

**Minutes – Annual General Meeting**  
**Murramarang Community Garden**

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**Meeting Opened: 10.10 am**

**Chair:** Ewen Sussman

**Present:** Cettina Borg-Musin, Doug Howarth, Deirdre Macpherson, Marie O’Connell, Helen Nelson, Renee Anderson, Malcolm Salmon, Tina Barber, Marg Hamon, Cathy Delves, Harley Delves, Jocelyn Sussman, Ewen Sussman, Sybille Davidson, Carolyn Parish

**Apologies:** Judith Carroll, Neil Brown, Don Davidson, Maggie Mance, Barbara White, Peter White

In Judith’s absence Sybille took Minutes.

**Ewen welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked committee members for their support for the garden throughout the year. He also thanked Garden members who regularly attended working bees and/or had contributed in other ways during the past year.**

**Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting** of 8 August 2014 as set out on MCG website were proposed for acceptance. Acceptance of previous Minutes moved: Cathy Delves; seconded, Helen Nelson - carried

**President’s Report**

Ewen read out his President’s Report in which he listed a long list of developments of the Garden during the year, and our participation in local market days which gave a big boost to our funds. Report attached.

**Treasurer’s report:** Doug has been unwell recently and will provide a detailed report within a couple of weeks. He was able to provide the meeting with a summary of the MCG’s financial position - there is currently \$7,804 in the bank. The total of year’s expenses was \$11,702 of which \$7,700 was for construction of the road. We are also expecting to pay around \$3,400 for the solar power system under installation. There will be an outlay around \$600 shortly for a lawn mower.

We have 61 paid up members. Some unowned plots are being used to accommodate extra garlic plantings. Doug will issue a full report in a couple of weeks. Summary attached.

**Garden Manager's report** : Jocelyn read out a detailed Garden Manager's report – prepared together with Harley. As attached.

Moved: Sybille; seconded: Cathy that the reports from President, Treasurer and Garden Managers be accepted

### **Business arising:**

Following from the President's report there was some discussion about the state of play with the extra irrigation pipeline.

- Harley reported that Steve intends to get this going; it is even in the ANU's self interest of being better set up for fire fighting on the lower property; so we might expect this to happen before summer sets in; the delay has been due to the big roo-fencing project. Agreed that this irrigation line needs to be trenched before we can start work on any connections.

Following from the Treasurer's report there was some discussion about whether the MCG had a functioning Public Officer and who this was.

- Doug has been serving this function as well as his role as Treasurer – he explained some of the difficulties he had been having trying to clarify some matters with the Dept of Fair Trading viz: they refused to discuss anything with him by phone as his voice was not recognized by their voice recognition technology! He had written them letters some months ago and received no reply. Doug had previously attended the Dep'ts training information day provided for elected representatives of Associations.
- There was also some discussion around whether the position of Public Officer should be a different person from the Treasurer to avoid a conflict of interest situation. If this is the case for large organisations it seemed not to be of consequence for a small organisation such as the MCG.

Malcolm volunteered to serve as Public Officer if needed – he will help Doug investigate the Association’s current position.

**Election of Office Bearers:**

All Executive Positions for Murramarang Community Garden were declared vacant and nominations for positions for coming year were read, and the meeting was invited to put further nominations.

The only nominations received were for the existing executive committee members; there being no further nominations, these nominations were accepted unopposed for office bearer positions as follows:

- President:** Ewen Sussman
- Vice President:** Harley Delves
- Treasurer:** Doug Howarth
- Secretary:** Judith Carroll

**Committee:**

The following members renominated for committee positions and were accepted unopposed:

- Garden Manager/s :** Harley Delves and Jocelyn Sussman
- Committee member:** Neil Brown
- Committee member:** Jocelyn Sussman
- Committee member:** Sybille Davidson

**The AGMeeting closed at 10.55**

The above is a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 15 August 2015.

Signed:

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Ewen sussman: President, Murramarang Community Garden

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Sybille Davidson, A/g Minutes Secretary, Murramarang Community Garden: