**Murramarang Community Garden**

**MINUTES**

**General Meeting**

**Saturday 5 September 2020**

**10.00 AM at the garden.**

**Chair:** Marg Hamon

Marg opened the meeting and thanked those in attendance.

**1. Present:** Jocelyn Sussman, Ewen Sussman, Harley Delves, Neil Brown, Judith Carroll, Sybille Davidson, Don Davidson, Marg Hamon, Cathy Delves, Richard Lake, Don Davidson, Judy Cook, Leonie Coombes, Kathy Jacka, Klas Johansson, Robyn Johansson, Noel Barwick, Jenny Ford, Steve Ford.

**2. Apologies:** Marie O’Connell, Maggie Mance, Renee Anderson, Noel Barwick, Barbara White, Peter White, Mary Stanwix, Niree Creed, Doug Howarth, Sue Clelland, Elizabeth Begg.

**3. Business arising from Minutes** of previous meeting: Sybille spoke to the item on rat baiting, asking that this task be undertaken regularly. It was noted that all other matters have been addressed or are ongoing.

Moved: Marg

Seconded: Judith

Carried

**4. Reports:**

***Presidents Report*** *(attached and on website)*

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

**Seconded**: Cathy

Carried

***Treasurers Report*** *(attached and on website).*

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

**Seconded**: Harley

Carried

***Garden Managers Report*** *(attached and on website) –*

Harley Delves spoke to his report and answered questions that were raised by the meeting. Those present accepted this report.

**Moved** that report be accepted: Richard

**Seconded:** Jocelyn

Carried

**5. General Business**

1. Judith moved a motion that MCG purchase an appropriate gift for Robin and Steve van Berkhout in thanks for their invaluable assistance and ongoing help and encouragement for the community garden since its inception 10 years ago. It was decided that a large-format photograph or painting of the local environment (Avenue Beach, for example) would be appropriate. Judith is to investigate.

(see Motion on Agenda)

Proposed: Judith

Seconded: Don

Carried

1. Judith reminded us that October 2020 marks 10 years since the MCG became an Incorporated Association. She proposed a motion that we support the planning committee (set up in 2019) in their endeavours to plan a suitable celebration of the first decade of MCG. Leonie pointed out that this celebration will be unlikely to occur in 2020 because of Covid restrictions. The planning committee consists of Leonie Coombes, Marie O’Connell and Niree Creed.

(see Motion on Agenda)

Proposed: Judith

Seconded: Cathy

Carried

1. Barbara White - read by Judith in Barbara’s absence – (see motion on Agenda)

Discussion about the most appropriate way to remediate the “boggy” end to our access road ensued. Harley suggested that instead of filling the holes with stones or roadbed the area would need to be excavated and a drainage pipe installed. Others felt that filling the area with roadbed would alleviate the problem. It was decided that, as suggested by the motion, the management committee consider a range of options to deal with this recurring problem.

Proposed: Barbara

Seconded: Jenny

Carried

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Discussion concerning the appropriate use of the compost bins ensued with Noel supported Barbara’s motion that clear signage would help in identifying which bins were open and which are closed. It was reiterated that tomatoes, kikuyu or seeding weeds or vegetables MUST NOT be put into the compost bins and that all garden waste be chopped. Sybille pointed out that apart from citrus and onions, other *cut up* scraps can be fed to the worms in our worm farms. Judith and Barbara have volunteered to make signs, painted on marine ply. Noel suggested that the signs should be made so that they can be moved from bin to bin where appropriate.

Proposed: Barbara

Seconded: Judy

Carried

1. Barbara White - read by Judith in Barbara’s absence – (see motion on Agenda)

Discussion of Barbara’s motion concerning damage to boggy grassed areas, caused by multiple vehicles driving across this area after heavy rain. The ruts caused by vehicles are a now trip hazard…indeed, one of our gardeners sustained an ankle injury after tripping over one of these deeper ruts. It was proposed that no vehicles (apart from those delivering heavy materials/equipment) drive across the grassed inner area of the garden, especially after heavy rain and that the existing ruts be filled with soil or sand.

Proposed: Barbara

Seconded: Judith

Carried

1. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
2. Judith passed on information received on Friday 4 Sept. from ANU that the closure of the campus will continue until at least January 2021. This means that our entry to the site will continue under the same roster system that is currently in use. All existing hygiene protocols (maintaining social distance, using hand sanitiser etc.) will be in place.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.25AM.