

# **Barwon Heads Community Arts Garden**



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## Overview

### 1) General:

The garden is located in Moonah Gates Park, on land provided at a nominal rent by the City of Greater Geelong, which also provided substantial funds to help establish the Garden. The site measures 65 x 35 metres

Work on the Garden was commenced on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2007.

The Garden room is an ex-Dept of Education portable classroom. It also serves as a water and solar energy catchment area.

Much of the materials and equipment in the Garden has been donated or is recycled, and the vast majority of the work of developing and maintaining the Garden is done by volunteer members.

### 2) Vision:

The BHCAG is a community-based Permaculture garden. As well as being a place for gardening and beekeeping, the space is used for gatherings, and as a living example and experiment in green living. It contains communal and individual growing areas, an orchard, a greenhouse, a covered meeting space with cooking and storage facilities, and permanent works of art.

The mission of the BHCAG is:

- \*To actively build community
- \*To include all walks of life
- \*To encourage the sharing of skills and resources
- \*To utilise and demonstrate Permaculture principles
- \*To grow food locally
- \*To provide experience and education for sustainable living

Further details of the BHCAG Vision are to be found at the Website: [www.bhartsgarden.com](http://www.bhartsgarden.com) and on Instagram at [@barwonheadsgarden](https://www.instagram.com/barwonheadsgarden), and Facebook at [BarwonHeadsCommunityArtsGarden](https://www.facebook.com/BarwonHeadsCommunityArtsGarden)

### 3) Garden Governance

The Garden is overseen by an elected Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Ordinary Members, and a representative from the Sustainability Group. The Committee is elected at the Annual Meeting held in November, and holds meetings approximately monthly. Some Committee meetings are open to any interested member, and minutes are published on the Website: [www.bhartsgarden.com](http://www.bhartsgarden.com)

Committee members are listed on the Website: [www.bhartsgarden.com](http://www.bhartsgarden.com), and are attached to this members guide.

### 4) Financial structure:

The BHCAG has been substantially supported by nominal lease fees and grants from the City of Greater Geelong, with 3-year funding for infrastructure development helping establish the Garden. The City of Greater Geelong also financed the purchase of our water tanks and the

Garden Room. Additional support from a Victorian Government Community Support Grant and a Commonwealth Government Volunteers Grant has enabled the development of a strong infrastructure. Other support for activities has come from the Barwon Heads Op Shop, the Barwon Heads Kindergarten, a Barwon Region Waste Management Group Wastewise grant, and the City of Greater Geelong for the Arts Fence, Barwon Heads Film Society and Sustainability Group projects.

Ongoing income comes from membership dues, rental of the Garden Room and facilities, and the generation of solar power.

It is envisioned that when the need arises the garden will seek further grant funding and/or will engage in fundraising ventures- all members are encouraged to assist with these fundraising activities.

## 5) Membership of BHCAG

Membership is unrestricted. There are two types-

**-Plot Holders**, who currently pay \$60 annually for a whole plot, or \$30 for a half plot.

Currently there are 24 individual plots. Some of these are half-plots. There is often a waiting list to become a plot holder. If you are interested in becoming a plot holder, contact the plot holder manager, who will add your name to the 'waiting list'. The plot holder manager keeps an eye on plot activity and attempts to determine if any there are any current holders whose plot has become "inactive" and thus may be willing to pass it on.

**-Friends, \$15**

Friends who are not plot holders generally participate in the communal garden, a particular group using the garden facilities, or support the development of the organisation as a general community resource.

