

Membership 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. Please fill in this form and submit it, after reading the 'Garden Plot Pledge' also available on our website. Your membership fees can then be paid by direct debit to:

Bank Account Details:

Account Name: **Busselton Community Garden Operating Account**
BSB: **036123** Account no: **296846**
Account Description: **Your first initial and last name and the word "fees"**
OR

You can make a direct deposit at any branch of the Westpac Bank.

OR

You can send a cheque/money order to PO box 1324, Busselton WA 6280

Your Details:

Name (list family members if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Are you a concession card holder? Yes No

I have read and agree, to the terms laid out in the 'Garden Plot Pledge' also available on the website (applicable to those seeking to 'adopt a plot' only) Yes

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

Apply for a single membership - \$15 or \$10 senior

This means I will assist with the community plots and will attend at least 2 working bees per annum. I will also receive the garden emails/newsletters.

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 also receive the garden emails/newsletters.

Apply for a single plot (~ 6m x 2m) membership (dependent on availability) - \$55 or \$35 concession

This means I will adopt my own singular plot which I will plant up and care for and I will receive the garden emails/newsletters.

Sign up to be a friend of the Busselton Community Garden and receive garden emails/newsletters - free

Volunteer to help Busselton Community Garden in other ways such as provide administration services, marketing services, or provide a donation of any kind.



Garden Plot Guidelines and Pledge



General

- As a garden member I pledge to abide by the rules of the Busselton Community Garden Inc.
- I pledge not to interfere with the rights and opportunities of others using the plots and garden in general.
- I understand that my involvement at the garden and the opportunity to use my plot is a privilege, not a right.
- 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 children I bring to the garden.
- 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 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 appreciate the need for security of the garden and garden plots and will ensure that I report any suspicious activity.
- 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.
- If I change my address or am going to be absent for a period longer than three months then I will notify the Committee.
- 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 understand that:

- If do not pay by 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; and/or
- If I erect a fence around my plot





I will forfeit my right to use the plot.

- 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 my use only, and I understand that I may not transfer the use of my 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

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 respect and abide by the physical layout of the garden as approved by the Shire of Busselton which will include a bund around all boundaries of the garden except for the front to minimise any nutrient loss from the community garden site.
- I will familiarise myself and support any other on site management issues that deal with minimising the export of nutrients from the Community Garden, such as ensuring subsoils within each plot have a high phosphorous retention index.





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 – processed chook poo with lucerne – pellets

Rock dust

Bentonite

Zeolite

Seaweed or fish emulsions

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