



Murramarang Community Garden
Growing Food Together

MCG Committee Meeting Minutes 8th March 2014

Chair: Ewan Sussman

Apologies:

Items of Business:

1. Business Arising from last meeting. - will be dealt with in agenda item 6
2. Treasurers Report given
3. Garden Managers Report given
4. Continued maintenance of the website

None of us have the time or expertise, Sandra thinks we should offer some payment, committee agrees & thinks we ask Sharon and will leave to Sandra to the negotiation, Sharon will maintain the website for the next 6 months for \$200.

5. Toilet structure

Rods input - explained toilet design - designed so reduces the need for little slope for ramp or steps - small concrete pads with post supports-6, then some beams to support the deck, screw fixed, form basis to construct turnip shape, metal galvanised steel angles, 3x1 dressed will bend sufficiently to give the shape, connected at the base, maybe halfway up and at the top with a steel ring, exhaust will come up adjacent to where ppl sit and come out the top, could put a flag on it. Vertical door and then cladding. Malcolm suggested growing vines on it, or weather board with different colours, advantage of boards would be fixed, maybe allow glass for some light to come in. Or could put plaited material over it to look like a upside down basket, the idea of fabric or flexible makes the curved shape easier.

Ewen, asked about ply, thin or marine ply could be used. Have some weather board already here. Post supports and deck materials would need to be new. Have some turpentine posts, already have clivus. Approx costing maybe \$1000 or less. Ewen, tall structure - maintenance, Rod happy to start as soon as MCG approves - Committee approved plan to be put out to membership with the meeting minutes and give 2 weeks for any feedback. Rod asked how to get the clivus into the ground, Malcolm said a couple of guys and a ute and we can get it in the ground.

6. Easter Fair

Easter Fair - Sandra wants to be sure can rely on assistance, need someone to man the BBQ, Leon could help pick up BBQ & tables on Friday night and have ready to set up (2

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BBQ & will get back to Leon about how many tables) John will organise the chocolate wheel and Rod will run it as John is away. Organisation is under way.

7. How best to include the Wed/Thursday group in what is happening in the communal area.

The people who don't come on Saturday come down on Thursday - Malcolm suggest we replace Sharon committee membership with someone from Thursday group would improve communication. Leon suggested we invite someone from that group to nominate a committee representative, Ewen suggested that we appoint Malcolm to approach Thursday group and put the invite to them on behalf of the committee. Template from Judith to be further discussed when we have a new committee member possibly from other group.

8. Correspondence from Members

Letter from Helen –

re Ulladulla Garden Club - approx 60 people, and details visit for 14th May - would appreciate all gardens and garden area tidy. Visitors pay \$20 and \$10 goes to MCG, could use volunteers in kitchen for lunch \$5,
re: the recent Milton show - section for veg & fruit, made suggestion to MCG to have a stall but this did not go ahead, would like committee to consider planning for this next year. Helen volunteered to help with this - Tomatoes from Kirrilee preserved by Helen and got 1st, Cucumber from Jocelyn, preserved by Helen & relish from community garden zucchini and both got second prize. Committee votes to do it next year

Letters read out from D.Davidson & J. Carroll & N Brown, R. Sutherland & R. Murphy. Ewen & Malcolm personally spoke to these members, they don't think they should go out to general distribution but we will consider them – Malcolm suggests that he ask them for a nomination, would be added to the minutes as available on request, committee agrees with Sandra & Malcolm and the letters are available from the Secretary to any member that requests a copy.

John - There was reference in there that members threatened legal action and that is not true.

9. General Correspondence/matters – no other correspondence

John - reference to how we distribute the communal produce, review of plan of management amendment and part of that will be the distribution of produce. The original plan of management was drawn up before we had the new area and should be reviewed. All Plans of Management are usually reviewed every couple of years. Suggest the current plan be discussed at the next committee meeting. Committee unanimously agreed.