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Canberra City Farm: MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Sunday 22 Jan 2017	
Location:	Dairy Road	
Time meeting commenced:	1:00pm	
People present:	Danny O'Brien Heidi Keith Colls Cindy Steensby Virginia Proust Gilles Rohan	Walter Steensby Trish McEwan Lyn James Peter James Gary Shapcott Kerry Wright
Apologies:	Jodie Pipkorn, Mark Spain	
Chairperson:	Keith Colls	

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. Trish will set up another meeting of the Value Add group	
4. Mark to follow-up re. development program for CCF committee/ others who are interested in sharing vision for CCF	In progress

Agenda Items

Membership:

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

- A brief overview was given.
- Other items for inclusion in the equipment purchases:
 - Wheelbarrow
 - Ladder for the fruit trees

Recent stuff/General news:

- Urban Kids Day (29th October) was a success – we supplied some plants and straw bales (were not allowed to put the chooks there in the end). Thanks to Karina from The Dirty Beanstalk for her efforts in co-ordinating this.
- Mushroom farm tour in October 2016 – great work by Baihua to organise – had just under 60 attendees, and was well received by all
- Seedsaver workshop – a huge thanks to Arian for organising – it was a full house, and the feedback was great – people really enjoyed the event and there was plenty to learn.
- The grant money list has been circulated. Keith is looking into the projector, Linda is looking into the netting for fruit trees, Danny and Keith are looking at the garden tools – we will be buying a brushcutter for maintenance at Dairy Road, plus other garden tools.
- We now have the spader as an attachment for the tractor.

- Four Seasons workshops
- Marmalade making workshop

Turner Garden:

- The Turner Garden is officially closed. The shipping containers were moved in November, and the final site clean-up completed (thanks to all those that helped to de-construct the house and move all the gear!).

Dairy Road:

- A big cleanup was done just before Christmas – so the site is ready to get going with the implementation of the plan.
- Linda is coordinating a working bee each Monday from 10 a.m. to 12:00 midday.
- Peter and Lyn are coordinating a working bee each Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12:00 midday.
- SEE-Change will be discussing what to do with the garage building and how to turn it into a demonstration of an energy efficient building.

Events:

- CCF Planning workshop – Tuesday 24th January – 7-9pm at Dairy Road. The purpose is to plan out our priorities and projects for 2017. All encouraged to participate.
- 4 seasons workshop happening next Sunday 29th January, 2017 – to discuss the launch of the propagation group
- Canberra City Farm will be participating in World Wetlands Open Day, on Sunday 5th of February 2017 at the Dairy Road site. We are looking for volunteers to operate the stall (selling produce, jams, etc).
- Bee Keepers open day (4th March) – will have a stall to sell seedlings and value add items
- Hot Composting workshop – 4th March
- Seed saving - meeting 5th February.

Enterprises:

- Goterra Agreement have indicated that they have already grown too large for the amount of processing that they were allowed to process on our site, so will be initiating commercial activities elsewhere. Have offered to donate the greenhouse that they have!
- Potential for HomeGrownMe with a pop-up kitchen (40”) – to be discussed.

Groups/Projects:

- *Propagation* – sprouted out from Peter and Lyn having too many tomato plants – sold \$1000 of produce on behalf of CCF. Extended into growing cucumber, pumpkin seedlings. Purpose of the propagation team is to provide a learning environment; grow seedlings for CCF gardens + for sale at various events and workshops. Also looking to sell into other organisations (Schools).
- *Value Adding Group (Trish and Melissa)*: Marmalade made and available for sale. **Need a callout for old jars – and also any excess produce to feed into the value adding group.**
- *Other organisations/collaborations (Walter)*: COGS met recently and discussed the possibility of having plots at the CCF site and they do not wish to progress. So, we will be undertaking a plot system under our own steam. Progress mapping out the allotment garden area. Measured up and the design for the detailed layout is underway, and water is available for the area.
- *Seed Saving (Arian)*: next seed saving get together on 5th Feb. Contact Arian for details.
- *Communications (Jodie)*: Jodie is coordinating communications including for the workshops, events and producing flyers, etc. Jodie can also help people who want to get



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a WVP card and need help with paperwork. Request to have a smaller scale more regular communication for volunteers to help co-ordinate what is happening on a weekly basis in the working bees. Whiteboard in the small house will help with some of the co-ordination.

- *Food Box Initiative (Micah)*: further discussions with the co-ordination group to confirm whether there is enough interest in this sort of arrangement given the other produce available via things like the farmers' markets. At the moment the FBI is on hold, and potentially morphing into a more traditional CSA.
- *Propagation and Gardening (Keith)*: Peter and Lyn James are now co-ordinating the broader activities for the propagation team, including seedlings for sales etc. 4 seasons workshops are going great and are well-subscribed.
- *Learning and Development Coordinator (Mark)*: For action during the planning meeting in order to flesh out activities.
- *Vulnerable People (Baihua)*: No progress



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OTHER ITEMS

Stolen fruit – contact the foragers (if we can find who they are) and get the signs out to alert people to the fact that CCF is now managing the site.

ACTION	STATUS
Check with the foragers to see if we are on their list	Under way
Set out signs relating to CCF operation of the orchards	COMPLETE

Next meeting date: Sunday 19th February 2016.

Time meeting closed: 2pm.