

Murramarang Community Garden

MINUTES

MCG COMMITTEE

Saturday 15 September 2018
10am at the garden

Chair: Marg Hamon

1. Present: Harley Delves, Cathy Delves, Neil Brown, Judith Carroll, Sybille Davidson, Don Davidson

2. Apologies: Barbara White, Jocelyn Sussman, Ewen Sussman

3. Business arising from Minutes of previous meeting:

- Don was thanked for the work that he has undertaken in installing a new irrigation system in the “inner” garden area. He has ensured that there are taps and lighter hoses readily available for all plots, alleviating the need to pull heavy hoses from the few taps that were located along the centre of the site. Harley has constructed frames to hold each hose in place and off the ground so that the site can be mowed effectively.
- Special focus on the development of garden edging with sleepers in the communal area was noted as a priority in the July Minutes and it was noted that Don and Harley have already commenced this work.
- Many people have recently planted flowering plants thus addressing the problem of a lack of flowering plants for the bees.
- Judith has applied for funding for an electric ride-on mower from Veolia Mulwarree Trust.
- We have ceased using glyphosate as the default option for weed control – instead, weed mat covered by mulch is used for paths and John regularly trims the edges of plots with our whipper snipper.
- Sybille has purchased good quality pruning shears (2 handled secateurs) for pruning Bana Grass and windbreak trees and shrubs. She has also pruned western windbreak plants, especially wattle, to provide more sun for the Hazelnut trees

Moved that Minutes be accepted: Judith

Seconded: Cathy

4. Reports:

Treasurers Report

Richard Lake reported that as of 15 September 2018 our MCG bank balance was

\$5,718.57.

Income for Financial Year 2017/18 was \$8,705.

Membership fees totalled \$280, derived from a membership of 56. \$45 of this amount was donated.

Grants accounted for \$2000 from Clubs NSW.

Fundraising accounted for \$4,044.95

Harley noted that 7 market stalls raised \$4,322. This amount included pre-market sales of garlic and herbs to local restaurants, plus \$501 from wine raffles organised by Noel.

GST refund: \$525 (\$213 owed April).

Richard and Judith have audited our membership list and have written to 5 individual plot owners, whose membership fees are believed to be outstanding. Of these, 2 have receipts for payment, 1 overlooked payment and will pay, 2 have not replied to emails and a letter.

5. General Business

1. *Budget priorities 2018/19* – Don spoke to a paper that he circulated setting out a plan for the re-edging of all the beds in the communal area. The schematic plan and rationale for the work is set out in an attachment to these Minutes. (Attachments 1 and 2)

Moved that Don's plan be implemented: Neil

Seconded: Harley

3. It was agreed that SHORT monthly meetings of the MCG Management Committee would be held in the future so that Garden Managers and the Committee could communicate priorities more effectively.

Moved: Judith

Seconded: Don

4. The trailer, currently at Jocelyn and Ewen's home should be located at the garden in future to facilitate quick and easy use as the need arises.

Moved: Neil

Seconded: Don

Meeting closed at 10.30am.

Attachment 1 and 2

MCG Sleepers – Notes

Purpose

We need sleepers to edge garden beds

- to define the beds;
- prevent soil going onto wood chip paths; and
- to slow weed ingress

We need beds with fair edges without stakes so as to maximize access and to prevent injuries to people using the garden.

Notes

The diagram attached shows the layout of the beds concerned. **It is not to Scale.**

Work already complete is marked with a red tick.

The estimate of sleepers required takes into account sleepers to be cut up for joining pieces in long beds.

There may be some sleepers that can be recovered from existing rough beds.

Sleepers Required

The estimate is on the diagram.

To complete the beds shown will require 84 sleepers approx.. We may find one or two sleepers that can be re-used.

We have to hand 25 sleepers.

The need is for another 59 sleepers.

Considerations

Cost

Sleepers are expensive and our budget has to extend to other things including the proposed lawnmower purchase for which a grant is being sought. We also will have to maintain a bottom line cash contingency for the unforeseen.

A walk-back position would be not to do the Blueberry patch – a saving of order 23 sleepers.

Existing crops

Most beds will have to be moved. In some cases this will require removal of existing crops (or wait until they are harvested).

There are some perennials such as Lavender that may have to move also.

Priority of Work

I suggest that we complete, using existing sleepers.

1. the beds south of the gate; and
2. the long bed at the north end adjacent to the fence

This should reduce the impact on existing crops and provide room for new crops over the next few months.

The remainder of the beds can then be renovated using additional sleepers as crops mature.

Concurrent work will be required to make safe existing staked beds until these can be replaced.

Don Davidson

13 Sep 2018

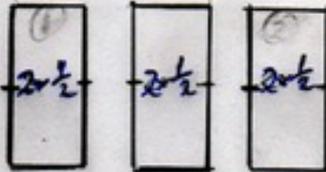
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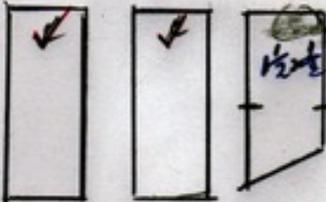
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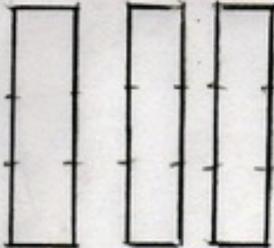
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21 Sleepers



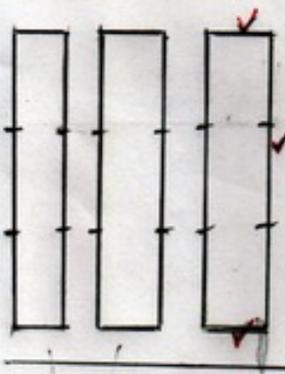
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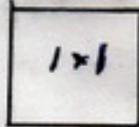
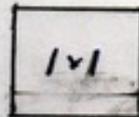
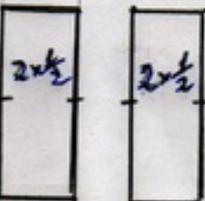
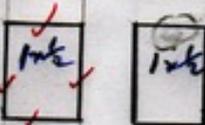
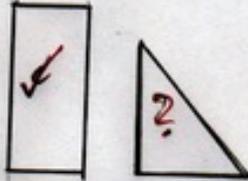
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19 Sleepers



21 Sleepers