



MULLUM S.E.E.D. inc.

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Category: Caring for People

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PURPOSE: To outline the general processes, procedures, ethics and codes of conduct of being a financial member of Mullum S.E.E.D. and MCG.

DEFINITIONS:

Mullum S.E.E.D. inc - Mullumbimby Sustainability Education and Enterprise Development inc. - the official name registered with the Dept of Environment, NSW Department of Fair Trading, Australian Taxation Office and Byron Shire Council.

MCG - Mullumbimby Community Garden - a project of Mullum S.E.E.D.

Member: a Financial member of Mullum S.E.E.D. which automatically includes membership to MCG project..

Pro-rata: rate calculated per month until 30th June.

WH&S: Work Health and Safety

1. ORGANICS

1.1 Mullum S.E.E.D. and MCG utilizes organic principles in the growing of fruit, vegetables, herbs, trees and flowers. Chemical Herbicides and pesticides are prohibited.

1.2 Fertilizers and pesticides are limited to those approved by the National Association for Sustainable Agriculture Australia Ltd. (NASSAA), BFA (Biodynamic Farmers Association) and the Management Committee.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1. 2.1 Financial members of Mullum S.E.E.D. have automatic membership to MCG.

2.2. Financial members will receive regular e-updates, e-newsletters, have access to meeting minutes, discounted workshops, courses and special offers as they become available and will be eligible to register on the allotment waiting list.

2.3. Rates of membership fees and allotment rentals will be determined annually by the Mullum S.E.E.D. Board.

2.4 In the first year of membership, fees will be pro rata, calculated on the number of months remaining in the financial year.

2.5. Membership fees and allotment rentals will be due on the 1st July and payable by the 31st July.

The annual membership fee is:

Individual	\$48 p.a.	(GST not applicable)
Family	\$72 p.a.	"
Organisation	\$96 p.a.	"

2.6. Voluntary participation in gardening in the Food For All (FFA) communal garden section and other activities at the garden facility is open to all residents of the Byron Shire.

2.7. Safety is our priority. Each member must make themselves aware of the WH&S issues and act responsibly onsite.

2.8. A copy of Mullum S.E.E.D.'s WH&S Plan is available in the office on site or by request.

2.9. a. Smokers will respectfully refrain from smoking within within 10 metres of food preparation and eating areas, childrens garden, nursery, safe seeds shed, tool sheds and office.

b, All cigarette butts and litter must be placed in the appropriate rubbish bins.

3. SITE ISSUES

3.1. As per our lease agreement with Byron Shire Council (BSC) Clause 1B, operations on site are restricted to daylight hours unless permission is received from BSC and appropriate processes are followed including neighbourhood notification (see Events policy). Visitors to the garden after hours are expected to be quiet and respectful of neighbour's.

3.2. No camping or unauthorised gatherings are permitted after daylight hours under any circumstances.

3.3. Each member must ensure that all tools are returned and locked in the storage shed when leaving the garden.

3.4. Dogs must be kept on a leash on site and prevented from entering/damaging garden plots while in the community garden grounds.

3.5. Dog owners must clean up after their dogs and dispose of their doggy doo's in the rubbish bin.

3.6. Produce:

a) All produce grown in individual allotments is the property of the registered member and not to be picked by any other member or visitor without the permission of the relevant plot owner.

b) Produce from the Food For All (FFA) gardens is available for all in exchange for an hours' volunteer work or an appropriate donation.

3.7. Seedlings and plants grown in the Nursery are the property of the MCG nursery and may be purchased by donation of the suggested price as displayed.

3.8. Distribution of produce grown in the FFA communal garden plots and orchards is to be decided by the FFA Pod.

3.9. No open fires are to be lit onsite. Fires within authorised facilities (ie cob oven, built bbq's and cooking facilities.) are permitted under supervision (as per BSC Lease Agreement - Clause 1E).

3.10. MCG is an alcohol free zone (as per BSC Lease Agreement Clause 1F) unless authorised with permission through appropriate procedures (ie special events).

3.11. Noise restrictions as per BSC Lease agreement are as follows:

a. The use of power tools and equipment is restricted between the hours of 8am and 4pm and not on Sundays. (Clause 4D)

b. Music on site is restricted to acoustic and non amplified music. Percussion instruments have a curfew of 6pm. (Clause 4C)

4. MANAGEMENT

4.1. Members are encouraged to involve themselves in Pods (special interest groups) which facilitate the various programs, projects and activities at the community garden.

4.2a Mullum S.E.E.D. Board manages the financial and legal requirements of the organisation. The Board consists of President , Secretary, Treasurer, the Principal Co-ordinator, Public Officer and 2 members representatives.

4.2 b. Mullum S.E.E.D. Board meetings are currently held on the second Monday of the month.

4.3. General Members Meetings are held every three months at the gardens. Members will be notified via the e-newsletter.

4.4 a. MCG Site Management committee manages the day to day activities on site within approved budgets.

b. Site Management Committee meetings are held the last Saturday of every month onsite at the gardens.