



Joondanna Community Garden Inc.

ABN: 92 552 512 120

Stoneham Reserve, cnr Wade and Stoneham Streets, Joondanna WA 6060

Application Form

email to: jcfg@outlook.com

Full Name (list family members if applicable):

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Address:

Telephone: (H) (W) (M)

Email: Date:

Membership Type I would like (tick relevant box):

General Membership - \$25/annum^b

This means I will assist with maintaining the communal plots areas and attend at least 3 working bees per annum. I will also receive the garden emails/newsletters. Access to harvest from communal plots.

Individual Plot (*dependent on availability) - **\$100/annum^b**

This means owning my own singular plot which I will plant up and care for. I will also receive the garden emails/newsletters and attend at least 3 working bees per annum. I will also help to maintain communal plot areas. Access to harvest from my individual and communal plots.

Sign up to be a **Friend of the JCG** and receive garden emails/newsletters - Free

Volunteer to help the JCG in other ways such as provide administration or marketing services, or provide a donation of any kind.

Shed key deposit (refundable on return of key) - **\$10.00**

Payment

Direct Debit via Internet
We will email you the bank details

Cheque or Money Order:
You can make a cheque/money order out to *Joondanna Community Garden*

*Individual Plot Allocation

If no plots are available at the time of application, the applicant's name will go on a waiting list and be advised when a plot becomes available. Allocation of plots is on a 'one plot per membership basis'. Plots are allocated to the member named on the application form. Plots are not transferable. If a member no longer wishes to maintain their plot, they must advise the JCG committee and the plot will be reallocated to someone on the waiting list. Plot fees cannot be refunded.

^b – fees may be adjusted to synchronise with the scheduled billing period

I HAVE READ, COMPLETED AND AGREED TO ALL CONDITIONS ON THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

(Please tick the boxes to indicate you have read and signed)

(PLEASE RETURN THE FORMS BELOW PROVIDED IN THE APPLICATION KIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION)

- Both Pledge of Agreement and JCG Pledge
- Medical declaration form
- Occupational Health and Safety guidelines

DECLARATION:

I _____ (your name) on the _____ (today's date) hereby apply for membership to the Joondanna Community Garden

Please tick other skills you bring or particular interests you may have:

- Construction (woodwork/ metalwork)
- Horticulture
- Art and design
- IT
- Nutrition or cooking
- Marketing/ promotion
- Funding and grant applications
- Fundraising
- Trade (please specify) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

PLEDGE OF AGREEMENT

General

A core principle of our garden is 'community'. Please help us to work together to create a space that can be enjoyed by all.

- I accept the general mantra to be considerate of other gardeners and respect their plots and gardening methods.
- I am eager to “volunteer” my time and effort and will actively participate in at least 3 designated busy bees during the year. I understand that the success of a community garden thrives on the fundamental principle of communal effort!
- Many hands make light work and my hands are needed! I will perform general area maintenance such as weeding, pruning, fertilizing and planting at any time (not just busy bees) to maintain a happy, healthy and attractive garden. I may even catch up with fellow members while I’m there!
- Being a law-abiding citizen, I will not engage in any type of illegal activity nor plant or use any type of illegal substance within the Community Garden and surrounding area.
- Likewise, plants and equipment must not be removed without the approval of the JCFG committee.
- I will pick only crops or flowers in plot(s) that my paid membership covers unless given explicit permission by that member. I appreciate the effort that goes into growing crops to know the frustration petty pilfering causes.
- I (and my guests) will refrain from smoking, chewing, dipping or any other use of tobacco within the fenced-in garden area – to keep our garden smoke free and to prevent the potential spread of mosaic virus.
- Whilst I might love, or at least tolerate, animals, I will not bring any pet (not even leashed, caged, boxed, in a handbag or wearing cute little bows) within the fenced-in garden area. The only exception will be service animals.

My Individual Plot

There are a number of plots available for individual lease. These plots are the responsibility of the leasee.

- I will keep my garden weeded and maintain the areas within and immediately surrounding my plot, so that it looks neat and is hazard free.
- I will dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated areas. If my ability allows for it I will take my turn to chip plant waste. If I believe my plants may have pests or diseases, I will not leave them in the mulching pile; I will put them in the bin.
- I am proud of my plot, therefore I will clear plant materials and any stakes, fencing, trellises, string and all other inorganic materials at the end of the season or the “demise” of my crops
- I will avoid planting sprawling or extremely tall crops that might interfere with others; that includes avoiding the planting of very tall crops/plants where they will shade neighbouring planting beds.