Plot holders and friends share entitlements and responsibilities:

- Have access to the Garden at any time (the Garden is not locked and is accessible to all people)
- Are able to purchase garden materials at member rates
- Have access to and can share in the produce of the communal garden areas
- Have access to the communal propagation house
- Receive all Garden communications (generally by email)
- Receive priority access to all workshops
- Have priority access in booking of the Garden Room or Garden for approved events
- Are invited to participate in Communal Garden work sessions
- Should endeavour to follow Permaculture principles in their gardening (see Permaculture)

- Are expected to participate in working bees/garden gatherings when able (plot holders at least 4 per annum). These are held on the last Sunday of each month (except December) 10.00-13.00, and usually conclude with a pizza lunch.
- Are welcome to attend all social activities, eg Plot holder and member dinners

## 6) Community Use of Facilities

The facilities of the Garden, including the Garden Room, are available for community use. The Garden Room is an ex-classroom, donated by the COGG and extensively refurbished by members with the assistance of the Community Support Grant. It has carpets and cupboards, furniture, lighting and heating, and facilities for water heating, tea and coffee making, projection screen, and ceiling fan. It is used for BHCAG meetings and social events, and by subgroups such as Sustainability and Bee Keeping. It is also available for hire, at modest rates. BHCAG events and member events have priority, and proposed events are informally vetted by the BHCAG Committee. Several outside bodies use the facility: examples are Music classes, Mums and bubs groups, yoga groups, children's art classes etc. Members are still able to visit the Garden whilst outside users are there. A calendar of Garden Room and Garden Bookings is at the Website: [www.bhartsgarden.com](http://www.bhartsgarden.com). People interested in making a booking should approach the Booking Officer or a Committee Member.

## 7) History: key dates

June 2006:	Idea of a community garden raised by local resident Sam Smith
June 21 <sup>st</sup> 2007	Sod turning, sign raising
March 18 <sup>th</sup> 2008	Garden officially opened
March 2009	First birthday party
August 2009	Sustainability Group formed
June 12 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Launch of Art Fence
November 19 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Open Day, celebrating solar power and other infrastructure improvement
October 2011	Beekeeping Group formed
October 2016	Open Day, celebrating opening of new garden shed and revised play area.

## How things work

**This is alphabetical list on Garden operation. Comments and suggestions on this manual are most welcome (comments pages at the back)**

### **Arts activities**

In keeping with its name and intentions, there has been a significant component of arts activities as the Garden has developed. The arts fence was a major undertaking, with panels from individuals and groups coordinated by Kaz McGlynn. A current project is the installation of pylons from the old Barwon Heads Bridge. All members are encouraged to give their artistic side free rein: many current garden plots reflect this!

### **Beekeeping group**

The beekeeping group was formed in late 2011. A local family donated a hive of honeybees which have proved to be a docile and productive colony, and is now yielding many kilos of delicious honey. Equipment, including full protective suits, was purchased through donations and fundraising at a screening of 'The Vanishing of the Bees' documentary.

The hive was expanded in 2012 to double the frame capacity. Under the guidance of several local apiarists, who have generously given their time and advice, the group is learning the skills involved in maintaining a beehive. Regular checks of the hive are carried out after sunset (when the bees have returned home for the night) depending on season and weather conditions. Currently we have 3 hives.

The beehive enclosure is located in the north-west corner of the community garden. There are monthly meetings, held on the first Sunday of each month at 2pm, where anyone who is interested can come along, learn about beekeeping and practise some hands on skills. For more information, or to join the mailing list, contact: [beekeeping@bhartsgarden.com](mailto:beekeeping@bhartsgarden.com)

### **Borrowing Equipment from the Garden**

As a general rule, garden tools and garden room items can be borrowed by garden members, for short periods of time. However, you need to consult with the Garden Room calendar at the Website, [www.bhartsgarden.com](http://www.bhartsgarden.com), and contact the Booking Officer or another Committee member to ensure that items are not needed at that time. Prompt return and due care of any borrowed items is expected.

### **Chemical pesticides and herbicides**

Permaculture principles suggest little or no use of chemical in the garden. However we are still trying to work out how best to manage the prolific weeds such as couch grass and oxalis.

Plot holders can generally control weeds in their plots by heavy mulching and regular weeding. They should also weed the pathways adjacent to their plots, taking care not to disturb the underlying weed mat. A "little and often" policy means weeding is easy! Glyphosate is not permitted on private plots.

