

Permaculture Noosa

Management Committee meeting

Date: Wednesday 25th January 2017

Time commenced: 6:15pm

Present: Wendy, Val, Bill, Ian, Tim, Wayne, Carolyn, Cheryl, Sripati, Dan

Apologies:

Chair: Tim

Amendments to previous minutes

- Acknowledge apologies from Ian
- Tim to contact school for invoice not Wendy
- Wayne Dylan not the person to be contacted for website training
- Thanks to Bill and his family for hosting the special meeting

Matters arising from previous meeting

Dept of Fair Trading

- Tim & Ian unable to complete on Dan's behalf
- Dan to obtain info from Tim and to complete

Subsidising PDC training for members

- put as an agenda item for ongoing discussion

Venues

- CWA hall has a great atmosphere but not big enough and no room for stalls inside
- Keep monthly meeting at Cooroy State school

Strategic Plan

- create a role / position for interested members to explore the recommendations and develop actions
- Ian would like to lead a steering committee

Website

- committee page is on the website
- minutes of meetings are available to the public to ensure accessibility, transparency and accountability
- upload presentations & audio from monthly meetings
- Caroline to follow up schools for possible student participation
- Yandina Community garden events are on PC Noosa website

Open Garden

- awaiting reply from Morag
- a garden is confirmed for 12th Feb

Members meeting

- Bill played a slide show of images prior to the meeting commenced
- Will continue to do themed presentations in future to inspire & inform members of permaculture ethics, principles, practices and examples

Report to Members

- Tim reported to members at January meeting of the committee needs for more input and support in 2017
- The intention to build support teams around each committee position
- Sripati spoke to the seed savers group regarding this, Sue Anderson has indicated she will take on the coordinators role

Treasurers Report

- due at the end of the month, Wendy to report at Feb meeting
- Wendy to do a bank transfer for CWA for hall hire

Action: Sripati to send the CWA contact number for Wendy

Seed Savers

- Sripati has contacted all members
- The group meetings are returning to Surinder's restaurant in Pomona
- Sripati has updated the group flyer and will distribute

Action: Sripati to contact Sue Anderson to confirm if she is able to take on the coordinators role. If so advertising for the position can be ceased

- Sripati has prepared a job description for the role
- Seed sales of \$50-\$80 per month at Surinder's
- Suggestion PC Noosa acknowledges Surinder's restaurant on the website
- Sripati enquired with staff at Sauer's produce store to display and sell seeds.

Action: Sripati to follow up with owners of Sauer's produce store

- additional green flyers need

Action: Tim to pass on flyers to Sripati

Events

- Val reported on theme she would like to promote for 2017 events
- A slogan "extinction comes from starvation" and action focused on the real cost of lawns & promote lawn alternatives or a 'permaculture lawn'
- Aiming for a stall at Cooroy Fusion Festival
- Happy to lead the idea but needs support from members
- Will present at next meeting
- Committee to engage the members is small group work at next meeting

Nambour Garden show

- Yandina to go ahead and would like PC Noosa support
- Some concern about the direction the kitchen garden display is not reflecting permaculture principles

Action: Tim to discuss with Nambour officials / consultant

Meeting times

- change committee meeting to 4th Thursday evening of month

Action: Caroline to check availability of library and report back

Agenda Items

Committee member's capabilities

- Tim expressed his current project commitments are hindering his ability to undertake the role
- Tim would greatly appreciate support to transition into the role
- Committee to support Tim to identify duties, roles and responsibilities required of him
- Regular duties include
 - o Venue booking
 - o Organise monthly presenter's
 - o Prepare committee meeting agenda and send out 48 hours before meeting
 - o Open up & close hall and lead hall setup/ pack up on members nights

Action: This needs support from committee and members

- o Be available to meet with members

Action: a full list of duties to be developed with support of committee

Other Matters

- Georgia Bailey unable to be a member of the committee
- Need update on paid membership
- Need strategies to increase membership e.g. gift offers of eBooks on permaculture plants
- Ian returned post box key and files for Dan to care take
- Wayne reported on recommended audio recorder attachments options. Price range is \$200-\$400. Committee agreed to be guided by Wayne as to the best quality option

Meeting closed 8:30