

Member Guidelines

CURLY COMMUNITY GARDEN Inc

1. Garden Atmosphere:

- Gardeners are responsible for cultivating a friendly atmosphere and being respectful of other gardeners and visitors to the garden.

2. Garden Plots:

- Initially, the garden will consist of communal plots only, which all garden members will maintain and harvest.
- When the need for individual plots (garden beds dedicated to specific groups or individuals) arises, guidelines will be developed to manage these plots.

3. Garden Co-ordinators

- A team of Garden Co-ordinators plan and oversee the planting, maintenance and harvesting of plots.
- Co-ordinators take turns running Working Bees.
- Members must follow the guidelines established by the co-ordinators.

4. Organic Gardening and Permaculture Methods:

- Healthy soils, companion planting, biodiversity and crop rotations are used to encourage plant health and natural pest and disease control.
- Chemical pesticides and fertilisers are not to be part of this approach and are not to be used.

5. Harvesting:

- Produce from communal gardens is shared with those who help to maintain them.
- Harvesting occurs during weekly working bees.

6. Working Bees:

- Weekly working bees are held to maintain the communal areas of the garden.
- Major working bees are scheduled as needed to work on more significant infrastructure projects.
- All members are encouraged to participate in at least 12 working bees per year.

7. Garden Access:

- Members are welcome to work in the garden from sunrise to sunset any day of the week.
- Amplified noise and the use of power tools is prohibited from 5pm to 9am every day and from 4pm to 8pm on Monday, Thursday and Sunday.
- On Saturdays, garden members must not park on site until after 9:30am.
- All members will be given the combination to the garden shed lock.
- Members are not permitted to use the North Curl Curl Community Centre BBQ or building, including indoor toilets, water and power sources.
- No pets, other than Guide Dogs, registered companion animals or official animals of the NSW Police, are allowed within the community centre and grounds.

8. Watering the Garden:

- Members are encouraged to be part of a garden-watering roster.
- Techniques such as hand watering and mulching are strongly encouraged to ensure efficient water use.
- Sydney Water restrictions must be complied with.

9. Communication Book

- Members should check the Communication Book when arriving at the garden and follow any directives the Garden Co-ordinators may have left.
- Any relevant observations or occurrences should be noted in the Communication Book before leaving.

10. Garden Tools:

- If possible, members are encouraged to use their own garden tools.
- Shared tools and equipment must be cleaned before being returned to the shed.
- Damage or wear and tear of garden tools should be reported in the Communication Book.
- The last person on site is responsible for locking the shed.

11. Waste Management:

- All organic matter, except diseased plants and weeds with seeds, is composted on site.
- All waste that cannot be composted must be taken home to be disposed of responsibly.

12. Garden Safety:

- Members must take full responsibility for their actions and adhere to the Safety Guidelines for Curly Community Garden when working in the garden. Participation in the garden is at the member's own risk and Curly Community Garden is not liable for any injury that may occur or for any loss of possessions.
- All members must attend an induction session at their first working bee.
- All potential dangers, accidents, injuries and near misses occurring in the garden must be noted in the Communication Book and reported to a Garden Co-ordinator or member of the Management Committee- If necessary, an Accident, Incident and Near Miss Report form should be filled out.

13. Children:

- Children are encouraged to participate in the garden.
- Parents are responsible for supervising and ensuring the safety of children.
- Children under 11 are not to be left unsupervised.

14. Communication:

- Methods of communicating amongst garden members and with the community include newsletters/ e-newsletters, the garden's web site and Facebook page and the Communication Book.
- Members are welcome to attend Management Committee meetings and the garden's AGM.

15. Disputes:

- Members should attempt to amicably resolve any disputes with the person who is causing them concern.
- If an amicable resolution is not possible, disputes should be referred to the Management Committee, who will follow the guidelines for dispute resolution according to the Association's constitution.

16. Smoking and Alcohol:

- Alcohol is only to be consumed on site at specified social occasions.
- Smoking or any form of substance abuse is not permitted at the garden.

17. Member Details:

- Members are responsible for notifying the Management Committee of any change of address, phone number or email address.

18. Fees:

- The annual membership fee is renewable on 1 July each year.

19. Voting:

- An individual membership entitles a person to one vote at the Curly Community Garden AGM.
- A household membership entitles the household to one vote at the Curly Community Garden AGM. If individuals within the household want a separate vote, they should join as individual members.