**Murramarang Community Garden**

**MINUTES**

**MCG COMMITTEE**

**Saturday 4 July 2015**

**10 AM at garden site**

**Chair:** Ewen Sussman

**1.Present:** Jocelyn Sussman, Harley Delves, Sybille Davidson, Neil Brown, Judith Carroll, Doug Howarth

**2. Apologies:** There were no apologies

**3. Reports:**

*Treasurers Report*

Doug Howarth reported that MCG currently has $7804.02 in the bank on 30 June 2015. $7700 was recently paid for the new access road, and he advised that we should leave $3300 for the completion of the new solar system. Doug is to attend a NSW Dept. Fair Trading seminar to be held at Batemans Bay, to gain information about the responsibilities of elected committees of community associations.

**4. General Business**

* Harley and Jocelyn spoke about the location of the Blueberry plantation. Don Davidson has designed a frame that will allow the trees to be meshed during fruiting season. Discussion ensued about the best location for the trees and it was finally decided that an area south of the Hazelnut trees, along the western boundary of the garden, would be ideal. Harley and Don have staked out the plot ready for digging at the Working Bee next week.
* Preparation of herb bed – Sybille reminded the committee that we have lost 2 of our original herb plots and therefore we should be preparing an already agreed upon area for planting herbs – agreed that this should proceed as soon as possible.
* Judith briefly mentioned the possibility of MCG applying for a grant, jointly with the Ulladulla TAFE Horticulture Course (Malcolm Salmon), to offer part-time employment to a student studying Horticulture – agreed that she could proceed with inquiries.
* Purchase of mulching lawnmower – Neil Brown has obtained quotes for a suitable machine from Ken Matthews and Bay Mowers - $600 for a Victa 19 inch Mulcher/catcher. Motion that we should go ahead with purchase – moved by Sybille, seconded by Jocelyn, passed unanimously.
* A bed of lucerne is to be planted beside the northern boundary fence, just up from the Bana grass. Harley and Jocelyn will propagate the lucerne prior to planting on site.
* Rhubarb and asparagus beds are to be extended.
* Sybille has raised several fig trees and wishes to plant them out soon. A site beside the toilet area was identified as suitable and it was agreed that 3 trees would be planted.
* A truckload of sawdust is to be purchased for mulching blueberries – old sawdust already laid on internal path is to be used as mulch (less acidic) and will be relaced with new sawdust. Harley will investigate cost of sawdust.
* Harley suggested that we use our utes to collect soil displaced by the grading of the access road – this soil will be used to build up beds. Jocelyn cautioned about introducing more weeds into the garden.
* Doug has constructed a loading platform for unloading his ride-on mower from his ute. He has volunteered to use his mower for maintenance of grassed areas of the site.
* ***THE AGM WILL BE HELD ON 15 AUGUST AT 10am AT THE GARDEN.***

**Meeting closed at 11 am**.