

Unit development address:

Completing this application does not automatically provide approval to start a community garden. We will provide written notification pertaining to the outcome of this application.

Please nominate a lead tenant/resident (spokesperson) from your group, to be the contact person, for the purpose of processing this application.

Lead tenant/resident name:

Total no. group members:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Goals of the community garden group

Provide a brief statement about what your group wants to achieve from establishing this community garden.

Decision making

Detail the methods the group will use to make decisions and resolve disputes in relation to the garden for example, voting on decisions.

Location of the garden

Describe the area you wish to use for your community garden. If possible attach a diagram to this application.

Location checklist

The following should be considered when designing your community garden.

Will the location of the garden obstruct any access points to the development or individual units? Yes No

Is the location of the garden suitable to grow plants? For example, not too shady or too sunny. Yes No

Does the location have a communal water source? Yes No

Will there be sufficient drainage in the area to ensure there will be no stagnant water? Yes No

Will the existing drainage be suitable? Water should not run off into a neighbouring property. Yes No

Will the location of the garden affect any other residents? For example, noise or smell. Yes No

Infrastructure construction

Provide details of how the group is planning to develop the garden area considering construction of garden beds, equipment storage etc. Include details of what grants and funding applications will be considered if approval is granted.

Ongoing maintenance

Provide details of how the group intends to ensure the garden is maintained into the future. For example, future costs and maintenance schedules.

Community garden conditions

The community garden group members listed herein, accept and acknowledge that approval to use communal areas for community garden activities, within a Churches of Christ Care Housing Services' managed property, will be subject to the following conditions.

- Approval must be received in writing, prior to commencing any work towards establishing a community garden, including the lodgement of grant applications.
- The community garden group will be responsible for all establishment and ongoing maintenance costs.
- The group will be responsible for associated expenditure and financial accountabilities of grant or donation funds received.
- Any future improvements or redevelopments must be done in consultation with the service and be approved in writing.
- An organic model of gardening must be adopted, to control soil fertility and pests, with no chemicals or insecticides to be used at any time.
- All building materials used for the construction of or near garden beds, must be free of poisons and toxic substances. For example, treated pine must not be used.
- All plants and organic material must be legal and not classed as an "exotic weed" as defined by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- The use of motorised digging equipment is not permitted in gardening activities.
- Structures and fixtures including garden beds, potting benches and shade structures, must be robust, safe and fit to withstand severe weather conditions.
- All structures and fixtures must be approved by the service.

Community garden conditions

- Work health and safety practices must be adhered to, at all times, in all activities related to the community garden.
- Group members must take responsibility for adhering to work health and safety requirements and ensuring they have sound knowledge of the legislation.
- Members must make a commitment to work cooperatively and respectfully with each other in developing and maintaining the garden.
- Members must take responsibility for the day-to-day organisation and management of garden activities including associated costs.
- Approved community gardens are regarded as common areas, to which all residents of the unit development have the right to access and benefit from.
- Members acknowledge and accept that from time to time, produce will be taken by residents who have not contributed to cultivation. In such cases, although it may seem unfair, members must agree not to take action against the persons/s and always foster an inclusive environment.
- Churches of Christ Care Housing Services will not be responsible for nor become involved in disputes arising from the community garden, unless intervention is required under the Residential Tenancies and Room Accommodation Act 2008.
- In the event of unresolved negative conflict surrounding community garden activities or failure to comply with the prescribed conditions, permitted use of the area for the community garden may be withdrawn.

Community garden group members acknowledgement

Tenant/resident name	Address	Signature	Date

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