

Maribyrnong Edible Garden
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - 1st October 2022
Held at MEG, Hortsense Street, Maribyrnong.

Attendance: Mikkel B, Katherine W, Chris K, Edward B, Harry K, David T, Michael C, Gerry R, Kerry T, Dominic A, Brett P, Nanu E, Joel B, Nazli E, Chris H, Shuk L, Linda V, Danny V, Kevin J, Joan K, John K, Peter S, Rosie W, Mike C, Julie McQ, John U, Helen I, Desley P, Richard P, Dan M, Nella B, Sara C, Daniel B, Lou M, Tom, Elliot R, Geoff L.

Item	Decisions
<p>1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country. Meeting opened 10.55am Peter Sibly welcomed everyone and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land and waters on which we live and have our beautiful gardens, the Wurundjeri people, members of the Kulin nation and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging. A special mention to our own elders who have been at the garden for a long time now, a warm welcome to them also.</p>	<p>Over 35 members in attendance - quorum of 10% of members met</p>
<p>2. Apologies: Emma L, Lurline L, Colette J, Chantel M, Lina M, Trish W, Vicki S, Marina M, Paul C, Dennis M, Vince T, Amy H, Robyn A, Khandra W, Catherine S, Elizabeth D, Ann C, Peter C, Jo C, Jan S, Vince I, Milka K, Jasmine S, Sarah C, Bert J.</p>	<p>Received and noted.</p>
<p>3. Minutes of the last AGM Resolution: The minutes of the previous AGM held on 6/11/21 be accepted Moved: Desley Paulin Seconded: Joel Ballarin</p>	<p>Resolution carried</p>
<p>4. Reports</p> <p>4.1 Presidents Report - Peter Sibly</p> <p>Governance over the last 12 months</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10x Committee meetings had been held 2. CAV report for the financial year has been filled 3. Finalised a long term lease on the garden with the local council 4. Bank signatories - Up to date and went digital <p>Council matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A good rapport with the local council has been made over the last 12 months <p>Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 6x new members over the last 12 months 	

Working bee achievements

1. Carpet removed from around all plots, garden much safer to walk around in
2. Orchard area has vastly improved, weeds gone and area covered in mulch

Sustainability Policy

1. We have done well this last 12 months but could do better
2. Thanks to David Toms for consistently putting in a huge effort to make sure we are mulching our waste
3. Continued effort to eradicate plastic from our community where we can

Special mentions from Peter Sibly

- Bees are back! Thanks to Dan and Linda Vandenburg who look after them now they are back, they were sorely missed
- Cost of sleepers too expensive to replace around plots, repair is the best option
- We have applied for the \$20k Westgate neighbourhood grant
 - \$16k priced up to complete orchard netting
 - Awaiting confirmation, should know by end of November
- A second grant from the Maribyrnong City Council for \$5K was denied
 - This was to be used on constructing an accessibility ramp
- Elizabeth Drozd offered to contact the Rotary club for funding for an accessibility ramp. Thank you Elizabeth.

Peter Sibly made the comment that the community is alive and well, good to see people back after covid.

4.2 Treasurer's Report - Chris Karapalidis

Last 12 months we recorded:

- \$5118.62 Income
- \$3940.81 Expenditures
- \$1177.81 Net
- As of 30th September 2022 we have \$11,392.53 in the MEG account

Chris K made the following points:

- A reminder to everyone to pay their plot fee's
 - As of Wednesday 28th September there was 7 people outstanding
- Chris K brought MEG into the digital era with banking, NO MORE CHEQUES
- No more bank fees of \$10 per month for a cheque account (savings of \$120 annually)
- Banking all controlled via internet banking
- Reminder about the reintroduction of having to attend 6x working bees in a year

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you can't make it please inform the MEG Committee ● 2x grants in the pipeline for netting and ramps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ramp (MCC grant) has denied us <p>Resolution: That the Treasurer's Report for 2021/2022 financial year be accepted Moved: Dave Vandenburg Seconded: Kerry Taylor</p>	Resolution carried
<p>4.3 Works Report – Peter Sibley</p> <p>Included in the Presidents report</p>	
<p>5. General Business</p> <p>5.1 Discussion of Projects for 2022 / 2023</p> <p>Open discussion with members regarding future works projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep up the maintenance of the garden ● Compost is going great ● Rhubarb plot needs to be moved to allow better growth?(David Toms, Desley Paulin, Kerry Taylor) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potentially moved from behind the pizza oven to get more sunlight ○ Various opinions from the members on this ○ Add additional sleepers to create more depth in the rhubarb garden ○ Move plot under the orchard? ● Bee's (Dan Vandenburg) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 weeks till we can get honey ○ We need more jars for the honey, ideally within the week ○ Looking for someone to take charge of the beehives. Position vacant. ● Who gets a jar? Everyone does ● More education sessions was brought up (Julie McQueen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshops for compost and bottling fruit / veges ○ Get in touch with "My smart garden" ○ Bread making classes ○ Dan to hold a beekeeping workshop after November working Bee ○ Geoff Lethbridge asked about creating a mushroom farm <p>Special thanks to David Toms and Tom Lucia for their hard work around the garden.</p> <p>A special thanks (from the members to Peter Sibly) for his hard work throughout the year</p>	
<p>6. Election of Committee – Elliot Roberts (Returning Officer).</p>	

<p>Elliot acknowledged the land we are on, the hard work the committee has done throughout the last 12 months and mentioned that we are indeed privileged to garden on this land.</p> <p>Elliot declared all committee positions vacant and called for nominations for a new committee for the next 12 months.</p> <p>Resolution: That the following members were received and accepted for the MEG Committee for 2022/2023 financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mikkel Blomley ● Brett Pappas ● Chris Karapalidis ● Michael Cleary ● Desley Paulin ● Kevin Jackman 	<p>Committee to determine Office Bearers positions</p>
<p>7. Other Matters</p> <p>7.1 Christmas Party Agreed to hold a Christmas Party on 3rd December 2022</p>	<p>New Committee to arrange.</p>
<p>7.2 Acknowledgement of Outgoing Committee Special thanks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peter Sibly ● Shuk Yin Liew ● Nazli Eryildirim 	
<p>Meeting closed at: 11.35am</p>	