

## Canberra City Farm: MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	21 June 2015	
<b>Location:</b>	Canberra City Farm	
<b>Time meeting commenced:</b>	1.00pm	
<b>People present:</b>	Jodie Pipkorn Virginia Proust Linda Ayliffe Mark Spain Walter Jehne Vidya Singh David	Keith Colls Stefanie Lekkas Cindy Steensby Walter Steensby Gavin Williams Stina
<b>Apologies:</b>	Gilles Rohan, Danny O'Brien, Carole Ayliffe	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Jodie Pipkorn	
<b>Proxies:</b>		



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### Matters/Actions Arising from the previous Meeting

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
1. Nil	

### Agenda Items

*Welcome and check-in:* Points noted included:

- Mushroom course was interesting, enjoyable and well worth going. A mushroom in Ecuador eats plastic.
- Wicking beds are done which is exciting and the pizza oven making this coming weekend is looking good.
- Compost is happening.
- Green manure is going and getting the container door in was exciting.
- Mark has had a contract with local land services doing leadership programs in the region with a small amount of money from the Federal Government. It has been really rewarding.
- Workshops have been lined up for August – Mark O'Connor has been propagating edible feijoas and is donating a heap for us. He will do a workshop on grafting feijoas or any evergreen. Other workshop is lined up with Jonathan Banks from Pialligo apples, for fruit/nuts trees. \$10 for Mark O'Connor and you get to take away a fruiting feijoa. \$85 for other and you get a fruit tree of choice, budding/grafting knife, tape and lunch.
- Walter J attended a soil event in Berlin for global soils week and as a pre-conference to Paris. It was all about land regeneration and zero net carbon emissions by 2050. How do we regenerate and build systems to get to 'net'? Green soils and carbon draw down, including greening cities and drawing down carbon.
- Exciting to see the Warrigal Greens are still alive – maybe we should get them covered?
- Disseminating information about urban agriculture and the ACT food plan discussions has been happening.
- Gav is doing talk in August about food.

### Committee update

- There is still a need for coordinators for a couple of the sub-groups.
- Update on Floriade
  - A proposal was put to the Floriade organisers. They did not think having a separate site would work, but are supportive of us progressing anyway.

- The Committee is keen to progress with the proposal if others are keen, and so far the Design and Construction Group who met recently are keen progress it and use it as a deadline to get the Turner Garden done.
- The proposal consisted of:
  - A learning journey of over 25 simple technologies for urban agriculture and sustainable living supported by fact sheets, talks and demonstrations. Visitors will be inspired to look at their garden and outdoor spaces through fresh eyes, as both places of beauty, relaxation and entertainment, and as productive spaces that can grow healthy, nutritious, local food.
  - Regular workshops and talks to maximize education outcomes by visitors.
  - A website to extend access and links to relevant information to aid such education.
  - Kids activities as part of the display.
  - A brochure of other local and sustainable food producers around the region, along with food trails, that visitors may be interested in visiting while they are in Canberra.
  - Seedlings of the plants that are on display that people can take away with them.
- All at the meeting were keen to see this progress. Additional items included:
  - Create a display with a human figure and the amount of compounds that make up our bodies. This would be a cut-out ply sculpture and aim to get people curious. Mark would like to do it with the Questacon people. Stefanie would be happy to help Mark with that.
  - Create a display at Floriade and run talks around a static display.
  - Create linkages between Floriade and the Turner Garden, including putting flyers on stalls at Floriade and engaging with media like Susan Parsons.
- Update on Dairy Flat Road site.
  - The Committee is hoping to sign by the end of July.
  - The mushroom course was run there over two days with two sets of 18 people. It worked really well. The kitchen, toilet and parking facilities were good.
- Financials – all claims need to be given to Keith by 30 June.
- AGM – Sunday 16 August.
- Grants are being applied for at the moment as part of the ACT Government Community Garden Grants.
- David provide an overview of a project CCF may be interested in:
  - He is engaged with a youth leadership program, which has adult mentors, site hosts and sponsors or people interested in getting building done (community group, Council, etc.)
  - They put their hand out for construction money and transform that to be a group led event with drums, music, performance pieces, etc.
  - Mud bricks are made by all ages for the sake of it, but they always try to go further and create kitchens for Councils and other useable items.
  - It's 90% playground philosophy and 10% becoming something.
  - Batemans Bay botanic gardens created a cubby house. They had 1200 kids involved with making it and now many of these families have parties there. They have made kitchens for Council, oven/outdoor kitchen in an Ulladulla high school and engaging disengaged youth.
  - They are creating a youth leadership program in Canberra.



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- For festivals it's just an activity, but the youth organise the event. Could be a good event for harvest time.

*Review each sub-group*

- Propagation + Gardening team:
  - Wicking beds are done. Great job Linda!
  - Next on agenda is compost bays and start propagating for sale of Floriade plants, and swapping plants.
  - Aiming to get this site looking good.
  - At the moment they won't prune for frost damage.
  - The question was raised whether the mushroom group is a sub-group of the propagation group or separate. A mushroom group has been set up today to look at the purpose of the group and what are it's first tasks. On paper there are around 60 people in the mushroom group.
- Education and Learning team:
  - Keith has the mushroom and other courses underway. We have around 5-6 people on a waiting list for the next mushroom course, which may happen in November.
  - Keith is keen to line up a workshop with Simone around brewing.
- Marketing + Sponsorship team:
  - Plans are underway to get the display container looking good.
  - It was suggested to send invites to those who like the CCF Facebook page and create events for the different activities happening.
- Design + Construction team:
  - A pizza oven making workshop is planned for the weekend of 27/28 June.
  - Other working bees will follow from there.
- People and Fun team:
  - Alex has been organising a meeting for this group.



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*Other business*

*Actions:*

1. MARK and Stefanie to engage with Questacon people and progress human cut-out to idea.
2. JODIE to organise to get access to Facebook for Stefanie.
3. JODIE to put a request on Freecycle for bricks if Gav doesn't have any – we need around 40-50 solid clay bricks.

**Next meeting date: Sunday 19 July 2015**

**Time meeting closed: 2.05pm.**