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- I will harvest my crops/flowers once they are mature ... yummy! If I feel I won't be able to use all of them, I will harvest anyway and find a willing home for them. We don't like to promote food waste ☺.
- I will not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents that will in any way adversely affect or contaminate other plants, planting beds, or adjacent walkways or property.
- If I need help with what to grow, how to grow it, or maintaining my plot, I will ask! We are all here to help each other and 'grow' from the experience! Likewise I will share my knowledge so everyone benefits.
- I am responsible for maintaining the condition of the soil in my plot. This can be done by adding compost, manure and mulch. Soil must not be removed from the plots. Mulching of garden plots to control weed growth and conserve water, and composting of green waste is strongly encouraged.
- Permanent structures must not be built on garden plots without consultation with the JCG committee. We encourage 'individual expression' through artworks etc, but it must be checked with the committee.
- I realize water is precious. I will try to use the rainwater when possible, not leave hoses running unattended and mulch as required minimising evaporation.

Communal Plot(s)

Communal plots are the essence of a community garden. These plots are where members of the garden can work together in the true community spirit and all members are expected to actively contribute to their planting and upkeep, so that everyone can reap the rewards.

- I will enthusiastically contribute my fair share to the supply and maintenance of crops grown in the communal areas. This is likely to be proportionate to what I harvest. This contribution includes planting and supplying seeds or seedlings, organic fertilizers, weeding, watering or organic pest control.
- Communal plots are for growing vegetables, small fruits, herbs and flowers. Trees and large permanent shrubs are not suitable for garden plots because they can block light to other plots. The broader grounds are also communal areas. I will help to maintain trees and shrubs and grounds in all of the communal areas.
- I will offer others their fair share of produce and foster the community spirit.

Tool Shed and Tools

Generally all tools and items in the shed are available for individual and communal use. Members will be provided with a key for the shed upon paying the deposit.

- I am very thankful we have tools available for use in the garden area. When I am done gardening, all community-owned tools I have borrowed from the garden shed will be **cleaned** and returned to the storage area. I will not take "borrowed" tools home overnight.
- When leaving the shed, I will make sure the door is closed. If I'm the last one leaving the area, I will make sure the shed is locked.
- I will make an effort to keep the shed clean and safe for everyone to use.

Plant Selection

I will grow plants appropriate for the garden, i.e nothing too tall, vicious or toxic to others. The committee reserves the right to ban plants that may be invasive or are potential weeds.

Natural Control of Garden Pests

The garden is run on organic principles members must not use any chemicals or sprays to control pests. Chemicals can contaminate a neighbor's plot, and could be a health risk to them.

Water Management

Water is a precious resource; our site is supplied by scheme water. Gardeners are required to adhere to any water restrictions that are currently in place. Reticulation will be by dripper controlled by timers. Gardeners are responsible for checking the functioning of the drippers on their plots. Hand watering can be done as necessary and we encourage you to use our rainwater. Water-wise gardening is encouraged.

Sale of Produce

Garden plots are available for personal use only, and the produce is for the members and their families and friends. The use of garden plots for growing plants commercially is not permitted.

Attendance at Working Bees

All members of the Community Food Garden are encouraged to join in with working bees to help maintain the communal areas, and other social events.

Dealing With Any Problems Or Concerns

Dealing with garden related issues is the responsibility of the JCFG committee. If members have any concerns about the garden or other gardeners, they should contact the committee. The committee reserves the right to review terms of membership at any stage.

If you see any risks or hazards (dripping taps, slippery surfaces, damaged tools) please notify the JCG committee. Should you feel confident in fixing the issue please do so and then report to the JCG committee.

Security

The Community Food Garden currently is an open public space and is not locked. The JCG committee cannot be held responsible for any theft, damage or other illegal activity to the garden plots. Please report any such activity to the JCG committee and City of Stirling Security Service on 1300 365 356 or police if it is a serious incident.

