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Olive offering: Julia Oxley, of South East Water, and Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service CEO Robyn Roberts planting a ceremonial olive tree at the community garden.

Olive a symbol for garden hopes

AN olive tree symbolising peace, welcome, new beginnings and longevity is the centerpiece of a new community garden at Hastings.

Opened on Thursday 1 December, the Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service launched its community garden at Wallaroo Community Centre.

Among those at the launch were Good Shepherd CEO Robyn Roberts and South East Water customer and com-

munity general manager Julia Oxley.

Ms Roberts and Ms Oxley planted the olive tree.

Good Shepherd's media and marketing coordinator David Sutherland said the community garden would be "a resource for the Hastings community".

"Apart from the obvious environmental outcomes, the garden will help locals to make social connections with others, improve their physical and

mental health and also help reduce food costs for individuals and families.

"It will also help introduce people from Hastings to the other essential services – from child care through to adult education – provided through the community centre.

"It will be a wonderful new focal point for the local community, which has seen some difficult times recently."

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