

Canberra City Farm: MEETING MINUTES

Date:	19 July 2015		
Location:	Canberra City Farm		
Time meeting commenced:	1.00pm		
People present:	Jodie Pipkorn Danny O'Brien Andrew Kerry Wright Peter Wilson Mark Spain	Keith Colls Stefanie Lekkas Cindy Steensby Linda Alyiffe John Harvey	Liz Taverner Barry Hardwick Phoebe Howe Ren Webb Linda Ayliffe
Apologies:			
Chairperson:	Jodie Pipkorn		
Proxies:			



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Matters/Actions Arising from the previous Meeting

ACTION	STATUS
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.	COMPLETE
3. JODIE to put a request on Freecycle for bricks if Gav doesn't have any – we need around 40-50 solid clay bricks.	COMPLETE

Agenda Items

Welcome and check-in: Points noted:

- Pizza oven excitement.
- Mushrooms excitement.
- Ramp and compost bays are looking great.
- Excited about new site and getting grapes and other things moving.
- Enjoying getting dirty and getting things in.
- More people are here (Turner), the more time it's open the better, as the more engaged everyone gets.
- Really coming together now.

Committee update

Dairy flat

- Licence hopefully signed next week.
- Stakeholder meeting and Master Plan process will happen as soon as we sign-off.
- We have started using the site and it is really good for running courses – mushroom courses in particular.
- CIT courses will be getting run there shortly.
- Johnathan Banks is giving advice for pruning the fruit trees.
- Mark O'Connor has been collecting feijoa's that produce good quality fruit. He has donated 26 fruiting varieties to CCF and we can sell these as a fundraiser.
- Grapes – we need to:
 - weed and seed inter rows with perennial grasses that add nitrogen, and mulch grass and graze sheep between the rows.
 - prune, water and irrigate.
 - soil has been tested and based on this we need to be careful of what we add and incremental, progress with caution. It will take several years to remediate.
 - consider borrowing the plow, etc.

- consider stock to regenerate – integrated agriculture.
- Generally we have to sort the Master Plan first at Dairy Flat, but we can do other things before.

Sub-group updates:

Design and construction:

- Lots has been happening.
- Congratulations Linda for the wonderful pizza oven making session. Really well run, lots of people helping out.
- Peter has done a great job on the ramp and compost bays.
- Container is being painted today.

Propagation and gardening:

- Have been doing things, but could be doing more.
- Need access to greenhouses and other things.
- There are lots of things at other people's houses from last year, so the plan is to recycle as much as possible.
- The wicking beds are now done with garlic and other herbs.
- Lucern bale garden is the next plan – it can break down easier than straw. It could go in the middle and have as part of it the polytunnel with star pickets.
- Was going to sort the bale garden the same weekend as the next mushroom course, but thinking maybe the weekend after.
- One idea was to have sensory plants and cover with an archway near where the current boxes are.
- Have working bees to convert into wicking beds.
- Other people could grow plants but we need to know what to grow.

Education and learning

- Number of courses are scheduled – 8 Nov mushroom propagation, 30 August grafting workshop, 16 August Johnathan Banks grafting workshop. Keith is keen to run a compost brewing workshop with Simone – liquid manures, compost teas, anything to do with improving soil health.
- The group is meeting after this to discuss other ideas.
- The aim is to get a program happening at the Floriade week.
- Eating, cooking and preserving could be looked at too.
- Need to consider signage.

People and fun

- Have not met – need a group convener.

Marketing and sponsorship

- Continuing to progress the display container.

Other business

Actions:

4. JODIE email about UAA
5. JODIE send list of people to engage around the area – group type, group, person who contacts them, googledoc – add tab
6. PETER to ask CSIRO about using glass houses.
7. EVERYONE to provide ideas to Education and Learning Group of things you would like to know about.

Next meeting date: Sunday 19 July 2015

Time meeting closed: 2.05pm.



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