The same applies to communal plots, which are maintained at working bees and other times.

Weeds such as couch in the driveways etc are currently sprayed with glyphosate as needed, as other methods of control have proved to be inadequate. Digging weeds out the paths will damage them very quickly.

Use of glyphosate is restricted to the Weedkill Committee (see back pages for Committee membership). Whenever glyphosate is applied, a notice will be attached to the Garden entrance, stating where the chemical was applied, and by whom. The notice will be left in place for at least 24 hours. A record of usage is kept, to be reviewed at each AGM. This glyphosate policy will be reviewed annually. If you have any doubts about what is safe and appropriate to use please contact a Committee Member.

Many garden pests can be controlled by companion plantings and use of organic sprays such as garlic spray.

This whole area is a difficult one and a challenge for our permaculture garden. We welcome suggestions for better ways of gardening thoughtfully and organically.

### **Children**

Accompanied children are welcome at all times. **Parents/carers must assure that children are adequately supervised.** You should also be aware that this is a working garden, and that potentially dangerous equipment may be lying around. Also, there is a risk from the honey bees located in the far north-west corner.

### **Children's Play Area**

During 2016 the play area was moved to the north fence. There is a sand pit, numerous large play items, a play kitchen and an old boat in which we are growing strawberries. Parents need to supervise children in this area, and are asked to return toys to the area after use.

### **Communal garden**

The communal garden operates adjacent to the Garden Room, along the berms on the west and north sides of the garden area, in the poly house and in the citrus circle. These areas are shared gardens cared for by members working alone or in small groups - coordinated social sessions to garden with others in this area can be arranged on a day and time to suit you. Currently a session operates at all working bees. To find out more about gardening in the communal area please see details on the Webpage [www.bhartsgarden.com](http://www.bhartsgarden.com). To see what work needs to be done in the communal garden refer to the blackboard near the sandpit.

### **Compost bins**

Compost bins are located along the west side of the garden. Compost is available for the Communal Garden plots and for individual plot holders. All garden waste (except oxalis and couch) should be contributed to the currently active bin. Layers of garden waste and stable manure are alternated, and the pile needs to be watered regularly. Piles will need turning from time to time to aid maturation. Full piles still maturing are covered with carpeting. Coloured signs indicate the status of each bin. Work on the piles is often a working bee task.

## Dogs

Other than guide dogs, dogs (and other pets!) are not permitted in the garden. If your dog does accompany you on your visit to the garden, please tether him/her securely outside, and well away from the gate.

## Getting more involved in the Garden

There are a number of ways to get more involved if you wish, and to meet people associated with the Garden and related activities. These include:

- Using the Garden as a place to visit, meet friends, sit and relax: it's a most peaceful place!
- Participation in the monthly working bees
- Attending social gatherings which are organised from time to time, usually with food (eg plot holders and Friends dinners)
- Attending committee meetings as an observer or being part of an annual planning lunch or other session
- Taking on a particular task which the Committee has identified
- Becoming a Garden Guide - people who can tell visitors, particularly groups, all about the garden and show them round. You may need an informal training session from a Committee Member to do this
- Joining the Committee
- Participating in workshops, forums and other events

Please talk to the President about any interest you may have.

## Growing and watering guidelines

Plot holders are welcome to use the mature compost from the bins on the west side of the gardens. You should contribute your garden waste to the compost piles (except oxalis and couch, which should be placed in the bin near the main gate). Mulch around your garden to reduce water loss, and keep it free from weeds. Use only organic fertilisers such as Seasol and manures. **Our water supply is limited and should always be used wisely:** a deep watering 2-3 times a week, done in the early evening, is most effective. It is imperative that taps are turned off completely when you are finished watering. The hoses are not designed to withstand prolonged high pressure, and it is likely that the water pressure may "blow off" hose fittings, resulting in considerable water loss. Poor rainfall patterns at times may mean that plot owners may be requested to restrict their water usage. If deemed necessary, the Committee will arrange for the purchase of extra water.

