

Murramarang Community Garden Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Minutes

Held at garden site, ANU Kioloa Coastal Campus

10 September 2011 at 10AM

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ewen Sussman	President
Malcolm Salmon	Vice President
Judith Carroll	Secretary
Cecilia Spence	Treasurer
Jane Harris	Committee Member
Jocelyn Sussman	Committee Member
Sybille Davidson	Committee Member

APOLOGIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Sandra Worth, Sybille Davidson

APOLOGIES MEMBERS OF MCG

Margaret Hamon, Maggie Mance

There was an attendance of approximately 32 MCG members

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Commenced at 10.15 am

2. Minutes from Annual General Meeting of 14 November 2010

Motion: That the minutes be accepted

Proposed: Ewen Sussman Seconded: Jane Harris

Carried.

3. Reports

a) President's Report

The President read a report. See *Attachment A*

Motion: that the Presidents Report be accepted

Proposed: Cecilia Spence Seconded: Bill Powell

Carried.

b) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer read a report. See *Attachment B*

Motion: That the Treasurers' report be accepted

Proposed: Don Howarth Seconded: Judith Carroll

Carried.

4. Election of Committee 2011/12

The President declared all Committee positions vacant

A scrutineer was not needed as no voting was necessary to elect the new Committee.

Cecilia Spence withdrew her nomination for the position of Treasurer because of pressing commitments away from Bawley Point.

(a) Written Nominations

The Secretary advised that written nominations received were:

- Nominee: Ewen Sussman for the position of President
Proposed: Judith Carroll Seconded: Jocelyn Sussman

- Nominee: Malcolm Salmon for the position of Vice President
Proposed: Ewen Sussman Seconded: Judith Carroll

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Proposed: Ewen Sussman Seconded: Jane Harris

- Nominee: Sandra Worth for the position of Treasurer
Proposed: Judith Carroll Seconded: Ewen Sussman

- Nominee: Sybille Davidson for the position of Committee Member
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- Nominee: Doug Howarth for the position of Committee Member
Proposed: Ewen Sussman Seconded: Malcolm Salmon

- Nominee: Sharon Adler for the position of Committee Member
Proposed: Jane Harris Seconded: Malcolm Salmon

As no further written nominations were received, these people were declared duly elected.

5. CLOSE of Annual General Meeting

Meeting closed at 10.45 am

Attachment A

Annual Report 2011

Murramarang Community Garden ***Growing Food Together***

Ewen Sussman – President

Since incorporation in 2010, Murramarang Community Garden has made considerable progress, evidenced by the clearing and spraying of the site, construction of vermin-proof fencing, completion of 40 garden plots, planting of windbreaks and our first crops ready for harvesting and sharing with one and other. Our membership now totals over 60 local people – a wonderful reflection of the interest and enthusiasm of our community for our community garden!

Our garden was made possible by the enthusiasm and determination of a group of Bawley Point/Kioloa/Termeil residents and the generosity of ANU Coastal Campus in granting us the use of an irrigated 57m x 57m plot of ground.

An enthusiastic group of volunteers cleared the garden site of debris early in 2011 and constructed new fencing. Recycled materials from the site were used in the construction of compost and mulch bins and over 250 indigenous plants were planted for protection against prevailing summer and winter winds. Local businesses *Bawley Beach Café* and *Merry Street Restaurant and Bar* provide a regular supply of vegetable peelings for our compost bins.

Working bees are held every Saturday where gardeners construct beds, build garden infrastructure using recycled materials and share their knowledge about growing vegetables. Progressively our garden plots have been taken up as follows:

- 21/5/11 - 10 plots;
- 28/6/11 – 19 plots;
- 13/8/11 – 32 plots.
- 10/9/11 - 40 plots

When finances allow more garden plots are to be constructed to accommodate the growing membership of MCG and a children's play area will be constructed along with a shade house and potting shed.

Our garden manager Malcolm Salmon has expertly guided MCG members in the construction of garden infrastructure and the installation of a watering system. He allocates beds suitable for individual needs (for example, people with mobility problems are allocated higher beds) and he regularly liaises with ANU Kioloa Coastal Campus management.

Plans for workshops for children in growing, harvesting and cooking vegetables are already well advanced.

The MCG Management Committee has submitted several applications for funding to a variety of organizations and has received \$6000 in grants. In May the *The Veolia Mulwaree Trust* granted us \$4400 towards our establishment costs and recently a *Clubs NSW* grant totaling \$1500 was awarded to us. An Easter fund-raising fair raised almost \$2000.

This money has been used exclusively for the purchase of sleepers for the construction of beds, installation of an irrigation system and soil to fill beds.

Everyone in our community is welcome at the garden – membership costs only \$5 PA.
Some people share a plot and everyone shares the produce that is grown!

For more information contact the Secretary on 445722
