

Murramarang Community Garden

MINUTES

MCG COMMITTEE

Saturday 6 October 2018

10am at the garden

Chair: Marg Hamon

1. Present: Harley Delves, Cathy Delves, Neil Brown, Judith Carroll, Sybille Davidson, Barbara White, Ewen Sussman

2. Apologies: Jocelyn Sussman, Don Davidson

3. Business arising from Minutes of previous meeting:

There being no business arising, it was moved that the Minutes be accepted:

Moved: Judith

Seconded: Sybille

Carried

4. General Business

1. Harley reported on the market stall held on Sunday 30th September. There were plenty of helpers to harvest and package crops on Saturday prior to the Sunday market. Despite the lack of produce (apart from very good quality spinach), it was a pleasant day with a profit of \$353 made. \$100 was from plant sales with pots of flat leaf parsley selling well.

The next market will be on Sunday 16th December where our garlic crop should sell well.

The Open Day at the garden the next day at 2–4PM saw 2 couples visit our site and sign up as members.

2. Harley tabled a card from Helen Nelson congratulating him on the appearance of the garden.

3. He has received a donation of gardening books from Lucy Gladwell. It was agreed that these would be placed on the shelves in the shed for all to access.

4. Harley discussed the cost of one plot as an example of what our set-up costs are for new members. The cost includes soil, sleepers, fittings, A 2 board plot costs \$148 and a 3-board plot costs \$222.

4. The discussion moved onto whether individual gardeners could top-up their plots from our purchased soil.

Sybille proposed a motion as follows:

“We agree that natural soil depletion in all individual plots can be replenished using the SoilCo veggie mix, when necessary”

Moved: Sybille Davidson

Seconded: Neil Brown

All in favour

Carried.

5. Sybille reported that she has bought a pair of 2-handed secateurs for pruning windbreak plants. She has also pruned the acacia near the Hazelnut Grove.

6. It was reported that a member was seen loading our soil into his Ute from the piles adjacent to the gate. Other members reported seeing the same person frequently taking produce from the communal area. This member does not attend working bees or work in the communal areas during the week.

A motion was proposed as follows:

“The removal of soil off-site for personal use be mentioned in the weekly email and that members are reminded that this is unfair to all of us who work hard to raise money to purchase this soil. A letter is also to be sent to the member involved, signed by the President”.

Moved: Barbara

Seconded: Ewen

9 for motion

1 against

Carried.

7. Plans for the coming month:

- Early garlic will be harvested – Monaro Purple and Red Italian.
- Salad vegetable and Spring seedlings will be planted and work will continue on bed construction.
- Several beds will be freed-up for new members.

Marie reported on a visit from Ulladulla Gardening Club on Friday 12 October at 2PM. She asked for volunteers to assist.

8. Date of next meeting Saturday, 17 November

(to be held at 9.30AM, before commencement of Working Bee at 10AM – to focus on “what to do” for the month ahead)

Meeting closed at 11. 10 am.