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Gardening Foundations for sandy Ellenbrook soil

Perth, 9 June 2016: Local Perth sustainability expert Chris Ferreira provided a gardening workshop at Lendlease's Parkland Villas Ellenbrook last week, to an interested group of 70 residents all keen to improve their arid soil and further enhance their native gardens.

Parkland Villas Ellenbrook is currently building the final two stages comprising 31 homes and the gardening session has inspired the whole team to ensure soil preparation and the use of natives are prioritised in the development, especially in the communal gardens.

Ferreira started the Forever Project in 2003 to better address increased interest around WA's sustainability issues and protecting the natural environment.

"Our Great Gardens program allows our communities to affect real and lasting change for a sustainable, happy and prosperous future, and I'm delighted to have spent time teaching and educating Parkland Villas Ellenbrook towards their own gardening vision," said Ferreira.

"Western Australia has the worst soil in the world so it's no surprise that growing anything lush and lasting in Ellenbrook is a challenge given the whole area is devoid of natural nutrients and organic material."

The village has a committed and interested gardening group, which has already made some excellent choices in their plants and in soil enrichment.

"Today was an enlightened day for us gardeners in the village," said resident and keen gardener Libby Elliot.

"Chris really prompted us to rethink our mindset and continually go back to ensuring our soil and foundations are improved.

"Water really is our most precious resource, so tips on adding clay to increase the water solubility is really the start to a great garden; get the base right and everything will thrive."

The village was even given a *sand to soil recipe* for reference which will ensure that the health of their foundations and plants will thrive into the future.

Lendlease's Regional Manager, Retirement Living, Fiona Rinaldi said the gardening workshop gave attending residents and onsite staff invaluable information on how to be sustainable and turn sand into rich organic soil within the village.

"Hosting speakers like Chris ensures we're supporting our residents and gardening teams to get the most out of the village gardens; with improved growth, increased bird life and enhanced beauty, and this in turn makes our villages even more attractive to everyone in the community as a whole."

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Moving forward, the residents at Parkland Villas will be incorporating more drought resistant natives such as Native Wisteria into their communal gardens.

“I’ve definitely noticed an increase in bird life back to the natives,” said Libby.

“It’s lovely to watch and we also know it’s sustainable and lasting, which is wonderful.”

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