

## Community Hub Connections Case Study

### Pinetree Retirement Village - Veggie Garden Project



Yellowstone Landscaping provided a sustainable vegetable garden for Pinetree Retirement Village in Donvale. The team utilized existing materials and up-cycled a disused 10,000 litre water tank to provide two self-watering vegetable gardens. This event brought many residents together for a grand opening and was very appreciated amongst the Village.

The design at Pinetree Retirement Village was inspired by the residents and their passion for vegetable gardening was only hampered by their lack of available space and produce. The team upcycled an existing disused water tank into 2 large wicking beds, ensuring the height was suitable for the residents and accessible the entire way around. These wicking beds provide a low maintenance bed that is self-watering, alleviating water stress in plants and allowing residents not to be out in the sun watering on hot days. Existing trellis was dismantled allowing natural light into the garden bed. This freed up a concrete pad that provided space for table and chairs.

The planting choices were seasonal with winter veggies and herbs. We understood that parsley was particularly in hot demand by the residents, so ensured that several varieties were planted. The challenges that were faced through the day were the equipment batteries draining fast when cutting the water tank, in the end the most effective way was the use of a small hand pruning knife that easily cut into the tank. On the grand opening, the village was excited to have the local upcoming MP, Nicole Werner, to officially open the raised veggie gardens.

***"We cannot thank you enough for the wonderful job 'Yellowstone' did to provide us with an amazing space that was previously underutilized, and now has so much potential to be enjoyed and offer opportunity for residents to get involved in nurturing. The residents are very appreciative of this wonderful gift."***

***- Tania Deodato Community Manager***