THE JOONDANNA COMMUNITY GARDEN PLEDGE

I, _____ agree to the following -

1. I pledge not to interfere with the rights and opportunities of others at the Joondanna Community Garden.
2. The only conflict initiated by me will be with weeds and pests, which I will attack with biological means rather than chemical.
3. If a dispute does arise, I pledge to settle it through calm discussion and goodwill according to the grievance procedures of Joondanna Community Garden. If the issue remains unresolved, I will accept the decision of the Joondanna Community Garden Committee.
4. I understand that my involvement at Joondanna Community Garden and the opportunity to use my garden is a privilege, not a right, and as such I must use it or lose it.
5. When I use tools (where and when I swing them or leave them) I will always be aware of the safety of myself and others.
6. I understand my participation at Joondanna Community Garden is at my own risk. The City of Stirling, and members of the Joondanna Community Garden Committee, is not liable for any injury to me, or to my invited family and friends, nor for the loss of any of my possessions.
7. I appreciate the need for security of the Garden and will notify the City of Stirling Security Service on **1300 365 356**.
8. I understand that if I do not pay my plot fees (as set by the Committee) on time I will forfeit my right to use the plot.
9. I will contribute at least one hour per month to general site maintenance and I happily agree to share what I can with the garden community. I will be an active member who contributes towards and promotes the basic principles of the garden
10. I have read, appreciated and will abide by the spirit of the Joondanna Community Garden Charter, with the best of intentions for the greater good.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

These Guidelines are provided to help you understand the typical things you should consider while participating in the project to ensure you and others are kept safe and avoid any hazards.

Members are advised that participation in the garden is at their own risk. The Joondanna Community Garden, its committee and the City of Stirling will not be responsible for any injury to members, or their guests or for any loss or damage to property or possessions while working in the garden or participating in garden activities.

1. Wear the Right Clothes

While visiting and working in the Joondanna Community Garden please ensure you wear suitable clothing. This includes: sturdy enclosed shoes (no thongs or sandals), long sleeved shirts to prevent sun burn, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, gardening gloves. Sunscreen will be available in the shed.

2. Drink Water

While working outside in the Joondanna Community Garden, especially in summer, it can get very hot and you need to make sure you drink enough water to keep you hydrated. Please bring along a water bottle filled with fresh water to drink during your visit, or there is a drink fountain on the upper level of the garden. If you feel any signs of heat stroke or dehydration please make a Garden Committee Member or another person in the garden aware and sit down in the shade and drink water.

3. Watch Out For Hazards

While working in the Joondanna Community Garden there may be items and activities which are hazards. These may include materials left on the ground (tools, hoses, fencing, wire, support wood). Please keep your eye out and if you see anything creating a hazard move them to a safe place and report to a Joondanna Community Garden Committee Member. A basic first aid kit will be available in the shed. If used please record what was taken so that we can maintain the kit.

4. Use the Right Tools

It is important when you are gardening that you use the right tool for the right Job. The Garden Committee will provide for your use a range of tools including shovels, hand trowels, rakes, and hoes. Please ask if you need assistance in how to use these items and any advice on the right tool for the Job. Please remember that **no mechanical equipment is permitted on the site.**

Declaration:

I _____ (your name) on the _____ (today's date)
declare that I have read the Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines and that I will participate in the Joondanna Community Garden project abiding to these guidelines, and that any harm that arises to myself is my own responsibility

_____(your signature).

Thank you for your interest in the Joondanna Community Garden project.

Common physical activities you may undertake by participating in the project include lifting, digging, squatting, walking and carrying items. The City would like to ensure that no harm comes to yourself while participating in the project and therefore request that you answer the questions below relating to your medical condition to the best of your ability. Please note these answers are completely confidential.

Question (Please tick the relevant box)	Yes	No
Has a doctor ever said that you have a heart condition and that you should only do physical activity recommended by a doctor?		
Do you ever feel pain or tightness in your chest when you do physical activity		
In the past month have you had pain or tightness in your chest when you were not doing physical activity?		
Have you ever fallen over or lost consciousness as a result of dizziness		
Do you have a bone or joint or muscle problem that could be made worse by a change in your physical activity (such as gardening activities)?		
Has a doctor ever recommended medication for your blood pressure or a heart condition?		
Are you aware, through your own experience or a doctor's advice, of any other reason why you should not do physical activity such as gardening without medical supervision?		
Are you on any medication that may prevent you from undertaking this activity safely?		

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, you will need to visit a doctor and you will need a medical certificate indicating your suitability for participating in the Joondanna Community Food Garden.

If you answered **NO** to all questions, you can be reasonably sure that you can start becoming more physically active and participate in the Joondanna Community Garden project.

Note: If your health changes so that you then answer YES to any of the above questions, ask for advice from your fitness or health professional.

Declaration

I _____ (your name) on the _____ (today's date) I **certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge** and declare that to the best of my knowledge I am medically fit and able to participate in the Joondanna Community Garden project and any harm that arises to myself is my own responsibility _____ (your signature).