

## Canberra City Farm: MEETING MINUTES



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<b>Date:</b>	15 May 2016	
<b>Location:</b>	Turner Garden	
<b>Time meeting commenced:</b>	1.30pm	
<b>People present:</b>	Danny O'Brien Jodie Pipkorn Stefanie Lekkas Gary Shapcott Liz Taverner Galina Andrew Kathleen Michihito	Linda Ayliffe Keith Colls Carole Ayliffe Cindy Steensby Walter Steensby Micah Paul Lau Mark Spain
<b>Apologies:</b>		
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Jodie Pipkorn	
<b>Proxies:</b>		

### Matters/Actions Arising from the previous Meeting

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
1. MARK and Stefanie to engage with Questacon people and progress human cut-out to idea.	Underway. Plywood and design.
2. DANNY to draft a site safety briefing document for Dairy Road.	Still to do
3. GALINA to photograph and film Turner Garden for history if it doesn't continue.	Underway.
4. KEITH to write up policy of food sharing.	Underway
5. ALEC to bring students down and look after the garden.	
6. LINDA to let everyone know when the Yacons are being harvested.	Still to come
7. JODIE to put a proposal to the Turner Residents Association and see if they are interested in picking up the project from here.	COMPLETE
8. JODIE to send a reminder about the working bee at Dairy Road, as there is some confusion about the date.	COMPLETE

### Agenda Items

*Check in – name and something that excites you about Canberra City Farm.*

- Sad about this place closing, but understands why and there is lots of potential at Dairy Road.
- Looking forward to Dairy Road opportunity and enterprises.
- Upset about this place closing and not being able to compost. Suggestion was made about considering a 'hungry bin'.
- Excited by new enterprises at the new site and growing feijoas and pruning.
- Pleased it rained and now we can dig at Dairy Road.
- Keen to start growing vegetables.
- Looking forward to checking out Dairy Road.
- Sad about Turner closing, but happy about next month's celebration.

- Excited about Dairy Road and excited about doing a fermentation workshop.
- Sad Turner is closing but keen to promote activities for CCF and increase brand awareness.
- Keen to get engaged with Dairy Road.
- ACT now has a People's Food Plan and we now have a woman cut-out showing the components that make up the human body.
- Not looking forward to deconstruction program, but excited about Dairy Road.
- Excited about Dairy Road and volunteering with bees and more broadly.
- Sad we are closing, however it's been a wonderful project for learnings. One door closes and another opens.
- Keen for the celebration event to reflect on the achievements and excited by the possibility of what Dairy Road holds.



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#### *Turner Garden Update:*

- Next steps for Turner
  - Party in 19 June – this will be the closing event. The agenda will consist of stories and a review of what we've achieved at Turner. Everyone will be asked to bring pizza toppings, cakes and celebratory food/drinks. Pizza from 12.30pm, cakes and reflection from 1.30pm. As part of this event we will note that the move is happening to allow CCF to be bigger, better and with more opportunities. If weather is terrible on 19 June, we will look for another option.
  - From a construction point of view, we will be putting together a schedule of what needs doing. We will put a call out for specialist equipment and working bees where we tackle certain things.
- Other discussion points:
  - Impressed by productivity that has been achieved at Turner. Out of 1 square metre we got around 10kgs of potatoes. This demonstrates how effective the CCF techniques are. A credit to those who have put the work in and what has been achieved from what we started with.
  - We have been experimenting with what gifts can be provided from volunteers and the time/knowledge that can be achieved. The next evolution for Canberra City Farm is to build a new economy and new ways that people can enjoy working together and sustaining each other. This will take place at Dairy Road, where you can share your knowledge to create a new economy.
  - It was suggested that it would be good to get together more often to share experiences and knowledge. This includes the experiences of models in other parts of the world that can be replicated in Canberra. By getting more concrete get togethers with more know-how the knowledge is further spread. It was noted that if someone would like to coordinate more knowledge sharing opportunities and meetings, it can be done.

