



# Mentone Community Garden Club Inc

A place where you can grow vegetables, flowers & herbs for your own use.

A place to enjoy a healthy outdoor activity & environment.

A place to have friendly communication with other people who have similar interests.

## Garden Rules

1.	<b>General maintenance of plots.</b> <b>Gardeners</b> are responsible for the care and maintenance of their individual plots throughout the year, and should ensure that the area in & in front of their plot is free from weeds, rubbish and any items which may be obstructing the pathways. <b>Rubbish</b> , including weeds, refuse in garbage bags & non-gardening rubbish/materials must be removed promptly from the plot & garden to discourage unwanted pests. If a member is unable to maintain a plot due to illness or other exceptional circumstances, for a period of 3 months they must discuss their situation with the committee or surrender their plot. <b>The committee reserves the right to review terms of membership at any stage.</b>
2.	<b>Watering.</b> Gardeners are required to adhere to any water restrictions that are currently in place. Hoses must be used with trigger nozzles supplied by the club member. Taps must be firmly turned off after watering. Hoses must be left stretched, free of kinks & parallel with plots, away from the centre of the path to avoid tripping. Or rolled up on the posts provided.
3.	<b>Security.</b> Padlocks on Remo St & Venice St Gates are never to be removed from the gate. The gate must be locked behind you upon entry or exit. Press or move all numbers to cancel code after use.
4.	<b>Tool Shed.</b> The shed must be locked after tools are put away. All tools belonging to the club are painted yellow. They must be returned to the shed, clean & free of dirt after use. Tools must be kept at the garden club at all times.
5.	<b>Animals.</b> <b>Dogs &amp; other pets are not allowed in the Garden area.</b> This is primarily a food growing area, and such, animals can be a health risk.
6.	<b>Building and other materials.</b> Permanent structures, cages & roofs, must not be built on garden plots. Fences & trellises must be at least 50cm from the boundary of the plot. Please be aware of safety issues when erecting plant supports.
7.	<b>Plots.</b> A maximum of 2 plots are currently permitted to be let per member household. Sub-letting of plots is not permitted & is in breach of membership rules. The Committee reserves the right to terminate members who fail to adhere to this rule.
8.	<b>Types of plants.</b> Mentone Community Garden 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. Seek advise from the committee if you are unsure of suitability.
9.	<b>Use of Chemicals.</b> Members are strongly discouraged from using chemicals or sprays to control pests. Community gardens generally use alternative (organic) methods. Chemicals can contaminate a neighbours plot, and could be a serious health risk to them.
10.	<b>General Conduct.</b> Please be considerate of other gardeners and respect their plots and way of gardening. Children are welcome in the Community Garden, and are to be supervised by adults. Members and visitors must not remove any plants or equipment from another gardener's plot without permission. Likewise, Club plants and equipment must not be removed from the Community Garden.
11.	<b>Grass Path Maintenance i.e. Mowing Roster.</b> Mowing & weed trimmer roster is prepared by the committee & will be posted in the shed. It will be up to the members to arrange alternative roster if they are not able to mow that rostered weekend.
12.	<b>Membership Fees.</b> Annual fees are due on or no later than 4 weeks from the AGM. The committee reserves the right to suspend or terminate any member not financial by the due date. Any issues should be in writing & posted in the mail box provided.
13.	Members who relinquish their plots must clear it of all vegetation, tools & rubbish before they leave.
14.	Legitimate complaints should be submitted in the form of a written letter & posted in the letterbox provided.

