

NAMBOUR COMMUNITY GARDENS INC MEMBERSHIP / PLOT APPLICATION FORM

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Name (s)

Street Address

Town

Postcode

State

Phone

Mobile

Email

Date

Emergency
contact

Phone

Memberships are a one off payment

Concession \$15.00

Individual \$25.00

Family/Group \$35.00

Plot fees are paid annually on the 1st July

Plot Fee \$50.00

Donation (tax deductible)

Total Payment

Payment Options (please tick)

Money Order

Cheque

Please post to: 18 Strathford Ave, NAMBOUR, QLD 4560

OR

Direct Credit to: Commonwealth Bank. **Acct Name:** Nambour Community Garden Inc
BSB: 064424 **Acct Number:** 10542687

Reference: Your surname/fees

Ref No:

Nambour Community Garden - Gardener Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure a common vision and direction for the Nambour Community Garden by establishing, at the outset, each new gardener has personal aims and objectives that are in accordance with those of other gardeners. In this way it serves to minimise potential conflict and facilitate a process of decision-making that serves the interests of all gardeners. The agreement sets out the standards of conduct expected of gardeners so that the experience will be personally fulfilling and socially harmonious. Prospective gardeners should read the document carefully before signing as members, so that they have time to consider whether they are prepared to comply with its requirements. By signing this document you signify your willing compliance with its provisions and your agreement to follow agreed upon processes for decision making and conflict resolution.

Our Vision

Nambour Community Garden's vision is to connect people to place, self and others enhancing community spirit. We want to allow opportunities for individuals to grow food for themselves promoting self-sufficiency, environmental stewardship and positive lifestyle changes. It will be a vibrant community asset, a friendly and relaxing place and something that the community will be proud of and want to visit.

Our Objectives

- ? Provide individual, family and group garden plots that provide a food source to those that would not normally have this opportunity
- ? Create a central visage point for community gathering and interaction
- ? Plant productive fruit trees and bush foods that will outline the perimeter of the gardens making the best use of normally unused and weedy land
- ? To welcome and encourage all individuals to participate, facilitating the development of an inclusive, caring and diverse community
- ? Provide educational opportunities to encourage residents towards more sustainable and greener lifestyles.
- ? This will include organic, water wise and sustainable gardening methods
- ? Develop a sense of community pride
- ? Establish strong links with community

Code of conduct:

Respect for other gardeners

- ? Alcohol consumption is not allowed unless a specific social occasion has been arranged and moderate drinking has been agreed to by the Show Society prior to the event.
- ? Smoking is allowed only in designated areas and butts should be disposed of properly.
- ? Plants, flowers and produce should not be taken from individual plots without permission.
- ? Disagreements should be resolved calmly and amiably. Where there is a conflict or dispute this should be taken to the Committee, whose decision on the matter will be final.
- ? Noise should be kept to a minimum in respect of other's quiet enjoyment of the garden; and language used should be suitable for children and never be abusive, threatening or rude.

Access and security

Gardeners are responsible for maintaining security and minimising loss of shared tools and equipment. The shed MUST be locked when not in use and when leaving the garden.

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Rules regarding individual plots

- ? If a new gardener wishes to have an individual plot and there is none available they will be placed on a waiting list. They may garden in common areas until a plot becomes available.
- ? Where there is a waiting list for plots, priority will be given to residents of Nambour .
- ? Plot fees are payable annually on the 1st of July and must be paid within 28 days of being due.
- ? Gardeners who would like to apply for and maintain more than one plot can do so, provided there is no waiting list and that they pay the appropriate fees.
- ? Gardeners must maintain their plots to ensure they do not become a source of weeds and insect pests.
- ? Gardeners should maintain and improve the soil in their plot through the addition of organic matter in the form of compost, manure and mulch.
- ? If a plot is not used for two months it may be reallocated to another gardener .
- ? Climbing plants should be staked to avoid overrunning other plots.
- ? NO Trees or shrubs will be planted in plots as they may overshadow other plots and cause damage to garden edging.
- ? Mulching is recommended to control weeds, increase soil fertility and minimise water use.
- ? Pathways adjacent to the plot should be kept free of weeds and obstructions.

Maintenance of common areas

- ? All gardeners should help with the care, maintenance and development of common areas in the garden, contributing at least one hour each month. Tasks that may require attention include weeding, removing rubbish, tidying up social areas and organising the tool shed.
- ? In addition, gardeners must attend at least TWO community working-bees per year, with level and type of participation dependent upon their capacity. Working together in this way provide opportunities to share skills and knowledge, and to make friends.
- ? Gardeners are also encouraged to participate in other ways, such as through assisting in the organisation of fund-raising and social events or by joining the garden Committee.

Waste management

- ? Biodegradable waste should be placed in compost bins and worm farms, preferable in small pieces to assist the composting process. Only Green Waste is to be composted.
- ? Gardeners are to dispose of all non-biodegradable material in the correct rubbish bins on-site or take the non-biodegradable rubbish with them when they leave.

Water efficiency and management

- ? Gardeners should use rainwater for irrigation wherever possible and water gardens with watering cans provided. Reduce water use by keeping beds well mulched and by watering less frequently and more deeply. Water restrictions imposed must be adhered to.

Pest management

- ? No toxic chemicals (i.e. Round-Up) are to be used in the garden. Biodegradable products such as garlic or rhubarb sprays are allowable, but gardeners are encouraged to manage insect pests through the planting of habitat for predators such as small birds, dragonflies, frogs, lizards and predatory insects.

Garden tools

- ? Shared tools and equipment should be carefully and neatly stored in the tool shed to avoid loss through theft or damage by weather. Shared tools should always be stored, used and maintained so as to avoid any danger to others.
- ? Gardeners are encouraged to bring their own tools. These tools are the responsibility of that gardener and the committee will not be liable for any theft or damage to a gardeners personal belongings.

Animals and children in the garden

Please don't bring your pets to the garden. Children are most welcome but must be supervised at all times by an adult. It is the parents/carers responsibility to keep their children safe from harm, and ensure they behave appropriately; it is not the responsibility of other gardeners.

Plot Gardener Declaration:

I understand that my participation in the garden is at my own risk and fully absolve Nambour Community Garden Inc Committee and Nambour Show Society from liability for any injury sustained by me or by my family and friends, or for the loss of any of my possessions. I will take full responsibility for my actions and follow the Nambour Community Garden Inc, Gardener Agreement.

I have read and understood the vision and objectives, which I also share. I agree to abide by the code of conduct in order to preserve a harmonious, safe and happy environment for all.

I understand that the risks of participating in community garden activities include (but are not restricted to):

- Sun burn, dehydration and heat stroke;
- Tripping or slipping on uneven ground or wet surfaces;
- Infection by soil borne pathogens;
- Cuts and abrasions from sharp objects and edges;
- Bites from insects and snakes; and
- Injury from the use of garden tools and damage to clothing and/or personal effects.

**If a plot has been gifted by another party, the person/group who becomes the owner/s shall be the one/s responsible for abiding by the Nambour Community Gardens above mentioned terms and conditions, and therefore not the responsibility of the purchaser.

Signature:

Date

*once the form is completed and signed (email signature is ok if not printed), save to your desktop and either email: nambourcommunitygardens@gmail.com or post to 18 Strathford Avenue, NAMBOUR QLD 4560.

Thank you and welcome to Nambour Community Gardens

