



Lochiel Park

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Annual General Meeting – 23 April 2017

MINUTES

Held at Lochiel Park Community Garden, Campbelltown, 2:30pm

Present: Jenny & Bevan Bates, Pam Gunnell, Peter & Julie Larsson, Katherine Packer, Judy & Dave Parker, Rayna Schofield, Peter & Judy Baldwinson, John & Jianna Miller, John DiFilippo, Andrew & Angela Trotter, Willie & Elizabeth Smyth, Alicia Gerkens, Carol Cox-Devore, Andrew Adair, Rod Lewis, Sue & Bob Jackson

Apologies: Trish MacMillan, Jane Pfitzner, Di Sullivan, Sue Irvine, Helen & Paul Blackman, David & Ellen Bennett, Anna Fantasia, Bruce Greenhalgh and Kathy Stockdale

1. **Consideration and Acceptance of the Minutes of AGM 23rd April, 2016**

Pam Gunnell proposed that the previous minutes be accepted.

Willie Smyth seconded this.

The meeting voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

2. **President's Report**

The President spoke to her written report, a copy of which is annexed hereto. She acknowledged the work of the committee and the members who volunteer for specific tasks. She also detailed the many achievements of the Committee and Community Garden over the past year.

- Construction of a retaining wall in the back corner
- Improvements in the compost bays
- Construction of the sundial sculpture in the herb garden
- Construction of the trellis along the back fence
- Addition of white shade-cloth to help the blackberries and new back bed
- Converted a community plot to a wicking bed for the strawberries
- Spread sawdust to replenish paths
- Instigated a sign-in book for community work done in the garden by members
- Rejuvenated the seedling tables

The President also outlined future plans for the garden:

- Shelter structure in the design stage
- Update of the website to Wordpress is in progress
- Planting of trees to be espaliered along the new trellis

See the annexed President's Report for more details.

Pam Gunnell moved that the President's Report be accepted and this was seconded by Carol Cox-Devore. The meeting voted unanimously to adopt the President's Report.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

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The Treasurer presented the financial report for the year noting that the books had not yet been audited due and more detail would be provided to the LPCG members when this had been completed. As at 31 March 2017, an available fund in the LPCG accounts was \$7173.24 comprising of \$1247.59 in the working account and \$5902.78 in the Project account and petty cash of \$22.87. The Treasurer also acknowledged the financial contribution the Seedling Project makes to the finances and thanked Bruce Rossini and Robert Smith for their work. The Treasurer asked that the financial report be accepted subject to audit. This was moved by Willie Smyth, seconded by John Miller and agreed to unanimously by the meeting. A copy of the Treasurer's report is annexed hereto.

4. Election of Committee Members

As required by the Constitution, all current members of the Committee stood down. Bevan Bates acted as Returning Officer for the election of new Committee members, although the previous Secretary continued to record the proceedings.

The Returning Officer had received a nomination for President from Jenny Bates and, since there were no other nominations, Jenny was elected unopposed.

The Returning Officer had received a nomination for Secretary from Katherine Packer and, since there were no other nominations, Katherine was elected unopposed.

The Returning Officer had received a nomination for Treasurer from Peter Larsson and, since there were no other nominations, Peter was elected unopposed.

Nominations for Ordinary Members of the Committee had been received from Di Sullivan, Judy Parker, Julie Larsson, Andrew Adair, Rayna Schofield, John Miller. All six were elected unopposed.

The Committee for 2016-17 year, therefore, is as follows:

President:	Jenny Bates	
Secretary:	Katherine Packer	
Treasurer:	Peter Larsson	
Ordinary Members:	Di Sullivan	Judy Parker
	Julie Larsson	Andrew Adair
	Rayna Schofield	John Miller

5. Any Other Business

- Dave Parker moved that a formal acknowledgement and thanks be recorded in the minutes for the work that Robert and Bruce contribute not only to the garden but Lochiel Park and right across Campbelltown in general. The motion was seconded by Judy Parker.
- Pam Gunnell queried the longevity of the seed-raising project if Council no longer purchased our seedlings. The matter was discussed and agreed that we may eventually have to find another revenue source but that Robert and Bruce would continue raising seedlings at a reduced scale.
- Bob Jackson raised the issue of potential fines for parking in the turn-around zone and moved that we put it to Council to have the no-parking lines removed as this is the only area in which to park. Peter Larsson seconded the motion and the committee to follow through.
- Jenny Bates raised the issue of the gates and sheds being left open and the rising number of non-members accessing the garden at will with the potential for theft. The cost of having an automatic keypad was discussed and it was decided to maintain the current locks

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and change the code for the May working bee. Jianna Miller also raised issues with the difficulty in opening the lock sometimes and it was decided the committee would send out an email to members and discuss the locks further at the next committee meeting.

- Trish Macmillan had suggested some Saturday working bees via email to the committee prior to the meeting. It was decided the committee would look at the calendar and incorporate some Saturday working bees through the coming year if possible.

The meeting finished at 3:10 p.m.



AGM Report April 2016 – March 2017

We have been through another cycle of the seasons in the garden – one somewhat different to what we have been used to, but the garden has come up well. Summer came a month or so later than usual, and quite a bit wetter, we had almost sub-tropical growth at times, mixed in with our usual over 40 degree days, so some challenges for gardeners and plants!

