

Lochiel Park Community Garden Committee Meeting

7:30-9:00pm, Monday November 20th, 2017

at Rayna's place

MINUTES

Present: Jenny Bates (President), John Miller, Rayna Schofield, Peter (Treasurer) and Julie Larsson, Judy Parker, Di Sullivan, Katherine Packer (Secretary)

1. Welcome

2. Minutes of previous meeting and business arising

Subject to changes to item 7.2 (bees ... see attachment), minutes of previous meeting were moved by Julie and seconded by John as a true and correct record.

2.1 Action items arising from previous minutes were discussed and comments made as follows:

Action Item 1: Completed – (Hard rubbish collection) A few items such as tyres were not taken by Council.

Action Item 2: Completed – (Purchase of plants for WB)

Action Item 3: Ongoing – (delivery of materials for wicking beds) see 7.1 below

Action Item 4: Completed – (Bunnings donations) see 7.2 below

3. Membership update

3.1. Two new members: Jill Whittaker (no plot) and Alison Gard (wanting a plot)

3.2. Spare plot signs need to be removed until we have converted to wicking beds

4. Treasurer's Report

Working account: \$2426.08

Project account: \$9834.56

5. Workplace Health and Safety

No reports

6. Working Bee Task List

6.1. Trim mulberry trees

6.2. Mulch under fruits trees

6.3. Harvest garlic?

6.4. Plant zucchinis/cucumbers

6.5. Check and pick bananas

6.6. Summer prune fruits trees

6.7. Erect netting and shadecloth

6.8. Take out old edging and clean up around new paved area

6.9. Install more fibre cement sheeting along back fence (Peter to purchase)

6.10. Sand and paint furniture

7. Other Business

7.1. **Wicking beds:** As several people want to change plots over to wicking beds, it was decided that Jenny would put out an email to find numbers and a volunteer to facilitate a group project

7.2. **Bunnings:** The paving has been laid. John sent a thank you email to the Area Manager, Justine Burridge. Di moved that a formal letter (LPCG letterhead) be sent to Bunnings. All agreed. It was also agreed that some committee members should attend the opening of the new Windsor Gardens store on Tuesday 28th November.

7.3. **Bee event:** It may be some time before we are in a position to take on a hive so encouraging native bees was discussed. Bee Hotel making event was set for Friday 12th January at 5pm with a bbq/sausage sizzle. Materials needed: hardwood/bamboo/grapevine cuttings/clay etc. Di will contact council to have the large log cut up for us. Jenny to draft an email to members about the event. How widely do we advertise?

7.4. **Shelter update:** Plans are back with the engineer. Using a local builder was discussed and John will approach the builder (Chris) currently doing work for a garden member (Sue).

7.5. **Permaculture/chickens:** Pam is keen on exploring permaculture principles with other members and the possibility of keeping chickens at the garden. It was decided to discuss this more at the next working bee.

8. **Next Meeting** : Meeting closed at 9:05. Next meeting 11th December at Di's place

ACTION ITEMS arising from meeting

ACTION ITEM 1	Jenny to email members re interest in converting plots to wicking beds
ACTION ITEM 2	Katherine to send formal letter of thanks to Bunnings
ACTION ITEM 3	Peter to purchase fibre cement sheeting for working bee
ACTION ITEM 4	Jenny to email members re Bee Hotel making event
ACTION ITEM 5	Di to contact Council re cutting up log for materials for bee hotels
ACTION ITEM 6	John to approach Chris (builder) about helping with the shelter

ATTACHMENT

7.2 amended for Minutes of committee meeting held 9th October 2017

7.2. Bees: (amended) Julie, Peter, Pam and Ken have completed a beekeeping course. Julie has purchased a hive for herself and is happy to share knowledge with the garden community when she has gained some experience. Pam is keen to have a hive in the garden but liability/registration issues need to be addressed first.