

MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY GARDEN

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES – 3RD EDITION As at 1ST July, 2009

ORGANICS

1. Mullumbimby Community Garden utilizes organic principles in the growing of fruit, vegetables, herbs, trees and flowers. Chemical Herbicides and weedicides are prohibited.
2. Fertilizers and pesticides are limited to those approved by the National Association For Sustainable Agriculture Australia Ltd. (NASSAA), BFA (Biodynamic Farmers Association) and the Management Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

3. A person must be a financial member of the Mullumbimby Community Garden to lease (rent) a plot. Financial members will also receive a storage shed key, copies of monthly meeting notes, quarterly newsletters, and special offers as they become available.
4. There is only **ONE** plot lease available per household or organisation.
5.
 - a. Tenure will be subject to renewal annually.
 - b. Membership fees and plot rentals will be determined annually by the management committee.
 - c. In the first year of membership, fees will be pro rata.
 - d. Membership fees and plot rentals will be due on the 1st July and payable by the 31st July.
 - e. The plot rental waiting list will be managed in order of application date with financial members receiving priority.
6. The annual membership fee is :

Individual	\$24 p.a.
Family	\$36 p.a.
Organisation	\$48 p.a.
7. Annual Plot rentals are:

Small Plot	(2.4m x 2.4m)	\$24 p.a
Medium Plot	(2.4m x 4.8m)	\$36p.a.
Large Plot	(4.8 m x 4.8m)	\$48p.a.
8. Voluntary participation in gardening in the Food for All communal garden plots and other activities at the garden facility will be open to all members of the Byron Shire.
9. Each plot holder must erect a letterbox or container on their plot for communication purposes. It should be located approximately 50 cms inside the corner of the plot. Creativity is encouraged in decorating your letterbox.
10. Safety issues are a priority in the community garden. Each member must make themselves aware of the Occupational Health and Safety Plan and abide by the guidelines. A copy will be available in the office on site or by request from the committee of management.
11. Smokers will respectfully refrain from smoking while gardening and retire to the allocated smoking area when necessary. All cigarette butts and litter must be placed in the appropriate rubbish bins.

SITE ISSUES

12.
 - a. Members are required to keep their plot and surrounds reasonably weed free. Failure to do so will result in the plot holder being notified by mail requesting that action be taken. A further inspection will be undertaken after 14 days. If, in the opinion of the Committee, insufficient action has been taken, the plot holder will be contacted again and has a further 14 days to rectify the situation. Failure to respond will result with the plot being forfeited.
 - b. A plot holder who has more than 3 warnings per annum will have their plot forfeited. **IN SUMMARY: If you don't use it, you lose it!**
13. If you are unable to attend your plot due to illness or holidays, the Management Committee should be notified of the name, address and phone number of the person responsible for your plot in your absence.
14. Each plot holder must ensure that all tools are returned and locked in the storage

shed when leaving the garden.

15. Dogs must be kept on a leash and in particular, prevented from entering/damaging garden plots while in the community garden grounds. General "Pooper Scooper" etiquette is to be maintained.
16. Each plot holder must spend at least 1 hour per month on general site maintenance eg. weeding the paths around their plot.
17.
 - a. Watering will be by hand held hoses.
 - b. Hoses must be rewound onto reels and taps turned off before leaving the garden.
 - c. Recommended watering times are before 9 am and after 3 pm.
18. Weeds and pruning must be placed in compost bins or fed to the chickens.
19. Propogating structures such as cold frames, cloches and greenhouses are prohibited on plots. Propogation should b e carried out in the communal propogation area or at home.
20. Trellises and bean frames should be no more than 2 metres high and positioned to avoid shading neighbour's plots.
21. Fences over 50cm high around the perimeter of plots are prohibited.
22. Bird netting is prohibited on plots except at ground level.
23. Illegal plants are not to be grown in the community garden grounds.
- 24. All produce grown in individual plots is the property of the registered plotholder and not to be picked by any other member or visitor without the permission of the relevant plotholder. Otherwise it will be regarded as THEFT and the offender/s will be asked to leave the garden permanently.**
25. Seedlings grown in the propogating area are the property of the group or person/s that propogated them, identified by colour coded tags. Seedlings may be purchased from the owner/s by negotiation. Organisations may use seedling propogation as a fund raising activity.
26. Distribution of produce grown in the community garden plots and orchards is to be decided by the Mananagement committee with preference to charities and community groups.

MANAGEMENT

27. Committee Meetings will be held once per month, currently the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2pm at the garden site. **ALL MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE INVITED.**
28. The Mullumbimby Community Garden Management Committee Executive consists of the Co-ordinator, President, vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership co-ordinator and OH&S officer.
29. A quorum is considered to be at least 5 financial members including at least 3 members of the executive . Each financial member in attendance at the meeting has the right to vote on any issue.
30. All decisions will be made by consensus unless the management committee decides that an issue has remained unresolved for too long, in which case a majority vote will be taken.

MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY GARDEN
MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT
 1ST July 2009 – 30th June 2010

Please complete and return to:
The Membership Co-ordinator, Mullumbimby Community Garden,
P.O. Box 149, Mullumbimby 2482

Mission Statement:

Our Mullumbimby Community Garden provides social, recreation and education opportunities for the people of the Byron Shire through the organic growing of fruit, vegetables and flowers and environmental and sustainability focused projects.

Agreement:

- I have read the guidelines of the Mullumbimby Community Garden and I will abide by those rules.
- If a dispute arises, I pledge to settle it with calm discussion and goodwill. If the issue remains unresolved, I will accept the decision of the Mullumbimby Community Garden Management Committee.
- I will manage my plot through utilising **organic** systems –mulching, companion planting, natural pest control and enhancing soil fertility **without the use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides.**
- I will contribute at least 1 hour per month to general site maintenance.
- My participation in the Mullumbimby Community Garden is at my own risk.
- The Byron Shire Council and the Mullumbimby Community Garden are not liable for any injury to me, or the loss of my possessions whilst on the Community Garden site.

- As per the Privacy Act I **agree/disagree** for my details to be included in the Mullumbimby Community Garden Membership Register solely for use by the Mullumbimby Community Garden Management Committee for communication purposes.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Name: _____ **Phone BH:** _____

Address: _____ **AH:** _____

_____ **Mobile:** _____

Postcode: _____ **Email:** _____

(Please print clearly)

Membership: Single	\$24 p.a.	Plot size: Raised	2.4m x 1.2m \$18 p.a
Family	\$36 p.a.	Small	2.4m x 2.4m \$24 p.a.
Organisation	\$48 p.a.	Medium	2.4m x 4.8m \$36 p.a.
		Large	4.8m x 4.8m \$48 p.a.

(If you find payment difficult, please speak to our friendly membership co-ordinator to arrange a quarterly or half yearly payment plan)

Office Use only:

Receipt No.	Membership Single/Family/Organisation	Plot size: Raised/Small/Medium/Large	Plot No.	Key Deposit	Years of membership