



## Murramarang Community Garden

*Growing Food Together*

### Minutes

Committee Meeting, 27 October 2012

10AM at garden site

**Chair:** Malcolm Salmon

**Present:** Malcolm Salmon, Sandra Worth, Judith Carroll, John Nelson, Sharon Adlam

**Apologies:** Ewen Sussman, Luci Somers, Robynne Murphy, Sybille Davidson

**Business arising from Minutes 11 August 2012:** There was no business arising.

#### Reports:

**Treasurers Report:** Sandra Worth indicated that our account balance is \$4741,53 as of 26 October 2012.

**Site planning and work schedule:** Malcolm Salmon reported that work was proceeding as per our previously established schedule. Tables for the *Tunnel House* and *Green House* have been built and the construction of these buildings will be completed within the next few weeks – materials have been purchased for this work. The construction of cold frames is next on the agenda. On-going problems with composting system need to be addressed.

Most of the issues Malcolm wished to raise will be dealt with in Item 4, General Business.

**Correspondence:** Letter from *Marine Rescue* Kioloa, re Kioloa Fair, Saturday 5 January 2013. A cheque for \$33 has been forwarded in payment for our stall.

Discussion: Important that planning for our stall commences soon – Judith reported that she and Cettina have commenced informal discussion concerning planning for this event. Volunteers will be called for and a meeting convened in late November. It is envisaged that the stall will be similar to that of January 2012 - a raffle of veggies, sale of any garlic left over from our 2013 planting stock, sale of chutneys, information available about the MCG, with photographic panels, etc.

#### General Items of Business:

##### Amendments to *MCG Plan of Management*

Malcolm tabled a list of issues/problems that have arisen over previous months that were unforeseen when the original *Plan of Management* was devised in 2010/11. He feels that it is imperative that the *Plan of Management* is responsive to the evolution of the garden, especially in the first years of its establishment.

Malcolm summarised these issues as follows:

No more adjoining beds to be covered to block access, from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Only material purchased by MCG to be used. This includes all hardware (sleepers, screws and soil).

No beds to be altered without approval from MCG committee.

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All beds must have netting inside beds or well above ground (at least 200mm above ground) to make maintenance easier.

All buckets, bins, pots, accoutrements etc. to be contained inside the bed or on the bed.

Those with existing covered plots are to pay for an extra plot (the space between their beds constitutes an extra bed) or remove their covers to their individual beds, whichever they choose to do. This will ensure easy access for all bed holders who might need to water or move barrows or wheelchairs between plots.

**The MCG space was initially designed for ease of access for all.**

Please pick up bits of plastic, rocks, plant labels etc. as they damage mowers & whipper snipper blades and tapes. A rubbish bin with bin liners will be provided.

From the end of December any plantings not contained in your personal garden bed will be considered *communal*.

All plots to be planted and maintained or else forfeited.

One plot per person or max: 2 per household.

Please follow signs on compost bays and cut-up green waste before depositing in bay.

Covered footwear to be worn at all times whilst at garden site.

Everyone working in the garden must be a financial member of MCG, for insurance purposes (\$5 per year).

The Committee discussed these issues in detail and all were endorsed, although no vote was taken to ratify their inclusion in the *Amended Plan of Management*. A General Meeting is to be called so that amendments to the PoM can be put to the membership and a vote for their inclusion can be put.

Further anomalies in the current Plan of Management were identified, such as the repetition of #5 and 6 in Appendix 1. The current Plan is to be edited and amended to reflect the agreements reached today by the Committee.

### **Any other business**

- Sharon reiterated her concern regarding the proposed sale of *the entire* garlic crop at the forthcoming Kioloa Fair. She was assured that the majority of the harvested crop would be retained for planting in 2013, with only a small amount on sale at the Fair.
- Judith will purchase a set of stencils for garden signage.

**Meeting closed at 11.30am**

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