**Murramarang Community Garden**

**MINUTES**

**MCG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Friday 18 June 2021**

**2PM**

**Chair:** Neil Brown

1. **Present:** Harley Delves, Cathy Delves, Judith Carroll, Don Davidson, Richard Lake, Klas Johansson, Robyn Johansson, Ewen Sussman
2. **Apologies:** Barbara White, Judy Cook.
3. **Business arising from Minutes of previous meeting:**
4. Don advised on work to date on repairing the *Fig Enclosure*. He reminded the meeting that we had previously voted to use Polypropylene mesh instead of wire because of the cost advantage. He will go ahead and purchase the mesh, as agreed.

 He has pruned the fig trees and will treat with Confidor as soon as new growth appears.

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the MCG Management Committee Meeting 23 April 2021 be accepted.

**Moved:** Neil

**Seconded:** Don

**All in Favour:** carried

1. **Garden Managers Report –** Harley reported that the new car park provided by ANU was getting plenty of use and thanked ANU for its construction.

He commented that MCG is celebrating our 10th Anniversary and that we are all, too, 10 years older and so are our timber-framed beds. Many of these original structures are now coming apart at the corners. Many thanks to Klas, Don, Richard and Neil for refurbishing these plots, one at a time.

Special thanks to Robyn Johansson who summitted our successful grant to the Veolia Mulwaree Trust, allowing us to purchase equipment to keep our grassed areas at bay. Thanks to Doug for the many years of mowing…we hope that he continues the upkeep of the grass by using our new equipment.

Recently we finished construction of a flower bed adjacent to our morning tea area. It is constructed using a “dry stone wall” method and has been planted with native species from our area, planted in a special light-grain topsoil. Most of the work was undertaken by Neil as a memorial to our first garden manager, Malcolm Salmon who sadly passed away in recent years.

Last Sunday (13 June) we had our usual stall at the Murramarang Market at Kioloa. Our stall takings were $270, our wine raffle $116 and prior herb sales to Merry Street Restaurant were $100 – making a total of $486. Thanks to all who participated by harvesting produce and working on the stall, including our “wine spruiker”, Noel and Jocelyn, Ewen, Harley, Cathy, Leonie and Richard who worked on the stall.

**Moved:** Judith **-** that the Garden Managers report be accepted

**Seconded** – Cathy

**All in Favour:** carried

**5. Treasurers Report**

Richard reported that we currently have a balance of $10, 563.86 in the bank, with $3000 being funding from the successful *Veolia Mulwaree Trust* grant. Approximately $8000 of the total amount is from funding for specific purposes.

Klas and Robyn will continue to work with Richard on further developing our financial reporting systems, especially in relation to developing a “forward budget”.

**Moved:** Ewen - that the Treasurers Report be accepted

**Seconded:** Don

**All in Favour -** carried

1. **Other Business**

Klas reminded the committee of the planning strategy he has developed for the “Plot Rebuild” program (details circulated by email to all committee members prior to the meeting). He reminded the meeting that we were successful in obtaining a $2000 grant from SCC specifically for this program.

He has costed the rebuilding of those plots that are in most need of attention (9 plots) and suggested that the plot rebuild is a gradual process that will take at least the rest of the year to accomplish.

Klas recommended that we purchase “Sienna” treated sleepers in bulk for cost savings and for the convenience of having the sleepers on hand when required. They can be stored behind the potting shed. It was suggested that we inquire about establishing a Trade Account with Bunnings.

**Moved**: Klas

**Seconded:** Don

**All in Favour –** carried

1. Klas and Robyn reported on the grant they have gained for MCG through the Office of Federal MP Fiona Phillips. This grant, for $4750, is for the MOWBILITY project and will augment the funding of $4000 granted by **The Veolia Mulwaree Trust** for a similar project.

It was agreed that the latest funding will be used to purchase further equipment to facilitate the Mowbilityproject.

Klas will oversee the relocation of equipment and materials from the container shed to Sandra’s shed to make room for new infrastructure.

**Motion: Klas:** that Robyn and Klas acquit the latest grant by purchasing appropriate equipment.

**Seconded:** Judith

**All in Favour –** carried

1. **Date of AGM**

Judith asked the committee to agree on a date for our **AGM**, followed by a **GM.**

**Saturday 21 August** was the date chosen for the AGM.

An **MCG Management Committee** will be held the day before (20 Aug) at 10AM at the garden.

**All in Favour –** carried

1. **Judith:** Judith reported on plans to hold an event at the garden site on **Saturday 24 July,** to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of MCG and to present our outgoing President, Ewen Sussman, with honorary Life Membership of MCG and to appoint him as our Patron. The award will be presented by the **Mayor of SCC, Amanda Findlay.**

Representatives from local Community groups and Service organisations will be invited to the event – e.g., RFS, MR Kioloa, Sport and Rec., Bawley Point Kioloa Community Association.

Shane Paul, KCC Site Manager will welcome the community to the site on behalf of ANU. A morning tea, arranged by Leonie, Marie and Judy will follow the event formalities.

Representatives from **The Veolia Mulwaree Trust** will be invited to the event and will be thanked for their support of MCG.

It is hoped that the event will be a celebration of all that we have achieved in the previous decade and to thank those who have made our success possible. Our acknowledgement of Ewen Sussman will also recognise his key role in our establishment in 2010.

Judith will keep the committee informed as preparation for this event develops.

1. Judith drew attention to an anomaly that has arisen in keeping a register of our members. Up until 2013 the MCG Secretary was responsible for maintaining this register, however, in 2013 a new Secretary was elected and at this time it was decided, for reasons unknown, that the Treasurer would keep this register. This has been the policy of MCG until this year (2021).

However, *The Department of Fair Trading* “Model Constitution” (on which the MCG Constitution and Plan of Management is based), clearly states that:

“The secretary must establish and maintain a register of members of the association (whether in written or electronic form) specifying the name and postal, residential or email address of each person who is a member of the association, together with the date on which the person became a member”.

Judith informed the committee that in order to comply with Dept. of Fair Trading requirements we should reinstate the Secretary as the person responsible for establishing and maintaining a register of members. She will therefore reinstate the EXCEL file previously used to keep membership records.

It will be necessary to work with Richard in transferring all the membership details that he presently holds.

**Motion:** proposed byJudith – That MCG follow *Dept. of Fair Trading* requirements and transfer the membership register from the Treasurer to the Secretary.

**Seconded:**  Klas

 **All in Favour –** carried

**The meeting closed at 3.40 PM**