

# Member Guidelines

## Golden Beach Community Garden Inc.

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### 1. Garden Atmosphere

- Gardeners are responsible for creating a welcoming and respectful atmosphere for all other gardeners and visitors to the garden.

### 2. Garden Beds

- GBCG offers both individual and shared garden beds. Members with individual garden beds are responsible for maintaining their allocated space. Shared beds will be maintained and harvested during garden working bees.
- Members with individual garden beds are encouraged to participate in working bees to support the upkeep of communal spaces.

### 3. Management Committee

- The Management Committee is made up of five to ten elected garden members who oversee the garden's operation and development. They meet regularly to manage the garden and coordinate communication with the Sunshine Coast Council.
- The committee ensures that the association meets all legal obligations.

### 4. Working Bees

- Working bees are held on designated days to maintain the garden. All members are encouraged to participate and arrive on time to ensure that the activities conclude as scheduled.

### 5. Garden Coordinators

- A rotating team of Garden Coordinators leads working bees. Upon arrival, members should check in with the Coordinator to be assigned tasks or suggest additional activities that could be helpful.

### 6. Organic Gardening Practices

- GBCG practises sustainable, organic gardening. We use composting, companion planting, crop rotation, and other natural methods to promote plant health and pest control.
- No chemical pesticides or fertilisers are permitted. Organic sprays may be used only as a last resort, and members are encouraged to report any pest or disease issues to the Garden Coordinator or Management Committee.

### 7. Harvesting

- Harvesting is done during working bees, and produce is shared among members in attendance. Herbs may be harvested by members throughout the week.

## 8. Garden Access

- The garden is open from sunrise to sunset. Members are provided with access to garden facilities, and combinations for shed locks will be shared on a need-to-know basis.
- **Pets are allowed in the garden**; however, owners must ensure they are well-behaved and do not disturb other members or garden activities.

## 9. Watering the Garden

- The garden follows water-saving practices, including mulching and using wicking beds to reduce water usage.
- The garden will be fitted with a timer and a dripper system.

## 10. Garden Logbook

- Garden Coordinators keep a log of working bee attendance and important updates in the Garden Logbook, stored in the garden shed.

## 11. Garden Tools

- Members are encouraged to bring their own gloves and tools. All tools should be cleaned and stored properly after use. Any damage or wear should be reported to a Garden Coordinator or Committee member.

## 12. Waste Management

- Organic waste is composted, and non-organic waste must be taken home for responsible disposal. Invasive plants and weeds are removed to prevent their spread.

## 13. Garden Safety

- All members must attend an orientation session to familiarise themselves with garden procedures and safety guidelines.
- Members must take full responsibility for their actions and adhere to the Safety Guidelines for GB Community Garden when working in the garden. Participation in the garden is at the member's own risk and GB Community Garden is not liable for any injury that may occur or for any loss of possessions.
- Report all potential dangers, accidents, injuries, and near misses occurring in the garden to the Garden Coordinator or a member of the Management Committee to be noted in the Garden Logbook. If necessary, fill out an Accident, Incident, and Near Miss Report form.

## 14. Children

- Children are encouraged to participate and to enjoy the garden
- Parents are responsible for supervising and ensuring the safety of Children.
- Children under 9 should not be left unsupervised.

## 15. Communication

- Communication between members occurs via face-to-face meetings, emails, the garden's website, Facebook page, and flyers when necessary. If an event, such as a working bee, is cancelled due to weather, members will be notified via social media.
- Members are encouraged to make suggestions or provide feedback about the garden.
- Members are welcome to attend Management Committee meetings and the garden's AGM

## 16. Disputes

- Members are encouraged to resolve disputes amicably.
- If necessary, the Management Committee will intervene and follow the dispute resolution process as outlined in the association's constitution.

## 17. Smoking and Alcohol

- Smoking is prohibited in the garden. Alcohol may only be consumed during approved social events.

## 18. Member Details

- Members must notify the Management Committee of any changes to contact details, including address, phone number, or email.

## 19. Fees

- Membership fees are due annually, covering the period from June to June.

## 20. Voting Rights

- Each individual membership is entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

## 21. Bathroom Facilities

- Bathroom facilities for garden members and visitors are available at **William Landsborough Memorial Park**, located nearby. Members are encouraged to plan accordingly, as there are no restroom facilities directly on site at the garden.