

Canberra City Farm: GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Sunday 20 August 2017	
Location:	Dairy Road	
Time meeting commenced:	1:45pm	
People present:	Keith Colls Jodie Pipkorn Lyn James Peter James Sara Cronan Mark Spain Linda Ayliffe Alison Rudd	Ross Carswell Derek Archer Michele Smith Walter Steensby Cindy Steensby Andrew Chalklen Fiona Tito Wheatland Carole Ayliffe James Atkins
Apologies:	Danny O'Brien, Christine Vincent, Arian McVeigh, Baihua Fu, Trish McEwan, Micah Wood, Gilles Rohan, Yvonne Best	
Chairperson:	Keith Colls	



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Matters/Actions Arising from the previous Meeting

ACTION	STATUS
1. TRISH to follow up with Food Co-op Shop about the Food Box Initiative and how it might work for them to promote it if they do not want to continue with their current scheme.	Still to do
2. DANNY to consider how to make containers more accessible.	Still to do

Agenda Items

Other updates

- We are madly working towards the 19 November event and getting the hub finalised.
- The pizza oven will be fired after the roundhouse workshop.
- 16-17 September is the roundhouse workshop.
- Forest garden workshop is in 3 weeks time.
- Asbestos –
 - There is a problem with fibro bonded asbestos being found in the area near the cross.
 - The Government currently do not have the funds to move it, but they may find the funds either at the end of the financial year or early next financial year.
 - We need to move the currants, yakons and other plants from this area as soon as possible.
- Community garden grants are up for grabs.
 - If people have ideas, please send them to the Canberra City Farm email address, noting the details of what is being proposed and the amount of funds being sought.
- Multi-cultural grants program are open.
 - Walter has sent an email.
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- Monday working bee update –
 - There will be a discussion tomorrow about plantings and where wind breaks and other structured plantings can be planted.
- Plots update –
 - They are coming along nicely. There are only 2 vacant plots left out of the 9.

- The little elm tree will be taken down by Michael soon. The large tree will be taken down following funds being found, as it is under wires and too large for Michael to do.
- Value-add group update –
 - There was a net profit for the last financial year of \$1,400, but there is still a lot of stock remaining so probably several hundred of stock still available for sale.
 - The social engagement and fun has been as important as the preserves. It also motivates everyone to maintain the fruit trees.
 - The group were involved with 6 markets – Bungendore Harvest Festival was the most successful and most effortless. The feeling is we can only do 3 major events a year.
 - There has been talk of having something here a couple of days a year and sell jams and Devonshire Teas. If we can make it nice around the kitchen, a chef could do a pop-up café in the kitchen area.
 - Storage and logistics is the challenge. Trish's house has been stocked full and then to get them to the market has been a challenge. As we do not have good storage space here, that could be something for the future or considering for grants.
 - Overall consensus is it has been an eventful and fun group. In the next couple of weeks the group will get together to discuss their plan for this year, including whether to scale up and have some funded positions.
 - Congratulations to everyone involved!
- World Wetlands Day is on 4 February 2018 and there is an opportunity for us to have a stall.
- Priority after the Hub is to make the area outside the kitchen really nice.
- Propagation program update –
 - Last year it happened by accident, but turned out to be very successful.
 - This year we are about to kick off for the spring season. There are 25 different varieties of tomatoes ready to go. We have heated trays and we want to change the walkway into a propagation area. We need to get this going in the next few weeks, so the group will need to get reactivated. There hasn't been anything done since last Autumn.
 - There is a faithful mailing list that bought all the plants last year.
 - Schools is another area for engaging, as they are growing their own gardens so there is a wonderful opportunity for them to get their seedlings from us. We were in discussions with Woden School to bring students out here, but this did not proceed. There are also opportunities for CCF to assist with school gardens, particularly through summer.
 - Another opportunity is how we could do windbreaks in this place. We could propagate lots of native plants and that is another useful thing we could use the propagation area for.
 - The glasshouse was donated by Goterra and we should use it as a demonstration glass house rather than a larger scale operation.
 - Beside the glasshouse will be a herb spiral made by Permablitz.
- Construction –
 - Wicking beds have been laid out and starting to be constructed.
 - The next step will be showing different planter box types by cladding the outside of the wicking beds in different materials.
- Learning group –
 - We have a relationship with Southern Harvest Association and there is lots of workshops happening.
 - Arian has invited the Environment Teachers Network to have their meeting at Dairy Rd enabling CCF and the teachers to investigate ways in which both organisations can collaborate.



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- Food Box Initiative –
 - Lauren is taking over the role of coordinator from Micah. It should hopefully start in Spring.

Other Business

- Kids activities –
 - Some people have asked whether kids can come to the regular working bees.
 - There are opportunities to set aside a play area for kids, this could include nature play activities, a sawdust pile, etc.
 - Consideration needs to be given to 'Working with Vulnerable People' cards.

ACTION	DUE DATE
3. PETER to send CCF an email seeking interest for the Propagation Group.	
4. MARK to send Peter details about school teachers visit to the site.	

Next meeting date: Sunday 17 September 2017. Time meeting closed: 2.22pm.



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