

Canberra City Farm: MEETING MINUTES

Date:	21 August 2016	
Location:	Dairy Road	
Time meeting commenced:	12:00pm	
People present:	Danny O'Brien Linda Ayliffe Carole Ayliffe Cindy Steensby Arian McVeigh	Walter Steensby Virginia Prouse Trish McKewan Jeanett Mill
Apologies:	Jodie Pipkorn, Gilles Rohan, Mark Spain	
Chairperson:	Danny O'Brien	
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.	Underway. Plywood and design being formed.
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

Agenda Items

Turner cleaning:

- Turner garden cleanup and move to Dairy road progressing
- Challenge being the weather, and unable to move the containers until the ground as dried up enough to be able to get a tow truck onto site
- Reluctant to remove the fencing until we are in a position to move everything remaining, but that may change if we think we can secure all the remaining infrastructure without the fence in place
- A number of smaller working bees to complete the cleanup
 - Remove the fence and posts
 - Deconstruct the house
 - Move the containers and cleanup the surrounds

Tractor:

- The decision has been made for the Petrol tractor with Flail mower and Spader attachments
- Organising cost-effective transport
- Tractor and flail mower will be available September
- Spader not available until November

Global Worming workshop:

- Great feedback from all attendees about the workshop – and a huge thanks to Cid

Goterra enterprise:

- New proposed enterprise for the production of Soldier Fly larvae for stock feed
- The setup at Dairy road would involve a greenhouse (that we can also use) plus some small scale infrastructure
- Negotiations underway

Other Enterprises:

- Micro greens
 - Explanation from Linda about the proposed enterprise
 - Currently running out at Pialigo
 - Selling into a number of cafés and restaurants in Canberra
- Veg and fruit
 - Keith has put together a budget for the operation of the demonstration garden, the orchard, and the vineyard
 - commercial reality behind the costs associated with running the orchard vs the returns we can get from raw produce vs value added produce
 - Action: Add Trish to mailing list for value adding



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Seed Saving:

- 8 attendees at the last seed saving workshop – new people (young!)
- Seed packet making ready for when we have more seeds
- Planning for what to grow to then harvest
- 30 folks on the mailing list

Actions:

ACTION	STATUS
Danny: Add Trish to the value added mailing list	DONE

Next meeting date: Sunday 18 September 2016.

Time meeting closed: 12:25pm.