

## BHCAG Membership Form

### How to become involved:

Come along to any of our regular meetings or community events advertised in *Talking Heads* and in local cafes. Better still, become a member!

### Contact Details:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Membership: (please circle)

Friend of the Garden: \$15

Annual Plot Holder: \$60

Half Plot: \$30

Please tick if you wish to be part of Garden sub-groups (receive group-specific emails etc)

Sustainability Group

Beekeeping Group

### Please send your form/fees to:

BHCAG Membership Secretary  
C/Post Office Box  
Barwon Heads 3227

### More Information:

**Website:** [www.bhartsgarden.com](http://www.bhartsgarden.com) Information on the Garden, a Calendar of Events, and a comprehensive Garden User's Guide.

**Facebook:** [BarwonHeadsCommunityArtsGarden](https://www.facebook.com/BarwonHeadsCommunityArtsGarden)

**Instagram:** [@barwonheadsgarden](https://www.instagram.com/@barwonheadsgarden)

**Email:** [info@bhartsgarden.com](mailto:info@bhartsgarden.com)

## Something for Everyone...

### Our Community Garden:

- Is an organic system based on Permaculture principles
- Is an environmental demonstration site, showcasing:
  - organic vegetable production
  - drought tolerant species
  - bee keeping
  - mulching and water management techniques, demonstrating innovative water practices
  - composting and worm farms
  - recycling and the use of recycled materials
  - other methods of sustainable living
- Has a communal kitchen garden and private plots
- Has an irrigated poly house for seed propagation and growing plants
- Features garden art and sculpture
- Is accessible to all including people with disabilities and the aged
- Has a safe playing space for children
- Has a meeting room, outside kitchen, wood-fired pizza oven, and an undercover gathering space for meetings and workshops.

## A community garden at your doorstep...



## Barwon Heads Community Arts Garden

**“Community Gardens are places where people come together to grow fresh food, to learn, relax and make new friends”**

Australian City Farms and  
Community Gardens Network

# The Barwon Heads Community Arts Garden

## History of the Garden: Key Dates

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

## Current Garden Projects

**Redeveloping children's play area**

**Construction of new, larger garden shed**

**Developing a garden gazebo**

**Enhancing the fire pit and seating in the Citrus - Circle**

*The Garden is located in Moonah Gates Park, 38 Geelong Road, Barwon Heads, on land provided at nominal rent by the City of Greater Geelong, and with ongoing support from COGG. The garden was begun in June 2007, and continues to grow and develop. The Garden operation is overseen by an elected Committee, and consists of communal garden areas, and individual plots (about 24). There is also an affiliated Sustainability Group and a Beekeeping Group, and a garden meeting room which can be hired by members of the public.*

## **Vision:**

The BHCAG is a community-based Permaculture garden. As well as being a place for gardening, the space is used for gatherings and for the creation and display of art, and is a living example and ongoing experiment in living green.

## **The BHCAG Mission:**

- To actively build community
- To include people from all walks of life
- To encourage the sharing of skills and resources
- To utilize and demonstrate Permaculture principles
- To grow food locally
- To provide experiences and education for sustainable living

## **Benefits of Community Gardening**

Community gardening has a range of benefits for all members of the local community, including health, social, educational and environmental

### • **Health**

Gain the nutritional benefits of organic food and improve your mental health- gardening is meditative and relaxing

### • **Social**

Enjoy an inclusive community environment: making friends, sharing common interests, and engaging in creative problem solving

### • **Educational**

The garden provides a space for learning and skills sharing, environmental awareness and education. Art workshops water-wise techniques and sustainability demonstrations take place on site. The BHCAG has an active sustainability group which aims to assist and educate the community in broad aspects of sustainable living.

### • **Enriching the Urban Environment**

Using under-utilised land, encouraging passive and active recreation, encouraging communication between councils and the local community.