

- A submission in support of Comm 1A2019/4818.

My name is Glenn Higoon, I have worked 2 days a week for nearly 4 years, and have seen many amazing things happen.

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We have a childrens area that is used by many mums and kids all days of the week. They can take the children to pick an assortment of fruits, vegies and eggs which is so important for the child's understand

The FFA food for all section has fed many who are in difficult situations, as well as those who donate money when taking food, education.

A new plant nursery has been supplying seedlings to the site as well as home growers at a reasonable price, to encourage this much need knowledge.

We are obtaining a ABN so we can work with govt to receive work for the Cole participants. This arrangement has allowed us to

develop the garden to a stage where we can be self-reliant, with minimum of grants applied for.

Such time Tuesday is internationally known. I speak to many overseas visitors who drop in after hearing about it in their own country.

An important role of the garden is to allow people to pay off fines incurred, for many it means they can still feed themselves as the fines handed out are appallingly high.

Because it is open space any can enter, among them are but a few thieves, troublemakers and those that disrespect the garden.

In short there is nowhere else like it in Aust. and needs to be not only preserved but supported.

We now have a management of gardeners and do seek your patience until things have settled in a bit more.

This submission could be seen a bias but I have worked in

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many community gardens and never seen a complete atmosphere which profits so much of the community.

Kind Regards

GLEN HIGSON.

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Dear Council

Love &

Community gardens.

Nourishing Refreshing

Place for gathering community

caring even children's birthday

Pantries &

As a local councillor wanted

i have seen many incidents of  
value ... like a divorcing family

still maintaining the family plot together  
after several years separation.

Originally I walked the land with  
JANIS BRATTAN and have seen it grow  
nourish & flourish with people and

plants. YES RENEW LICENSE. love hiker.

Yes

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For Community Gardens

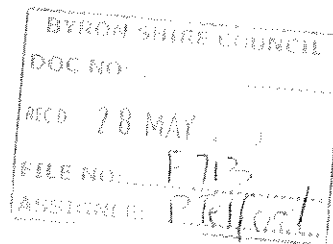
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Harry Scott  
C/O 731 Left Bank Rd  
Mullumbimby Creek  
2482

27 May 2019



(M. 7 357117)

To Byron Shire Council,

RE: Mullumbimby Community Garden (MCG)

I wish to add my voice in support of the Mullumbimby Community Garden's submission to the Council.

The Garden area is a delightful and inspiring place to visit. I am surprised by varying degrees of community support this organisation contributes. They include...

- ◆ Gardening plots
- ◆ Organic & Bio-dynamic Workshops
- ◆ Permaculture & Horticulture Courses (Byron College of Education)
- ◆ Tuesday lunches (provided at low cost)
- ◆ State Debt Recovery Community Service (working off Fines)
- ◆ Work for the Dole Program (CentreLink)
- ◆ Food for All Program (public access to produce)
- ◆ Community Play Group (for Mum's and Babies)

I would like to record my appreciation of the meals provided, the gardening and knowledge that is available from workshops offered. The support offered to parents who participate in the weekly singing and play groups for babies and children is heartening and in some cases very necessary. The permaculture and horticulture courses offered by Byron College of Education are also valuable community assets. The availability of paying fines through State Debt Recovery and the Work for the Dole program are also valuable community assets. The availability of gardening plots has assisted many financially and socially.

The Mullumbimby Community Garden is making a significant contribution to the social well being of the community.

Personally I love to walk through the gardens with friends and we always admire the variety and ingenuity of the botanical wonders displayed. If this submission is intended to determine a financial advantage to the MCG I hope you will be generous.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Harry Scott'.

Harry Scott  
Byron Bay Bananas Pty Ltd

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Kaye Groves  
312 Left Bank Rd.  
2482  
27/8/2019

Dear Council

PN 239417

...am not sure what this submission is required for...Is there danger to the continuation of the Mullumbimby Community Gardens?...or perhaps you will assist us in our community endeavours?

