**Murramarang Community Garden**

**MINUTES**

**General Meeting**

**Saturday 12 December 2020**

**4PM at the garden.**

**Chair:** Neil Brown

Neil opened the meeting and thanked those in attendance.

 **1. Present:** Ewen Sussman, Harley Delves, Neil Brown, Judith Carroll, Sybille Davidson, Don Davidson, Marg Hamon, Cathy Delves, Richard Lake, Don Davidson, Judy Cook, Leonie Coombes, Jenny Ford, Steve Ford, Carolyn Parish, Marie O’Connell, John Hudson, Maggie Mance, Barbara White

**2. Apologies:** Noel Barwick, Peter White, Elizabeth and Graham Begg, Mark and Pen Snyman, Jocelyn Sussman, Kathy Jacka, Graeme Beavis, Jasmin and Robert Adluk, Howie Howard, Klas and Robyn Johansson.

**3. Business arising from Minutes** of previous meeting: It was noted that all

matters have been addressed or are ongoing.

Moved: Don

Seconded: Harley

Carried

**4. Reports:**

***Treasurers Report*** *(copies circulated).*

**Moved** that the report be accepted: Ewen

**Seconded**: Harley

Carried

**5. General Business**

Harley proposed a motion as follows:

**Motion:**

*“That Murramarang Community Garden raise its annual fees as follows:*

***Membership Fee****: from $5 PA to $10 PA*

***Plot Rental Fee****: from $25 PAA to $30 PA*

**Seconded:** Judith

The rationale behind this proposal was previously circulated and formed the basis of the ensuing discussion.

**Moved:** that the Motion be voted upon: Harley

**Seconded**: Judith

**YES:** 26 (including emailed votes)

**NO:** 0

2 abstentions

Carried

1. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Marie believes that the garden should be open to all and that the roster system of attendance is redundant since cases of Covid 19 are all but eliminated in NSW…she pointed out that the garden site was large and could accommodate many more people at a time without having a roster.

Judith replied that whilst the points raised about the large open-air space of the garden site were correct, the roster system of access to the garden is a requirement of entry by ANU, the owners of the site. ANU has indicated that access restrictions will be re-assessed in late January. She noted that it was important that we *acted in good faith* in meeting ANU’s requirements, as we have done since early April. The roster is forwarded to ANU every week.

We are grateful to ANU for allowing MCG rostered entry to the garden site, despite the Kioloa Coastal Campus being closed.

Judith also noted that tests of sewerage in nearby Batemans Bay indicate that the virus is still active in the community, suggesting that adopting Covid-safe measures, such as maintaining social distancing, and, in consideration of the vulnerability many of our older members, is prudent.

Marie also asked about planned celebrations of MCG’s 10th birthday…put on hold because of the Covid lockdown. Judith noted that a committee was formed late last year (Marie, Niree, Leonie) and that they could commence planning for a suitable celebration, to be held early in the new year (the 10th anniversary of the “tilling of the soil” for our community garden).

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.45**