

Some Agenda Items June 2017 PN Committee meeting

1. Where to start with the Community Gardens? Have we signed off with the lease? see transcript below (Wendy)
2. Audit, what is happening? (Wendy)(see more below)
3. Stand in for audio? (audio visual buddy)
4. Signage for meetings
5. Cost of Hall Hire with extended hour.
6. Treasurer's report with feedback from the committee.
7. Possible speaker Nell Azuri on Citizens' Climate Lobby (see email transcript below)
8. 2017 April & May Seedsavers Report (see transcript below)
9. Website Membership Page revamp -(see more below)

TRANSCRIPTS ETC.

1. Where to start with the Community Gardens? Have we signed off with the lease?

HI Committee

I thought I might reiterate my feeling that we ought to find a way of supporting the idea (or take over of, yuk word) the community gardens by arranging a gathering of people to take on the nuts and bolts of what we are wanting to achieve. I don't know that we know what we want to achieve, so, I am hoping that you will agree that we need to put together some ideas about how our vision might look.

Watching Gardening Australia on 20/05/2017, (link below) I was inspired by the Addison Road Community Centre in Marrickville segment. They create income from the local residents kitchen waste and sell waste composted back to the community. Just an idea, link below.

<http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s4671837.htm>

Cheers
Wendy

Here is an email received from Kylie Finigan
Development Officer, Noosa Council :

Hi Tim and Bill,

Following on from our recent meeting regarding PN taking over the Permit on the Cooroy Community Gardens, could you please supply the following details:

Registered Name, ABN, Certificate of Incorporation, contact details – name, phone numbers email addresses etc

These will be inserted into the new Trustee permit and emailed to you for comment/ and or signing.

Regards,

Kylie

Dated 12 June 2017

2. Audit, what is happening?

Wendy's well thought out and explained case has been posted on the website and will be sent to members before our next meeting. <http://permaculturenoosa.com.au/important-notice-to-all-members-of-permaculture-noosa-incorporated-a-case-for-ceasing-annual-audits-of-pcn-financials/>

3. Stand in for audio? (audio visual buddy)

Wayne has compiled an excellent PPT explanation of how to use the equipment which has now been posted on the website , labelled as PA setup: <http://permaculturenoosa.com.au/permaculture-noosa-committee-info/>

7. Possible speaker Nell Azuri on Citizens' Climate Lobby

From: Nell Azuri <nellazuri@gmail.com>

Subject: Citizens' Climate Lobby

Message Body:

Hi Permaculture Noosa people,

I'm a lapsed member from near Yandina - my two little kids' make it hard for me to garden, let alone get to meetings. I've recently

become involved in a really positive, inclusive, action-focused climate action group called Citizens' Climate Lobby.

Seeing as climate change is going to become such a big issue for us all in Australia, and seeing as permaculture gardeners are usually ahead of the curve in understanding this, I was wondering if I could do a talk on Citizens' Climate Lobby to the PN group?

This video is a brief introduction to our proposal, a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4s7s6VTYMJI&feature=youtu.be>

The group is single issue and intentionally non-partisan, so all sides of the community can get behind it. We're an international group, with a huge following in the US and a vast pool of educational resources. A lot of our members are part of other groups also (350, SCCAN, solar citizens etc)

Our aim is to use lobbying techniques that have been proven to be effective to build the political will for a livable world.

I'm the regional coordinator for CCL and have started running online meetings to help support people to be more powerful climate advocates.

If you're interested to have me speak, let me know how long you would be able to give me and I'll alter my presentation to suit.

Warm wishes

Nell.

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8. 2017 April & May Seedsavers Report

25th May 2017

April: Its probably wasn't the best time for me to take over the seedsavers due to my car breaking down and some very difficult family issues that had to be sorted but I hope the future will be a more peaceful and productive one for the Seedsavers.

April Seedsavers meeting, my first as coordinator was a bit of a fizzer as I had only Kath turn up. I think the timing was off for this

meeting as it was the Thursday of the Easter break, however we did pack some seed and sort the box. Surinda from Noosa Namaste informed me that someone had stolen the money container from the seed box we have placed in his Café. He kindly replaced it with a bottle for us, but even though this happened we still took \$86.50 for the two months. We need to work out a way to secure the money container to the boxes so we don't have it happen again.

I apologise for the mix up with the seed box and the April meeting but it was unavoidable.

I have purchased handles and locks for the main seed boxes to make carrying them to and from meetings a lot easier. I hope to get this sorted in the next couple of weeks.

May: The Seedsavers meeting for May had 5 attendees. We had an enjoyable and productive meeting packing seed in readiness for the Cooroy Fusion. I have succeeded in setting up a template to over print the envelopes to save a lot of time. The seed boxes are in need of an overhaul. I would like to rearrange the seed in alphabetical order to make it easier to find what you are looking for, as the different families of seed are growing at different rates and don't fit into the allotted sections anymore. Maybe in the near future we might even have a third seed box and increase our variety on offer. After the hot weather we had this year and also knowing how Sripatti and I are storing seed I think it may be advisable to get an insulated container for our seed bank storage to keep the viability of the seed stable. An old esky if anyone has a spare or purchase one would be sufficient. We have till next summer to sort that out.

Our stocks of seed are depleting fast and the viability of a lot of seed is running out this year. We are missing the basic seed for greens and salad vegetables and they are our biggest sellers. I will do a piece for our newsletter on what we need; it's the beginning of our growing season and a good time to plan this. Cooroy Fusion was fun. I haven't been to one before but the energy of the stand was fabulous thanks to Val and her hard work and all who helped on the day. The seed box was a big draw. I was surprised how many people were drawn in to look and buy seed. We sold \$168.50 of seed which is 112 packets. That's a lot of seed to be replaced.

Happy Gardening
Sue Anderson
Seedsavers Coordinator

9. Website Membership Page revamp -

Konrad has redesigned the page in accordance with Janine's request and in consultation with several PN Ctee members.

Now available on the website:

<http://permaculturenoosa.com.au/membership/>

and

<http://permaculturenoosa.com.au/membership-signup/> .

I have suggested a couple of minor amendments, which may already be done by the time the committee meets tonight.