I have deep appreciation for the efforts of those involved in this very valuable community asset. Personally I have witnessed many from near and far praise it in so many ways. Of course we have had our difficulties but resolutions have lead to improvements. For example we have advanced in the restoration of State Debt Recovery and Work for the Dole projects. Our Food For All program and Tuesday lunches, though they don't always bring abundant returns are valuable for those in need. Our finances are now sustainable.

Without going into detail of the many events, workshops and social capital assets available to the community I hope you appreciate this wonderful facility and regard it favourably for further assistance.

With thanks for past assistance,

Sincerely,

*Kaye Groves*

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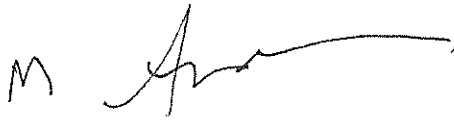
Dear Council,

This is a submission to say how I love taking my grandchildren to the Community Garden. It offers an opportunity for children (and adults) to explore the art of growing food in a safe and structured environment. From an educational point of view it provides a connection to the food we eat.

Yours sincerely

Melinda Andreas  
31 Station St.  
Mullubimby.

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PN. 239417

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In Loving Support of  
the Continuation of the

Mullumbimby Community

Gardens

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Hi, my name is

Roddy Thornton, I've been  
a Food For All Manager  
here at the MCG for about  
8 years, and I completely  
appreciate that I can help  
produce fresh organic fruit and  
vegetables that are available



seasonally, to the entire public, every day of the year.

I strongly advocate our continuation as a community body on this glorious piece of land that we've all worked <sup>on</sup> as Volunteers for more than 10 years.

I also appreciate the support we've received from you, our council over this time.

Huge Appreciation + Love, Paddy

Proposed Licence Part Lot 22 DP 1073165.

I'm submitting a short letter to say the Community Garden is an invaluable community resource.

I personally have had a private allotment for 3 years + grow organic vegetables, fruits + herbs.

The area of the community garden called "the children's garden", is a safe oasis where mothers, fathers families come to relax + spend time in nature. On Wednesdays at 10:30 the women have a choir there with the babies + kiddos.

I find many people of all walks of life visit the gardens to wander, learn skills how to grow + plant food or simply meet with groups or friends.

It is an oasis in the middle of mullumbidgee that must be preserved as it is.

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The caretakers are committed strong individuals who give of their time + expertise to make the garden, the community garden a sanctuary.  
 Shelagh Rose.

To Byron Shire Council

We, the undersigned really appreciate the quality and value of Mullumbimby Community Garden and especially our Tuesday lunches. We thank you for your support.

NAME	POSTCODE	SIGNATURE
Kaye Groves	2482	P. Kaye Groves
Shelagh Rose	2481	S. Rose
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Sonja Davies	2480	S. Davies

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Aarav Narasingu		A. Narasingu
Leah Gawn	2482	L. Gawn
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Genevieve Lee	2482	G. Lee
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Andy Le Noury	2481	A. Le Noury
Karen Mearns	2481	K. Mearns

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Ratier Maroney	2482	
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Ben Herkwell	2482	
Ilaco Guedes	2483	
LIAM MANLEY	2481	
Kuwani Angel	2483	
Louis Joe		
Jade Hadden	2482	
Bel Morgan	2482	
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Mano Filizop	2482	
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**Telford, Paula**

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**From:** caspar brace <caspar.brace@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 May 2019 12:11 AM  
**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** Fwd: General Manager

Caspar Brace

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**From:** caspar brace <[caspar.brace@gmail.com](mailto:caspar.brace@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, May 28, 2019 at 9:32 PM  
**Subject:** General Manager  
**To:** <[submissions@byron.nsw.au](mailto:submissions@byron.nsw.au)>

Hello there,            Tuesday 28th May 2019

I wish to make it known that I wholeheartedly support the endorsement of a further 5 year license be granted to the fantastic and brilliantly successful Community Garden based in Mullumbimby.

This project is cutting edge community response to the direct and very real threats to cohesive community food supplies...

Here there is a safe haven to share and learn how to grow food in Mullum.

Best keep it going and support it completely to achieve its needs., whilst addressing the real needs of those against the project.

