

# Murramarang Community Garden

## MINUTES

### MCG COMMITTEE

Saturday 18 April 2015

10 AM at garden site

**Chair:** Ewen Sussman

**Present:** Jocelyn Sussman, Harley Delves, Sybille Davidson, Neil Brown, Judith Carroll, Doug Howarth

**Reports:**

- *Quality Control of preserves made by garden members*

Harley led discussion about the importance of maintaining quality control when we sell food at markets and fairs. In particular, he raised the issue of runny jams and the possibility of mould developing in lids. It was agreed that it would be useful for members to attend a workshop in the preparation of preserves. Jocelyn is to approach Mary Stanwix, an expert on preserves, to run a workshop for interested people.

- *Access road to the garden*

Local contractor Gary Wallington is to commence work on Monday 21 April – Doug and Harley to meet him on Monday morning at the site.

- *Treasurers Report*

Doug Howarth reported that MCG currently has \$14,700 in the bank. \$7700 will be paid for the new access road, leaving approximately \$7000 for other projects. Judith reported that Lumen Solar is preparing another quote for MCG that will be considerably cheaper than the first quote we received.

This project is for the installation of solar panels and batteries to produce power for a water pump and automatic irrigation of communal areas. She is proceeding with grant applications that will focus on this project.

Ewen suggested the purchase of a shredder for use in composting materials more effectively. He has volunteered to look into the cost of a suitable machine. Jocelyn voiced concern about Shredders, noting that they could be dangerous if not used

properly. It was also suggested by Sybille that she has found shredders to be dangerous and unreliable and that a mower be purchased for general garden use and for shredding material before it is composted. Neil will obtain quotes for a second hand mower.

- *Plots*

It appears there are 7 plots that are presently vacant. Judith is to contact people who have not yet renewed their membership to confirm the availability of these plots for planting garlic, or for the use of new members.

- *Letters of thanks*

Jocelyn asked Judith to forward a letter of thanks to Clyde River Blueberry Farm for the donation of 23 Blueberry plants for planting in the communal area. Jocelyn will supply names address etc. Judith has letters for Darryl Leslight and Alwyn and Don Hodgson for Ewen's signature.

- *Loading platform for ride-on mower*

Doug is in the process of constructing a loading platform to facilitate the unloading of his ride-on mower from his ute. He has volunteered to use his mower for maintenance of grassed areas of the site – Harley and Neil will re-commence spraying around the perimeter of plots.

**Meeting closed at 11 am.**