## Key system

There are coded key holders mounted on the gate post at the east vehicle entrance, and beside the Garden Room door. These contain keys which will open the vehicle gates, the Garden Room, the toilet and the tool shed. Members will be advised of the current key code, and of any necessary change of code. Please remember to return the keys when leaving. To open, enter the 4-digit code and push the upper sliding button downwards. Pull out the key pad with keys attached. To re-insert, first push the lower (black) sliding switch on the key pad downwards to "cancel" the code, then re-enter the code, and open the latch with the upper sliding button. While holding this button down, re-insert the keys and keypad in the holder, and make sure the keypad snaps into position. Again press the black slider down to cancel the code. (It's easier than it sounds!!)

Keys for the “outdoor kitchen” cupboards are inside the Garden Room, in the key safe (which is not locked). The key safe is at the left end of the notice board.

Keys for the two water tank taps are in the Garden Room, in the key safe.

An additional key to the toilet is also in the key safe.

Spare keys are currently held by the Treasurer.

### **Library**

There is an extensive library of gardening and plant books in the Garden Room. These have all been donated to the BHCAG. Members are welcome to borrow books. There is no check-out system, but please remember to return borrowings in a reasonable time. Further contributions of books are welcome

### **Managing Your Plot**

When someone is accepted as a new plot holder in the Garden they are allocated a set space in the garden as determined by the plot manager.

It is up to the new plot holder to decide how they wish to set up their plot- for instance - to dig it into the ground or to build it up using edging or to garden in raised crates or boxes. It is up to them how they arrange the site – mulch around edges, pavers or bricks to the sides etc. It is the responsibility of the plot holder to supply all the materials required to complete this task.

While we do not wish to be too prescriptive about this the clear preference as fits the basic philosophy of the garden is that second hand and recycled items are utilised where possible. Plots are offered as is – so in some instances a new plot holder may be offered a blank space which needs work to set it up or if an old plot has become vacant they may end up with a plot which has been built up or has boxes on it – this is really just the luck of the draw and the new plot holder pays no more or less for the site they are offered.

If the plot holder decides to use the raised boxes or crates on their plot these will need to be purchased by the plot holder and delivery organised – the garden committee can help with advice as to where to purchase them or may have a second hand one available which the new plot holder can purchase but ultimately it is not the responsibility of the Committee to purchase boxes for individual plot holders.

When boxes or crates begin to deteriorate and need repaired or replaced this is the responsibility of the individual plot-holder to organise and pay for.

The Garden has a range of donated and second hand materials which we are more than happy to offer to all for edging or repairing.

### **Permaculture principles**

There is a vast body of literature on this topic, which applies to many aspects of life. Many of these elements are applicable to the way we develop and manage our garden.

Permaculture is about "caring for people, caring for the earth and sharing the surplus"

1. **Conservation** – Use only what is needed.
2. **Stacking functions** – In permaculture we speak about getting many yields (outputs) from one element (thing) in your system.

3. **Repeating functions** – We meet every need in multiple ways.
4. **Reciprocity** –utilize the yields of each element to meet the needs of other elements in the system.
5. **Appropriate scale** – What we design should be on a human scale and do-able with the available time, skills, and money that we have
6. **Diversity** – We want to create resilience by utilizing many elements.
7. **Give away the surplus** – Create systems that are abundant and share the abundance rather than hoarding it for ourselves.

### **Pizza Oven**

This facility was built in March/April 2012, and was further enhanced in 2013, using grant funds. Good quality dry timber and kindling is stored below the oven. You should replace supplies after use. Short timbers (eg 20 cm) of no more than wrist thickness will do best. Operation should be overseen by experienced users. Planning is needed for a pizza session: the fire will need to be lit and tended for 2-3 hours prior to use. Start your fire in the centre of the oven floor, and once it is going strongly, gradually push the fire to the left side of the oven. Once a good operating temperature is reached, the oven will remain usable for many hours. Tools and instructions are located in the tool shed, and the temperature gauge is in the middle cupboard of the outside shelter area.

