

Murramarang Community Garden

MINUTES

AD-HOC meeting - MCG COMMITTEE Saturday 23 February – 11AM at the garden

1. **Present:** Harley Delves, Cathy Delves, Neil Brown, Judith Carroll, Sybille Davidson, Don Davidson, Ewen Sussman.
2. **Apologies:** Marg Hamon, Barbara White, Richard Lake
3. **General Business:**

This ad-hoc meeting of the MCG Management Committee was called at short notice to deal with a couple of matters which have arisen in the past week and require attention.

They are as follows:

1. Honey

Col Keating has delivered a new barrel of honey from our hives to the Sussman's. Cathy thanked Ewen and Jocelyn for their hard work in bottling our honey over the past couple of years; however, they experienced many difficulties in bottling the last batch due to the thickness of the honey and an ant infestation at their home.

Cathy and Harley collected the honey and cleaned it up ready for distribution. They discovered that many of the lids were ill fitting and some had developed rust – in addition, some jars had developed mould both in the honey and around the lid. Cathy pointed out that some jars of jam and chutney in storage for selling at the Murramarang Market had to be thrown out because of similar contamination.

Cathy proposed that we purchase new jars for our next batch of honey and that ALL jars must be properly sterilized before bottling. The advantage of purchasing new jars is that the lids are not rusty or mouldy and they are of a uniform size, making pricing much easier. It was decided that once the new jars are purchased we will have a working bee at the garden to bottle the new batch of honey.

Motion: That MCG purchase new jars in either/both 250mg and 375mg sizes for bottling honey for sale from our market stall. Don, Cathy and Judith will investigate sources and costing.

Moved: Cathy

Seconded: Sybille

All in Favour: Carried

2. Fusilade:

Harley has sourced and purchased a supply of the herbicide Fusilade to be

used instead of Glyphosate. It will be used to control kikuya infestation along fence lines and around beds.

He proposed that he is to be the only person authorised to use the chemical because of his training and experience in using dangerous chemicals.

Motion: Harley is the only person authorised to use the herbicide Fusilade.

Moved: Judith

Seconded: Cathy

All in favour: Carried

3.Toilet renovation

Harley has agreed that karri is a suitable substitute for merbau timber after Sybille pointed out that merbau is not a sustainable timber whereas karri is...it is also cheaper.

Motion: That karri timber be used in the construction of the deck and ramp for the toilet renovation.

Moved: Don

Seconded: Neil

All in Favour: Carried

Meeting closed at 11.45AM