

*If you'd like to join us as a volunteer please read the attached code of conduct/ health and safety document and complete the registration form.*

*We'd love to have you as part of the team.*



*He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate- bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts.*

*(Psalm 104: 14-15 NIV)*

# *Welcome to* **The Little Church Garden**



An initiative of the Anglican Parish of Ipswich

## Our History:

The idea of creating a garden space at the decommissioned site of the former St John's Anglican Church, at 82 Blackall St, Basin Pocket, was fermenting in the minds of a few Ipswich Parish parishioners for several years. After examining information gleaned from organisations such as Uniting Earth and Angligreen concerning various garden outreach projects it was agreed to plan the project following the community food movement initiative which focusses on a fostering of hospitality and the development of relationships through the growing of food.

### Organisational Structure and Governance:

The Little Church Garden is being developed on private land owned by the Anglican Diocese of Southern Queensland. As such, its committee of management is a sub-committee of the Parish Council of St Paul's, Ipswich. Reporting of activities and all aspects of governance (e.g. Work Place Health and Safety, Insurance, Permitted land use, Codes of Conduct) must be compliant with those prescribed by the governing Diocese. The management committee is required to report regularly to the Parish Council and is to provide an Annual report to the Annual General Meeting of the Parish in Feb

### Our Vision Statement:

To use a garden to build relationships between the Church community and the local community, with a focus on the Basin Pocket area and to demonstrate care for God's creation through striving for organic, sustainable production of food, incorporating responsible resource management.

### Mission Statement:

To create a welcoming, peaceful, productive and beautiful food growing space for the community to appreciate, enjoy and share, through participation, teaching and learning

### Our Values:



### Objectives:

- ◇ To develop a place that facilitates hospitality
- ◇ To become a vibrant garden hub where people of different generations and cultures will visit daily
- ◇ To encourage people to contribute to the productivity of the garden according to their abilities
- ◇ To develop a place where we will educate others and ourselves in sustainable gardening and living

### What will becoming an LCG volunteer offer?

- The opportunity to connect with others in the local community
- Participation in positive and healthy activities
- Enjoyment of developing new friendships with likeminded people
- Gathering knowledge and sharing ideas on sustainable garden practices
- Enjoying the benefits of fresh, seasonal, locally grown produce and other garden outputs.

### Our commitment to you

We undertake to ensure that as an LCG volunteer, you:

- ◆ Be kept informed about all activities and events organised for the garden community
- ◆ Have your personal details kept private by the Community Garden Management Group
- ◆ Are able to offer suggestions to improve the sustainability and management of the gardens
- ◆ Can assist in implementing the Code of Conduct by reminding others of its contents, if necessary
- ◆ Feel safe within the garden and be treated with respect by all garden community members
- ◆ Be allocated tasks within the garden appropriate to your ability
- ◆ Participate with other garden members in the equitable distribution of the garden produce
- ◆ Can participate safely in your garden activities
- ◆ Have access to open garden events before bookings are available to non-volunteers (e.g. for garden workshops).
- ◆ Have grievances heard and resolved in accordance with the Anglican Diocese of Southern Queensland's Dispute Resolution Policies.