

## Sample Gardeners Agreement – Community Gardens

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MIRANDA COMMUNITY GARDEN  
15 Central Road, Miranda NSW 2228

Welcome, one and all,

This garden will exist for the benefit of members. It is hoped it will operate in a happy, caring and harmonious manner. It is necessary to have some basic rules and guidelines and these are:-

- Anyone who signs this, as a Membership Agreement, and abides by the intent of this document, may join and be recorded as members.
- Members acknowledge that the property is owned by the Uniting Church in New South Wales and that The Uniting Church may, at any time, terminate usage as a Community Garden.
- Members agree to exercise due care, diligence and respect for one another in regard to –
  - a) Safety in the use of equipment
  - b) Maintenance of equipment
  - c) Care and concern for the total garden area on a shared and equitable basis
  - d) Care and maintenance of their plot, if allocated
  - e) Conduct of themselves and any invitees.
- A committee will be formed and all members are encouraged to take up positions and share responsibilities in the management of the Community Garden. The committee decisions will be final in dealing with issues.
- No unsatisfactory conduct will be tolerated.
- No consumption of cigarette products, alcohol or drugs either in the garden or on any part of the adjoining Church facilities can be allowed.
- Members may only enter the Garden when a Church representative is in attendance. This is required for insurance purposes.
- Garden plots will be allocated by the committee.
- It is suggested that, to raise working funds, plot owners pay an annual fee of \$50 and general members \$25.
- All decisions on running of the Garden should be by general consensus with the sharing of ideas and work loads.
- Plot owners will be responsible for the care and maintenance of their own plots plus a share of care of the total garden area.
- It will take time and dedication for the Miranda Community Garden to succeed. However, there is no rush. Apparently most community gardens start out small. Just enjoy the experience and co-operate with one another.

I agree to abide by the general intent of this document and to do all I can to enjoy my membership.

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Further sample gardeners agreements can be found in the following publications:

Thomas, F (2008) "Getting started in community gardening", City of Sydney, Sydney. Available at: <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Environment/documents/GettingStartedincommunitygardening.pdf>

Claire Nettle (2010) "Growing Community: Starting and nurturing community gardens", Adelaide: Health SA, Government of South Australia and CANH Association Inc. Available at: <http://www.canh.asn.au/projects/community-gardens.aspx>