

## **Memoranda of Understanding Guidelines – for gardens on church land run by external groups**

Churches that offer their land for the use of external community garden groups\* are required by the Uniting Church Synod to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the external group, setting out the terms of the agreement between the two parties.

The MOU should include matters such as the commencement date and duration of the agreement, usage charges, funding agreements, allowed uses of and conditions of use of the property, insurance requirements, amendments to the agreement, termination of the agreement, and dispute resolution.

For a template MOU, please contact:

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If you would like to see an example of an existing MOU between a church and an external community garden group, please contact Sheyne Ladmore, Chatswood South Uniting Church / PermaPatch, ph: 02 9043 1317, email: [sheyne@crayons.com.au](mailto:sheyne@crayons.com.au)

*\* See “church land, others run” community garden model, page 8 of the “Growing Mission with Community Food” resource, [www.unitingearthweb.org.au/files/CommunityFood.pdf](http://www.unitingearthweb.org.au/files/CommunityFood.pdf).*

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