

Minutes

General Meeting MCG

Saturday 17 August 2013, 10.30AM

Garden Site - ANU Coastal Campus, Murramarang Rd. Kioloa

Chair: Ewen Sussman

1. Present:

There were approximately 21 MCG members present

2. Apologies: Maggie Mance, Marg Hamon, Neil Brown, Cecelia Spence, Alwyn and Don Hodgson.

3. Business arising from Minutes, General Meeting 15 September, 2012

Sybille Davidson referred to the participation of all gardeners to maintaining the windbreak – she encouraged everyone to spread mulch after weeds are removed by hand (no spraying, please) - she has been replacing species as they die with more appropriate plants for that location.

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 – (Attachment A)
- **Garden Managers Report:** Malcolm Salmon – (Attachment B)

5. General Business

- **Fund raising**
Cettina Borg-Musin reported on her plans for a fund-raising *Food Market*, to be held at Kioloa on the Sunday after the Kioloa Fair (we will continue to have a stall at the Kioloa Fair).
- **New communal areas - what will we plant?** – Tanya Evers suggested that a sub-committee could be established to plan what is to be grown in the communal plots. Robynne Murphy urged that we be flexible in our choice of crops and be careful to plant only what we can realistically look after. She asked members to look at the whiteboard to see what crops have been suggested – Robynne then ran through the crops that we have thought of so far and asked for further suggestions.

Steve suggested that crops needing a fair bit of ground area or that are very slow growing should be planted in the new area, such as pumpkin, berries, potatoes. Crops that can be frozen or bottled could also be good choices. In reply to Robynne, he noted that the area would be ripped and turned in the coming week in time for September plantings.

Cuttings of the Apricot and Peach trees planted by Edith and Joy London in the grounds of the Homestead will also be planted.

Helen Nelson suggested bush tucker plants such as Warrigal Greens could be planted.

Sharon Adlam believed that planting potatoes in the soil before other crops would break down heavy soil.

- Judith Carroll passed on a message from Neil Brown to the effect that he is no longer able to maintain the MCG website, however, he believed that the free-ware he uses (Weebly) would make it easy for someone else to take over. Sharon Adlam volunteered to take over as Webmaster until someone else can be found.

The meeting closed at 11.30.

A BBQ to thank Steve, Robin and all ANU KCC staff for their considerable help over the past year was held after the meeting.