### **Plant types we grow**

In the communal areas (the berms, the citrus circle and parts of the bluestone “mandala”) we grow fruit trees, larger plants like Globe Artichoke, rhubarb, garlic, and of course various citrus. We also have the recently developed “sensory garden” near the main gate. The care of these plants is the responsibility of all members. Produce from these plants is shared fairly amongst all members. Members are asked to exercise restraint so all can share. Generally, an email will be sent around when particular produce becomes available.

Plot holders are free to make their own choices about planting. Generally, lower water demanding plants (eg potatoes, onions) are preferable over “thirsty” types. Permaculture principles and companion plantings are encouraged to minimise the need for pesticides. Sharing proliferate producers (eg squashes) with fellow plot holders is sensible.

### **Poly House**

This facility is open to all members in a communal format. There is a bench area, where seeds and cuttings can be struck, and seeds and seedlings raised. Propagation trays and seedling tubes are generally freely available, from within the propagation house or from the bins on the west boundary. Members will need to supply their own potting mix. Attaching a label to your seed container will help keep it identified.

In 2015, the design of the poly house was completely changed, so that now most of the space is given over to ground-level garden beds. All these plots are being used communally. Although the area is small, much can be grown in this “tropical” environment. The automatic watering system waters all plots twice weekly. **Please do not adjust the taps or sprayers.** We will need to enrich and maintain their soil, as the topsoil layer is thin. Users are asked to exercise caution to avoid damaging the plastic “skin” of the house, as punctures will eventually become significant tears.

“Whitewash” will be applied to the outside of the house each summer to reduce the internal temperature. If you see a problem with the operation of the house, see the Webpage

[www.bhartsgarden.com](http://www.bhartsgarden.com) or the back page of this Guide to contact the person in charge of the Propagation house.

### **Rubbish service**

We do have a green wheelie bin, for unwanted weeds like oxalis and couch. Do not put non-green waste in these bins. We do not have recycle or general rubbish service: please take all such items away for disposal.

### **Smoking**

The entire Garden and all buildings have been declared a non-smoking area.

### **Solar power**

During 2011 a 1.6 kW system was mounted on the roof, and is now connected to the power grid. This has enabled us to have heat and light, fans and vacuums etc. We are a net electricity producer, which will contribute to our annual income to a small extent. A bar-graph depicting production is displayed on the notice board in the Garden Room.

### **Sustainability group**

The Sustainability Group is a subgroup of BHCAG. It aims to work with the local community to build skills, knowledge and infrastructure that support sustainable practices. Current areas of interest include local biodiversity, promoting interest in solar hot water and power, plastic bag free Barwon Heads, promoting safe walking and cycling encouraging the growth and sharing of local produce, responsible water usage, waste management and recycling, alternative transport methods, sustainable building, the “transition town” movement, and community interactivity. The group meets regularly and holds meetings on areas of public interest. Further information is available by contacting [info@bhsustainability@org.au](mailto:info@bhsustainability@org.au)

### **Theft**

We have been plagued in the last year with petty thefts of produce and some plants. We have always maintained the Garden as an open community facility, as we believe it benefits the whole community to keep it that way. Secure fencing around the Garden would be costly, and we would like to avoid this. The Committee will be reviewing this situation during 2017, and will be taking some actions. In the meantime, engaging any unknown people with polite enquiries seems prudent.

### **Toilet**

The garden has a septic toilet, north of the Garden Room. Access key is on the key pad from the key box at each gate, and also via a key in the key safe (inside the garden room). A rostered group of members maintains the wellbeing of the toilet. Cleaning supplies are also located in the cupboard in the toilet. Please lock the toilet when finished.

