

Application Form



Thankyou for your interest in the Busselton Community Garden!

We trust that you will find your association with the Busselton Community Garden to be a rewarding experience. The success of the garden depends on the efforts of our volunteers, friends & members. We are rewarded with serene surrounds, sense of community and the fruits of a productive garden. For those who are looking for the full Community Garden experience, you are able to apply to Adopt a plot. This means that in addition to helping out with the shared garden tasks & busy bees, you take on the responsibility of caring for your adopted plot.

If you would like to be involved, please fill in this form indicating your preferences. Membership and the selection of adoptive parents for a plot is at the discretion of the board. Please note that to adopt a plot you must first be accepted as a member (single or family).

Your Details:

Name (list family members if applicable):	
Address: _____	Telephone: (H) _____
_____	(M) _____
Email: _____	Date: _____
Concession card holder? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Type _____	Reference Number _____

I would like to..... (please tick relevant boxes):

<input type="checkbox"/> Be a friend of the Busselton Community Garden and receive garden emails/newsletters - free
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer to help Busselton Community Garden in other ways such as provide administration services, marketing services, or provide a donation of any kind.
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for a single membership - \$15 standard or \$10 concession This means I will assist with the community plots and will attend at least 2 working bees per annum. I will receive the garden emails/newsletters.
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for a family membership - \$20 This means we will assist with the community plots and will attend at least 2 working bees per annum. We will receive the garden emails/newsletters.
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply to become a plot guardian (approx 6m x 2m) - dependent on availability
<input type="checkbox"/> I have read and agree to the terms laid out in the 'Membership & Guardianship Guidelines & Pledge' This means I/we will adopt a single plot which I/we will care for, weed, feed, & plant up. I/we will receive the garden emails/newsletters. \$90 or \$60 concession (In addition to your membership, adjusted pro-rata to the next June)

An invoice will be sent to your email or postal address. Preferred banking is by Internet banking and is required within 7 days. Alternatively payment can be made in person at the BCG or at Bendigo Bank.

Membership and Guardianship Guidelines and Pledge



General

- As a garden member I pledge to abide by the rules of the Busselton Community Garden Inc.
- I understand that I will forfeit my membership and rights to my adopted plot:
 - If I do not pay my membership fee on time.
 - If I do not contribute to at least 2 working bees at the garden plots and at least one community garden event per year.
 - If I do not maintain a weed free plot, boundary and surrounding pathways.
 - If I erect a fence around my plot.
- I understand that my involvement at the garden and the opportunity to use my plot is a privilege, not a right.
- I pledge not to interfere with the rights and opportunities of others using the plots and garden in general.
- I understand that my participation at the garden is at my own risk. The BCG is not liable for any injury to me, my invited friends, nor for the loss of any of my possessions.
- I will be responsible for the supervision of any children I bring to the garden.
- I will abide by strict organic gardening principles for the management of pests and diseases. I will only use certified organic materials and if the product I want to use does not have certification then I will have the product endorsed by the Committee prior to its use. (see end of pledge for list of products)
- I will only hand water my plot by bucket or watering can as a top up to reticulation that will be supplied to any plot.
- I will carry away rubbish and dispose of it off the garden site. If I store any materials it will be within my own plot or communal shed (if available).
- When I use tools I will always be aware of the safety of others and myself.
- I will be responsible for the supervision of any dogs I bring to the plots. I will keep them on a lead, scoop up any of its droppings and dispose of them off the garden site.
- I appreciate the need for security of the garden and garden plots and will ensure that I report any suspicious activity.
- If I change my address or am going to be absent for a period longer than three months then I will notify the Committee.
- During autumn/winter any trellis will be orientated north south to minimise shading and in spring/summer orientated east west to maximise the benefits of shading and shall be placed on the northerly side of each plot.
- If my plot has been neglected for one month, I will receive a phone call/email and within 2 weeks from that contact I will need to attend to my plot. Should no action be taken on my part then I forfeit my plot.
- I understand that Busselton Community Garden Incorporated may allocate a plot for adoption by me for my use only, and I understand that I may not transfer the use of or responsibility for that plot to any other person, whether they pay for the use of the plot or not.



Prevention of propagation of any weedy species

- I will not plant any weed species identified in the DEC 'Weeds of the South West Region' document and am aware that Committee has a copy of the document for me to peruse.
- I will maintain weed free pathways.
- I will maintain a weed free plot.
- If I choose to save seeds I will act responsibly to ensure that I am not allowing seeds to escape from my plot.

Plants that will spread to other plots are not allowed. These include

- Mint,
- Yarrow,
- Evening Primrose,
- Globe artichokes,
- Jerusalem artichokes,
- Sweet potato,
- Comfrey.

Export of Nutrients

- I will minimise water use to limit the export of nutrients from the Community Garden site by relying on the reticulation in situ and only carrying out top watering with a bucket or watering can and applying mulch to all garden bed when appropriate. I will not use any hoses to water any plot.
- I will familiarise myself and support any other on site management issues that deal with minimising the export of nutrients from the Community Garden.

Non-certified organic products acceptable at the garden

Any animal manure – ideally this should be composted first
Blood and Bone with or without trace elements
Sulphur
Organic 2000 (available at Stockfeeds on Strelly Street)
Rock dust (available at the BCG workshed)
Bentonite
Zeolite
Seaweed or fish emulsions

Name _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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