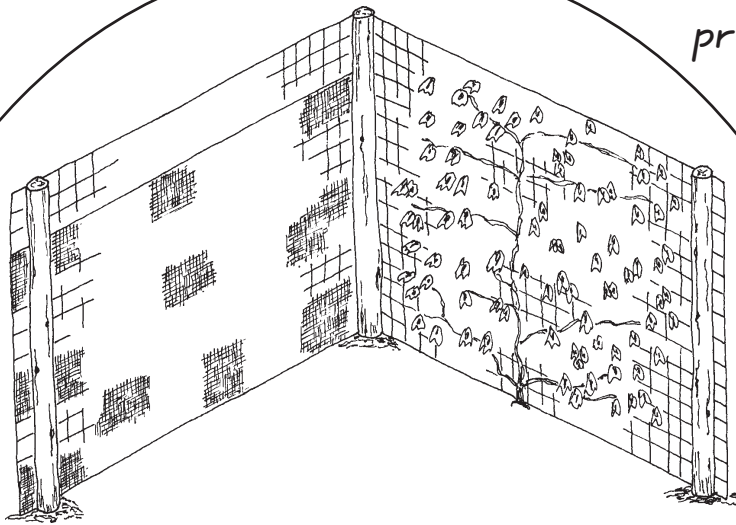


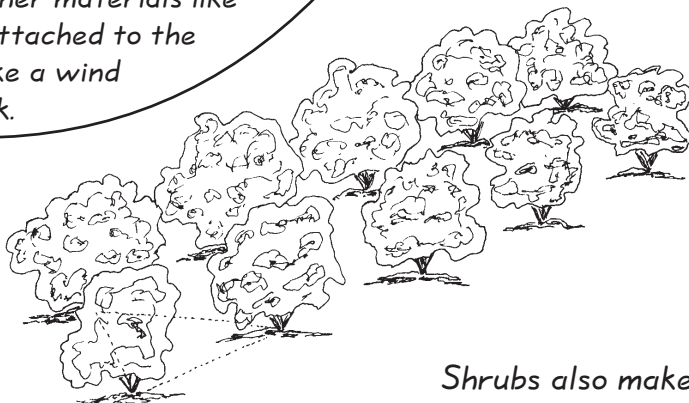
# Windbreaks

When a new garden is being planted, it will need some windbreak around it. Young plants with soft leaves, are easily dried out and die in windy conditions. Some plants are stronger than others and can be used to protect the weaker ones.

All vegetables need protecting from the wind. The following are some ideas for making different types of windbreak.



Windbreaks can be built quickly using F 42 weldmesh 2.4 metres high. The mesh could be part of the garden fence or a trellis within the garden. Attach 70-90% shade cloth to the fence or trellis to provide a windbreak. If more time is available, then vines (*Ipomoea* and *Merremia*) or beans can be grown on the mesh. These would grow in one year. Other materials like spinifex could be attached to the mesh to make a wind break.



Shrubs also make a good windbreak, however require about 3-4 years to grow. Plant two rows 1.7 - 2.0 metres apart with 1.7 - 2.0 metres between shrubs. *Acacia kempeana* (Ilykuwara) and *Melaleuca glomerata* (Ilpili) are good to use for windbreak in Central Australia.

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