

The District Council of Robe recognises community gardening as a valuable recreational activity that contributes to health and wellbeing, positive social interaction, community development, environmental education and sustainable principles.

The Council Community Garden beds are to be used for growing produce or flowers for personal use or for demonstrating gardening involving schools or groups.

Council's responsibility is limited to the provision of the garden beds and water to the site.

GARDEN BEDS

- Gardeners can officially garden at the Council Community Garden Beds after this application has been approved, and the assignment of a garden bed number.
- The period of agreement to use a Council Community Garden Bed is 12-months from date of assignment.
- Garden bed agreements are renewed every 12-months, provided there is no waiting list. If a waiting list exists, the next person on the list will be given the opportunity to take over the garden bed. Should they decline, you will have the option to renew your agreement for another 12-months.
- Garden beds are assigned to one person and are not transferable. Others may garden at your site, but responsibility lies with the individual whose name is assigned to the garden bed.
- If you wish to give up your garden bed within the 12-month period, you are welcome to do so. This will allow the bed to be assigned to someone else on the waiting list.

GARDEN BED MAINTENANCE & EXPECTATIONS

- Gardeners must maintain their garden bed and the surrounding area.
- Garden beds which are not maintained may be reassigned.
- Allotments are not to be fenced.
- Erection/installation of any infrastructure must not be undertaken without the prior written permission of Council.
- Produce grown cannot be sold for profit.
- Invasive weeds and illegal plants are not permitted in garden beds. If such plants are found, the agreement will be terminated, and the plantings will be removed.
- If, for any reason, you will be temporarily unable to maintain your garden bed, please inform Council.

GARDENERS, FAMILY AND PETS

- In the spirit of cooperation, all gardeners will treat the garden, other gardeners, neighbours, and visitors with respect and consideration.
- Harvesting (stealing) from others' garden beds without authorisation will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the garden.
- Children are welcome at the garden, when accompanied and fully supervised by an adult.
- Pets are not permitted in the Community Garden space.
- Users need to be a resident or ratepayer of the District Council of Robe, and over the age of 18.



OTHER INFORMATION

- The Council Community Garden is managed (as near as possible) according to the principles of organic gardening, due to the observation that organic gardening techniques are generally safer than the use of many synthetic gardening products.
- In accordance with best practice community gardening, we use water conservatively to minimise its consumption.
- We use compost as a garden fertiliser to provide our plants with the nutrients they need to grow strong and healthy and to improve the moisture retention capacity of our garden soils.
- In addition to vegetables and herbs, community gardeners may grow plants of their choice, including flowers.
- Climbing plants such as beans and tomatoes are best grown on a trellis no higher than two metres so as not to cast shade on neighbouring garden beds.
- Taller fruit trees, trees and shrubs are not to be grown in the garden beds.
- Please ensure you are keeping the garden area safe, but maintaining it is a condition that is conducive to its safe use by gardeners and to visitors by non-gardeners.

Please complete this agreement and return to the District Council of Robe by:

Post:
PO Box 1, Robe SA 5276

Email:
council@robe.sa.gov.au

In person:
3 Royal Circus, Robe SA

APPLICANT DETAILS & AGREEMENT			
Name			
Postal Address		Postcode	
Phone Number			
Email Address			
<i>I have read and agree to abide by the above garden rules and guidelines and any decision made by the Council.</i>			
Signature		Date	/ /

Completing this form does not constitute approval, approval is provided when the applicant is issued with an approved application.

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Application Approved?	Yes	No
Commencement Date		
Garden Bed Number Assigned		
Renewal/End Date added to Calendar		
Name of Approving Officer		
Position		
Signed		
Date		