Thank you, and sincerely,  
Caspar Brace

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MT & PN Went  
148 Stuart Street  
Mullumbimby NSW 2482

21 May 2019

Mr. M. Arnold  
General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219  
Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Re: Proposed licence to occupy Part Lot 22 DP 1073165 for a community garden

Thank you for your letter dated 1 May 2019 reference no.: #E2019/27217.

We object to the licence being issued.

The Mullumbimby Community Garden has been the source of many problems in this neighbourhood.

It is continually used as a camping ground and many of its campers, who are generally itinerants, behave anti-socially, are noisy, are drug affected and pose security problems for the neighbourhood.

There have been numerous noisy parties at the community gardens.

We have experienced people staying at the community gardens coming onto our property and into our house (garage) uninvited. Generally they are drug affected and some have been alcohol affected.

We have been abused and threatened.

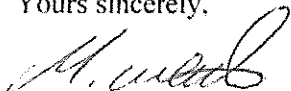
This anti-social behaviour can occur at any time but mostly it happens at night and sometimes very late at night.

We have no reason to think that a change of name to Mullum SEED will improve anything. We expect things will get worse.

Finally, like the rezoning of the sportsfields fiasco, we object to the identification of the site not including the street name – Stuart Street. This appears to be an attempt by Council to hide the exact location of the planned activities.

Council informed the community when it bought the land in 2004 that it would be used for sportsfields. It used developer contributions levied to provide active open space - sportsfields. It should be developed for sportsfields.

Yours sincerely,



(MT Went)

**Telford, Paula**

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**From:** Dale Rhodes <rhodes.dale@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 May 2019 1:41 PM  
**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** new lease for Community Garden in Mullumbimby

To whom it may concern,

Regarding the letter you sent about the lease for the Community Garden in Mullumbimby:

Living at 152 Stuart St Mullumbimby we are across the creek from the Community Garden and the nearest neighbour. We have always supported the Garden, however we would like certain things taken into account with this lease:

1. The Community Garden is a de facto free camp ground and public housing project.

I have on numerous occasions over the past five years had to call the police due to sometimes violent disturbances among people living in the Community Garden. The more buildings/rotundas/sheds etc that are built, the more people live and or camp in these structures. Every night after the people who work in the gardens go home, a whole new world in the Gardens begins. This is not an occasional occurrence, it is more or less ongoing. I have had to intervene in fights, beatings, loud and violent altercations on many many occasions.

Again, the people who work in/run the Community Garden are away in their own homes when we have our lives disrupted, ongoingly and sometimes violently, by this very foreseeable consequence of creating a de facto housing project at the gardens.

It is obvious that if you build covered spaces and open kitchens etc these are going to be occupied by people. We would request that the Community Garden remains just that - a garden, and not a de facto public housing and free camping establishment. (I am all in favour of more free public housing in Mullumbimby, but in a planned and considered way.)

We would like the current structures - as much as possible - to be removed to stop what is an ongoing issue for neighbours.

2. Non-gardening Events.

We totally accept that there will be events such as permaculture workshops etc held at the Gardens and have no issue with that. However the Gardens tend to turn into a venue for other events from entertainment to music to drumming workshops etc.

Again, can the Community Garden restrict itself to it's core function as a garden.

3. Dogs.

We have spent the past five or six years trying to create a wildlife-friendly environment along Saltwater Creek and have succeeded in this to some extent. We have over 80 species of birds on our property and on the creek and riparian zone between the creek and the Community Gardens. We have over 15 species of



birds breeding on our property and across in the riparian zone. Also possums, echidnas, dragons, blue tongues, pythons and five other species of snake etc.

We have achieved this mainly by not allowing any access whatsoever to dogs, and trying as much as possible to keep cats away.

Despite this we regularly get dogs in the Gardens, and often coming from the gardens to wreak havoc in and around the Creek. It appears that even among people who claim to be on the side of the environment, having a dog trumps wildlife every time. And it gets very tiring, having had a dog destroy the nests and even adults of ducks, pheasant coucals, swamphens, moorhens, etc to have the dog owner express their surprise at what their dog has done. Everyone is always convinced that their dog does not do this and has never done this before.