### **Toolshed**

In 2016 a new, vastly superior toolshed was erected with funds from the former Barwon Heads Kindergarten, with construction by local builder Jason O'Neil and his staff. Internal fitting was completed by members. All tools are stored in here, and each plot holder may have his/her plastic storage bin. Bee keeping supplies are also stored here. Please keep this facility clean & neat, and lock it after use.

### **Used materials**

Donated materials such as plastic pots, milk cartons, stakes and baling twine are generally stored in bins along the west side of the garden. Members are encouraged to use these materials as needed in their gardens, as a useful form of recycling. Please endeavour to leave these areas tidy at all times. Members may also like to contribute suitable materials to Garden supplies. Donations of garden tools, barrows etc are also most welcome. Make sure however, that the materials are really "useful" and if in any doubt, please check with a Committee Member. Please do not "offload" unwanted items from your home, as the Garden then has to spend valuable time and money having these items removed!

### **Water system**

We are not connected to the Barwon Water system. Instead, we have an independent rainwater collection system, consisting of 2 x 29450 litre water tanks feeding off the building roofs. This is connected to a pressure pump system which supplies water to all taps and the toilet. For security, the tank taps have padlocks, the keys to which are located in the key safe. Three garden taps are also secured by removable handles, which are locked in a key safe attached to the garden tap closest to the main gate. The key pad is coded the same as the other two. Please remember to return the tap handle and to close and lock the key safe after use. It is imperative that taps are turned off completely when you are finished watering. The hoses are not designed to withstand prolonged high pressure, and it is likely that the water pressure may "blow off" hose fittings, resulting in considerable water loss. Watering cans are also available near the tool shed.

Our water supply is generally adequate for reasonable garden use. An occasional deep water is more effective than brief, frequent waters. Watering towards dusk is better for the plants and is more efficient. Generous mulching also reduces the need for water. If our water supply becomes critically low users will be advised of any needed restrictions. We will purchase extra water if needed.

Rainwater systems are dependent on regular cleaning of gutters and tank filters. This is a task to be undertaken regularly at working bees.

Members are advised that the water supply is untreated and may not be suitable for drinking.

Note that we do not have a hot water system, and thus the tap on the outdoor sink operates only in the "cold" direction. If hot water is needed, it can be heated in the urn or kettle inside the Garden Room.

### **Workshops:**

BHCAG organises several workshops throughout the year, on a range of topics of interest to gardeners and the general community. These will often have a practical aspect (eg fruit tree pruning), or an arts focus. Members will be informed of workshops and will have priority in booking.

If you have any skills or knowledge that you would like to demonstrate at a workshop, please contact the President or any Committee Member.

### **Worm farms**

Currently we have two active worm farms, located in old bathtubs on the west side of the Garden, next to the compost bins. The worms are regularly “fed” garden waste, and their home is covered with carpeting for sun protection. “Contributions” of chopped kitchen waste will be welcomed by our worms, but please do not put in citrus, onions, or eggshells. Worm “wee” constantly accumulates in the buckets below the baths, and excess “wee” is stored in nearby plastic containers. Worm wee is particularly helpful in assisting the growth of new plants, and is best diluted 1 part to 10 before application. The “wee” is available to all members. See Contacts Section on the Website for the person currently in charge of the worms.

## **Feedback**

Please use this page to tell your Committee about any areas of concern you have about the operation of the BHCAG, and about any omissions or errors you have found in these guidelines. It's your garden! Let's make it continue to be the special place we want it to be.

## Contacts and Key Dates 2017

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## Key Dates

AGM	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017
Committee Meetings	Approximately every 6 weeks. Proposed dates for 2017: Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> March, 6 <sup>th</sup> May, 17 <sup>th</sup> June, 29 <sup>th</sup> July, 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 21 <sup>st</sup> October, 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Working Bees /Garden Gathering	Usually 10.00-13.00, last Sunday of the month, but variations occur. Jan 29, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28, Jun 25, Jul 30, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 29, Nov 26