safety** (OH&S) and how to work in a garden environment. This means that all work is done in a safe manner.

If you finish the training you will gain credits towards a **Certificate II in Horticulture**.

WHO WILL DELIVER THE TRAINING?

The Alice Springs Desert Park is the main organisation that does the training. You will go to the Desert Park to do the training.

HOW WILL THE POWER PLANTS PROGRAM HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

If you are successful in building the garden your community will have a Bush Medicine and Bush Tucker garden. Each community can choose the medicine plants and bush tucker they want to grow. Your community will have:

- a place of cultural significance
- a learning place where people can share and pass on culture and knowledge
- a project that can grow over a long time. It is designed for long term success
- a sense of pride and ownership
- community people with training in horticulture

HOW WILL TRAINING IN THE POWER PLANTS PROGRAM HELP YOU?

The training in horticulture will help you. You will gain:

- nationally accredited training in horticulture. This training is recognised across Australia. The training can lead to a job in horticulture.
- a sense of pride and place within the community

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED?

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