This has happened too many times and is too destructive. Some people will be aware that even the smell of dog can keep many species of wildlife away from an area. Let alone barking and the immediate presence.

We would request an absolute ban on dogs in the Community Garden. Can we please acknowledge that our native wildlife deserves these tiny, very occasional spaces to be without the terror of being hunted by dogs. Yes, even the lovely fluffy ones.

No dogs - plus a sign to educate people about why. Perhaps the Garden can play a small part in a wider battle to preserve wild species all over the shire. We all want to stop Adani, but are we prepared to stop choosing dogs over wildlife?

In short, we wholeheartedly support a Community Garden that is a peaceful, pro-wildlife garden.

Sincerely,

Dale Rhodes

**Telford, Paula**

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**From:** Cath Church <cathchurch22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 May 2019 2:40 PM  
**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** Proposed Licence Mullumbimby Community Garden

Dear Sir,

I would like to make a submission regarding the proposed licence to Mullumbimby SEED, formerly known as Mullumbimby Community Garden as advertised in the Byron Shire Echo.

I am a nearby resident of the community garden and have over the years, made many phone calls, sent emails, had meetings with General Managers, tours of the community gardens with Councillors, and addressed Council at Council meetings regarding the total disregard to the conditions of their lease/licence agreement from the beginning. I am flabbergasted that this group has been allowed to continue leasing this Council owned area considering that -

- 1) They construct buildings on the land without any permission from Council and beg forgiveness when caught.
- 2) Have heavy machinery come in and dig huge holes and drains throughout the land to ease flooding of the area without permission from Council, and with total disregard to the effect this may have on surrounding properties. If this had been done on my privately owned land, I would have been at the very least, directed to submit a DA, if not hit with a huge fine. No DA has ever been submitted for these works.
- 3) Import unauthorised fill to construct sheds on without Council permission and only submit a DA for the sheds, not the fill, when they are caught six months later, and then ignore the conditions imposed by Council in the consent for the existing shed. Then only a month or so ago, commence constructing what looked to be another shed on the unauthorised fill.
- 4) When caught setting up speakers for amplified music at an event on a Friday by compliance officers (community garden knew that this is not permissible), and told to dismantle them, they have the event on the weekend when they know that staff are not around and proceed to have amplified music anyway.
- 5) Have roosters on site when they have been instructed on numerous occasions that this is not permissible.
- 6) Have people sleeping on site, many with dogs, lighting fires, and making noise throughout the night disturbing residents and do nothing to alleviate the problem. The simple solution would have been to have a six foot chain wire fence around the area that is padlocked at dusk. All previous requests for this have been ignored by the community garden.

The above are only a few examples of the "law unto themselves" attitude that residents have had to live with for the past ten years. If any of these breaches and the multitude of others that have been reported over the years, had occurred under a private lease, the community garden at the very least would not have had their lease renewed, but would more likely have been evicted.

There is also the question of how the community garden has morphed into something other than a community garden, when on the adopted Plan of Management for the sports fields, the area is to only be used for the purposes of a community garden. This change was done without any consultation with adjoining neighbours. Having extensively travelled throughout Australia, I have had the opportunity to see many community gardens set up in many different communities and have never seen anything resembling the so called community garden in Mullumbimby. The gardens that I have seen have neatly organised small

plots, a small garden shed for storing implements and sometimes a small stall to sell any excess fruit and vegetables, with the money from such sales being used for maintenance of the area or purchasing garden implements. The Mullumbimby community garden is a ramshackle mess with weeds and rubbish everywhere, and a multitude of buildings plonked where ever there is a bit of space to be used for “who knows what” purposes.

The residents have had enough and it is time that the licence of the current community garden area be cancelled and the land cleared of all buildings and rubbish and that the unauthorised drainage works be reinstated to natural ground levels, as it is and always has been apparent that the Licence Agreement in this instance, is a worthless piece of paper.

Regards,

Cath Church