#### *Dairy Road:*

- There should be a minimum of two people at the site at any time in case someone gets injured. If you go out alone, make sure to take a compression bandage with you and wear proper boots, as there are lots of snakes. Before going on site alone, everyone should be sure to have a site initiation first. This will provide all of the details you need to know, including where the first aid is, etc.
- Dairy Road launch has been proposed to take place after the things from Turner have been moved.
- A task list calendar has been created and will be circulated with the next newsletter. It allows people to add tasks and put their name down as a coordinator of a working bee at the site.

- Working bees:
  - There is a pruning workshop on Sunday of 29 May. It will then be full steam ahead with pruning. Dates of further pruning workshops will be talked about at the 29 May workshop.
  - Demonstration gardens are started and regular working bees happening on the gardens.
  - There are a whole lot of jobs that need doing and these will be added to the task list and regular opportunities to engage circulated.
- CCF is putting in for two grants for a polytunnel and greenhouse.
- EOI process has progressed with a lawyer providing us with a draft Service Level Agreement. This will be progressed over the coming week and trialled on Global Warming, a company keen to establish on the site and support CCF.
- The walk-behind tractor will hopefully soon be purchased. All agreements are now signed.
- CCF could consider how to get people engaged with compost around Dairy Road, particularly in the Kingston apartments nearby.
- SEE-Change Woden is exploring taking on the renovation/construction of a housing demonstration.
- It was noted that all members can take ownership of Canberra City Farm and initiative projects or activities. It is up to individuals interested in doing something to run it past the CCF Committee and kick it off.
- Reminder if you are out at Dairy Road and there is a key safe for the toilets. Don't go into the shower room as the door does not work.



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#### *Other business*

- Liz was in Africa and they had an education centre in the desert. They did all their cooking using the sun, with ovens that heated using reflectors/solar. The fuel for other cooking involved scrunching paper into balls. Groups of school children came to visit each week. Everything supported greater awareness, particularly with water, energy, etc. being measured. Walter and Cindy have sun ovens and a solar dryer. They have a large coffin solar dryer and are considering donating it to CCF when more is happening out at the Dairy Road site. We would need to make it vermin proof. Walter/Cindy could also make a sun oven for CCF as part of a workshop.
- Reminder about pruning – if you would like to come to the workshop please send an email to CCF.

#### *Check out – what is one thing that excites you about CCF?*

- CCF has great capabilities.
- Excited to be a member and part of like-minded people enthusiastic about food, farming and pruning.
- The Turner potatoes were great!
- Great to see a big bowl of produce and warm community around food. There is lots of knowledge and ideas to implement and build on what we have here.
- Ideas could feature in magazines. We all travel and have ideas. Looking forward to construction and documenting and taking stories of our vision.
- Excited in general with things taking shape and starting to do things.
- Taking more initiative as members and for CCF to be more known.
- Potatoes were great, excited about the celebration and keen to get a lift to Dairy Road events.
- Learning about good ideas and how to put them into practice, and being a part of it.
- Looking at Collingwood Childrens Farm and CERES, these are imbedded and loved by the community. It would be great for CCF to do this too.

- Excited about values of the community, and snakes, and the atmosphere of CCF, which is warm and welcoming.
- Excited about the tractor as it allows us to do lots and not by hand.
- Next pizza oven build is exciting out at Dairy Road.
- Lots of opportunities. There is self-sustained communities in India that manage power and water. We can learn lots from others.
- Dairy Road has endless possibilities and pruning.
- Excited about the pruning.
- Excited about the learnings we have had so far and all the possibilities of expanding this into the future.



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*Actions:*

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1. JODIE to create a google list for car pools.	
2. JODIE to send journalist name to Galina.	

**Next meeting date: Sunday 19 June 2016.**

**Time meeting closed: 2.40pm.**