

Box Hill Community Gardens Inc.

Combarton Street, Box Hill

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP & PLOT.

Name(s) _____

(Please include the names of all people who will be working at the gardens.)

Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

Postal address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Intended use of plot: _____

I/we found out about the plots through: _____

A \$10:00 application fee must be submitted with this form. Membership is not granted until a plot is allocated and the annual fee (currently \$35:00) is paid.

Annual fees are due on July 1st each year, but when a plot is allocated after December, half the annual plot fee (\$17:50) will be paid.

Before applying please read the accompanying Rules of Operation.

Declaration: I/we desire to become a member of Box Hill Community Gardens Inc and, in the event of acceptance, I/we agree to be bound by the Rules and Rules of Operation of the Association for the time being in force.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this form and forward it, with the joining fee of \$10:00,

to: The Treasurer

Box Hill Community Gardens Inc

c/- 12/43 Kent Road

Box Hill, 3128

Rules of Operation: Box Hill Community Gardens Inc.

Up-dated AGM October 2015:

1. **WORKING BEES.** Each plot holder must spend at least four (4) hours per year on organised maintenance or works to the precincts of the gardens.
2. **PATHS.** Plot holders are responsible for weeding the pathways around their plots.
3. Plot holders are responsible for the upkeep of the **WHOLE PLOT** even when sharing.
4. Gardening activities need to be carried out on a **REGULAR BASIS**. Gardens must be kept free of **WEED INFESTATIONS, RUBBISH and DISEASED PLANTS**. Plots will be inspected by the committee on a regular basis and members will be notified if work to their plot is required. Remedial work must be completed within 14 days. Failure to comply will result in re-allocation of the plot to the next person on the waiting list. No refunds will be given. If, **FOR GOOD REASON**, the necessary work cannot be carried out in the required 14 days, it is incumbent on the plot holder to contact the president, or in his absence, the Secretary, to arrange an extension of time.
5. **SPENT CROPS and DISEASED PLANTS** are to be dug up and taken home for disposal.
6. **COMPLAINTS** are to be addressed to any Committee member.
7. **DOGS** are not allowed into the gardens.
8. **SPACE** on boundary fences where nothing is growing may be planted. However, as the fence is communal property, so is the produce.
9. **GATES** are to be closed when leaving the gardens.
10. **HOURS OF OPENING** are dawn to dusk.
11. **CHILDREN.** Please ensure that small children do not walk on other peoples' plots. Please check if they have left hoses on before leaving the site.
12. **WATER** is a scarce resource and also expensive, so please keep its use to a minimum. Report dripping taps or leaking hoses to a Committee member. Abide by current water restrictions.
13. Use of **WEEDICIDES** is banned except by Committee members for at least 30cm from plots.
14. **PESTICIDES & FUNGICIDES** which are considered **SAFE** and therefore approved for use on and around plots are as follows:
 - DIPEL , DERRIS DUST, PYRETHRUM, LUX FLAKES
 - CLENSEL – GARDEN TYPE
 - Any animal/plant food/drink eg milk, coffee grounds etc.
15. **TALL PLANTS & STRUCTURES** should not shade neighbouring plots.
16. **PLOT ALLOCATION.** Please note that each plot holder is responsible for his/her plot for twelve (12) months and may not themselves transfer his/her plot to another person. **ALL RE-ALLOCATIONS** must go through the committee.
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18. Membership of the Box Hill Community Gardens Inc will cease

- a) If the member is unfinancial at the time of the AGM
- b) Upon the resignation of the plot holder
- c) Upon re-allocation of a plot in accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Operation as it stands, or
- d) In the event of inappropriate emails or Face Book comments to other plot holders or non-members.