

Minutes

General Meeting MCG

Saturday 15 September 2012, 10.30AM

Garden Site - ANU Coastal Campus, Murramarang Rd. Kioloa

Chair: Ewen Sussman

1. Present:

There were approximately 28 MCG members present

2. Apologies: Don Davidson, Sybille Davidson, Pip James, Bill Powell, Cettina Borg-Musin, Craig Borg-Musin, Jocelyn Sussman

3. Business arising from Minutes, General Meeting 1 November 2011

Moved that Minutes be accepted: Sharon Adlam

Seconded: Malcolm Salmon

4. Reports

- **President's report:** Ewen Sussman – Ewen referred to his report, delivered at the AGM earlier today.
- **Finance:** Sandra Worth – Sandra referred to her previous report (*Appendix A AGM Minutes*)
- **Garden Managers Report:** Malcolm Salmon.

Malcolm commenced his report by thanking the committee and all garden members for their assistance in furthering the development of the garden during the past year. He particularly thanked Steve Tedding van Berkhout, ANU KCC Manager, Robin, Richard and Scott for their on-going support and hands-on assistance. He suggested that we donate surplus produce to local families in need (to followed up by committee). Regular mulching, watering and mowing of the site by members is commendable. We have reached 60 plots, a number that is sustainable – we now have a waiting list. Jan Tedding van Berkhout and Merry Street Restaurant and Bar are our newest members and have been allocated plots previously used as communal beds. Another communal bed for pumpkin and herbs was proposed for construction on the north facing fence line. Malcolm is to decide when communal crops (pumpkin, zucchini etc.) are ready for harvest, rather than gardeners helping themselves. Gardeners are urged to pick ripe vegetables, such as tomatoes, to mitigate against widespread fruit fly infestation. Regular watering, especially of the citrus orchard, windbreak and communal plots is essential. A composting workshop will be held on Saturday, 22 September at 10.30 – all gardeners are urged to attend. Malcolm was congratulated and thanked for the considerable effort involved in the role of Garden Manager.

- **Forward Planning 2011 – 2014:** Most aspects of this item covered in reports delivered earlier (see above).
 - **Funding:**, Judith Carroll. The Veolia Mulwaree Trust granted MCG \$4400 towards our establishment costs. Our Easter Fundraiser, organised by Cettina Borg-Musin and held at Bawley Shopping Centre raised \$2000 (see Treasurers Report). We have 2 applications for funding under review at present.

5. General Business

Neil Brown urged members to look at the MCG website on a regular basis, since the site was designed to convey important and valuable information to all members. For example the minutes of today's meetings will be posted on the web page.

The meeting closed at 11.10AM.