Thanks again to an enthusiastic committee who have worked hard, shopped for plants, manures, hardware, and the like, and kept our minutes and other documents, and our finances on track. Thanks also to all those members who have diligently come to working bees, done a myriad of tasks outside working bee times, and who have tended their plots, helped their neighbours in the garden and added much to our gardening community. You can see the results of our efforts.

Developments for this year have been numerous.

- We have added a new tap and hose to the herb garden area and in front of the compost bays – thanks to Bevan and Bruce
- We have made a retaining wall in the back corner of the garden which defines this area as a useful growing area – Andrew A, Bevan, Andrew T and possibly several others worked on this. Unfortunately, the fabulous crop of corn we grew was stolen at the last moment by a hungry rat
- We have obtained significant quantities of compost from the compost bays after watering regularly and covering them to allow matter to compost properly. As the garden matures there is more green waste to compost and this allows us to make good sized heaps. Thanks to all those who chopped and shovelled.
- The sundial sculpture has been added to the herb garden and Tillandsias and Dicentra plants added to it – thanks to Julie and Rayna for leading this
- We have erected a trellis all along the back fence and part of the far end fence and planted out more passionfruit, trained the grape vines along it - thanks to Di, Katherine, Bevan, Bruce R and Andrew A
- Added white shade-cloth to the fences behind the blackberries and new back bed
- Made a new wicking bed for the strawberries, with good results
- Spread many tons of sawdust to replenish the paths – I think the elves did most of this as most of it seemed to disappear before the working bees - I know Ken and Pam were a couple of them!
- Instigated a sign-in book for working bees and other times when people are working on common areas.
- Rejuvenated the seedling tables to make them last longer and be easier to move the shade-cloth cover – thanks mainly to Bruce R
- Several people who can't get to working bees have taken on specific tasks – Sue Jackson checks the watering of the pots, wicking beds and herb area, David Bennet has taken on maintaining the verge outside the garden, and John Brandenburg has sharpened many of our tools, Willie looks after the rubbish bins, and Bruce Greenhaugh the Gedye bins. Anna Fantasia has worked her magic on the wooden beds and the shape beds getting them ready for planting, while Rod continues to prune trees and vines. Robert J has audited our books. Thanks to these people – we notice what you do!

Annexure 1

- Bruce R and Robert S have continued to lead the collection of seed and growing native seedlings, and admin help from Di. This continues to provide funds for the garden and plants to add to the local environment. We also enjoyed a visit to Robert's house to see where he germinates many of the seedlings.
- We have occasional requests for visits to the garden, from groups and students undertaking projects, and enjoy showing off our accomplishments. Visitors are always impressed.

There are a few things we are still working on:

- We're experimenting with staggering and severe pruning of the mulberries, to extend the season and keep them to a reasonable size.
- We are communicating with Wirrina Aged Care complex to see if there are residents who would like to take up the other disability plot.
- We are gradually getting the design done for the shelter - Ian M and Di have given this lots of thought and creativity recently and we have a design we're ready to roll with, which ticks our boxes for various features and which will be flexible and attractive.
- UniSA have selected us for an update of our website. Katherine and I are working with two students with the aim of making the website easier to navigate and to manage, and to update the look. We'll have to choose which one at the end of the process – we may need your help!
- We are still working with Council and SA Water on the ramifications of connecting to recycled water. It seems that the regulations mean that we would have to replace all pipes and taps in the garden, including those underground, with purple pipe and purple taps with removable handles, so converting may not be financially viable for us and Council. This would be disappointing outcome for Lochiel Park as a model of sustainable living.
- We continue to look for different things to try growing, and monitor the success or otherwise of what we have growing. We love to have member's suggestions and try to fit in what we can.

Thanks to all the committee members for this year – Katherine, Peter, Julie, Andrew, Rayna, Helen, Anna, Judy - each has contributed in many ways to the smooth and enjoyable process of running the garden, and their willingness to take on various tasks and enthusiasm for growing both plants and community is to be commended. We have a reasonably large committee, which spreads out the tasks and allows for travel, illness etc. Helen is taking a break this year, and I would like to particularly thank her for her efforts over the last few of years, and wish her well. I have enjoyed her quiet support and many useful conversations, hosting of meetings and willing contribution to working bees and meetings. Anna is not renominating as she has other commitments and is not usually able to come to meetings – we thank her for her contribution and her enthusiasm.

Thanks again to all who have contributed – it's tricky naming names in case you miss someone so I apologise if I have.

Jenny Bates

President LPCG April 2017

Annexure 2

Lochiel Park Community Garden Inc

Treasurer's report for 2016/2017

ANZ balance at 1 April 2016 \$6359.48

Income

Membership	975
Plot fees	1475
Fertiliser	320
Sale of seedlings	3104.40
Total	5874.40

Expenses

Garden Works	983.92
Improvements	2085.57
Admin & stationery	268
Projects	1746.02
Total	5083.51

ANZ balance* at 31 March 2017 \$7150.37

Petty Cash balance at 31 March 2017 \$22.87

Total Available funds at 31 March 2017 \$7173.24

* Balance comprises \$1247.59 in Working account and \$5902.78 in Project account.

Peter Larsson
Treasurer
21 April 2017