



Rosebud Community Garden Inc.

Rules and Guidelines

1. Management of the Rosebud Community garden

*The Rosebud Community Garden [RCG] is managed by the Rosebud Community Garden Committee of Management. Here in after referred to as the "Committee".

2. Who can have a plot?

* Application for a plot in the Rosebud Community Garden is open to any resident living or any organization operating on the Southern Mornington Peninsula.

* A person or organization must be a financial member of the Rosebud Community Garden.

* A plot will be allocated at the discretion of the Committee.

3. Membership Fees and Plot Rentals, including Raised Garden Beds.

* Membership fee is \$20 or \$30 per family (per annum)

* Tenure will be subject to review each year.

* Membership fees and plot rental fees will be determined annually.

* Membership fees and plot rental fees will be invoiced on the 1st July each year. If not paid by 30th September the committee reserves the right to cancel membership and reallocate the plot.

*Members who join during the year will be charged a pro-rata fee.

4. Allocation of plots

* If no plots are available at the time of applying, the applicant's name will be placed on a waiting list and they will be advised when a plot becomes available.

5. Forfeiture of Garden Plots

*Plots are allocated to the person/s named on the Rosebud Community Garden contract.

*Plots are not transferrable without the permission of the Committee

*If a plot holder no longer wishes to maintain their plot they must advise the Committee.

* The portion of the annual fee that is unused will not be refundable.

*Plots may be forfeited if fees are not paid by 30th September.

6. Responsibilities of Members for their own Plots

*Gardeners are responsible for the care and maintenance of their individual plots

Plots and surrounds are to be kept in a neat and tidy condition and be weed and rubbish free If a plot holder is unable to tend their plot for two months or more, for health or other reasons, they must advise the Committee.

*Prunings must be placed in designated compost bins provided.

*Weeds should be placed in the designated holding area only.

*Diseased plants should be taken home and destroyed.

*Plants declared weeds in the local area are prohibited.

*Trellises and bean frames should not shade neighbouring plots.

*No additional planting boxes or containers are to be placed on pathways or vacant pockets of land.

*Herbicides/weedkillers are prohibited except at the discretion of the Committee. Currently the Committee has approved the use of organic herbicide 'Slasher".

*Pesticides are limited to those approved by the National Association of Sustainable Agriculture Australia (NASAA) and the Committee.

* Taps must be turned off before leaving the garden and hoses put away.

*Produce grown in the communal section of the garden is to be shared evenly amongst the members working there or on other communal projects, with excess offered to charities.

* It is the responsibility of members who bring materials into the garden to remove such materials when their use is finished. Eg. trellis, frames, netting etc.

6.11 All taps must be turned off before leaving the garden and hoses neatly coiled close to the tap to avoid tripping accidents. Timers are only to be used with dripper systems and micro sprays (ie as used on the communal beds and hothouse). Electronic programmable timers are not to be used on member's own beds.

7. Garden Shed and Garden Equipment.

- *The garden shed must be kept in a neat and tidy state.
- *No hazardous materials/chemicals are to be stored in the garden shed.
- *The garden shed will be secured with a lock and must be kept locked when not in use.
- *Only garden equipment which is the property of the RCG is to be stored in the shed.
- *Gardeners using this equipment should clean it after use and return it to the appropriate place.
- *Communal equipment and materials must not be removed from the Rosebud Community Garden.
- *If any gardener damages or breaks communal equipment they must report the damage to the Committee. The cost of repair is the responsibility of that gardener and payment can be negotiated.
- *Bird netting that complies with Government regulations may be used on members' beds. Members have a responsibility to ensure that birds cannot get caught in netting. Please ensure that your netting has no holes and is totally secured around the bottom. Mend any holes you see or replace torn netting.

8. Code of conduct of Gardeners

a) Rights of Others

"We aim to be a happy and friendly garden by the Bay" within the guidelines mandated by the Shire of Mornington Peninsula Council, Community Garden Policy which sets out responsibilities of community gardeners. We have adopted a Child Safety Policy to meet our social, legislative and Shire's requirements. The Child Safety Policy (January 25) document is an addendum to these Rules and Procedures. Therefore members are required to be inclusive, act in a civil manner and be respectful of others and know and follow the requirements of the Child Safety Policy, particularly in relation to identification and reporting. Decision making is to be democratic, transparent and include the views of other members to achieve harmonious agreement. Issues of conflict between members are expected to be resolved with immediate conciliation by those involved. Members breaching this guideline, may, at the discretion of the Committee, have their membership revoked.

The rights and cultures of others must be respected at all times and no individual should be discriminated against because of social background, physical/mental ability, race or religion.

- *Smoking is prohibited within the designated garden area.

b) Garden Security and Safety.

- * A lock will be used to secure the Rosebud Community Garden gate and sheds. Each member will be issued with a key. \$10 Security will be required from the member on issue of the key.
- *Members must not give or loan their key to any other person without the permission of the Committee.
- *Members must close and lock the gate when they enter or exit the Rosebud Community Garden.
- *All accidents are to be reported to the Committee.

c) Visitors

- *All visitors to the RCG are the responsibility of the member who has invited them into the garden. Invited guests are not permitted to remain in the garden once the member has left.
- *Members will not allow their invited guests to breach, in any way, the rules and guidelines of the RCG. If this occurs the member will be held responsible for their visitor's actions.

d) Children

- *Adults must supervise children at all times.

e) Pets

- * Members only may bring their own dog into the garden, it must be on a short leash at all times and securely tethered at the member's own plot site. The member is totally responsible for the dog's behaviour, including removal of droppings, must repair any damage caused and accept all liability for any circumstances

arising, including the wellbeing of the dog. A breach of this rule may result in the member forfeiting their membership and plot after one warning and at the discretion of the committee.

f) Alcohol

* Alcohol is prohibited in the grounds of the RCG unless authorised by the Committee.

g) Illegal Plants

*Illegal plants are not to be grown in the Rosebud Community Garden.

h) Litter

* All litter must be removed from the garden by the member responsible.

9. Communal Activities and Involvement in the Garden

* Members are required to take an active part in garden activities and the running of the garden by attending monthly meetings, workshops and working bees, or other tasks by arrangement, and are encouraged to take an active part on the committee.

*Members are required to contribute at least one hour per month to communal garden activities and/or fundraising activities as organised by the committee. Failure to contribute, may at the discretion of the committee, lead to the member not being offered renewal of their plot. (Refer Rule 3.2 – Tenure will be subject to review each year)

**Rosebud Community Garden Committee of Management
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