

MINUTES
PERMACULTURE NOOSA COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 7 February 2018

Location: RSL, Maple Street, Cooroy commenced at 6.15pm
Present: President Vic Bateman; Treasurer Wendy Strathearn; Secretary Lorraine Oats
Vice President: (vacant)
Committee Members: Wayne Oldham, Bill Berry, Tim Peek
Guest: CCG Facebook Admin Caroline Whittle-Herbert

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved/seconded as accepted (Vic/Wendy)

BUSINESS / UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cooroy Community Gardens:

- a) **Membership of Badminton Club** - Membership forms for Vic, Wendy, Lorraine, Bill and Wayne completed. Lorraine has been in contact with Kris (secretary) to arrange delivery of forms and payment when bank details provided.
- b) **Signs for CCG and miscellaneous issues** – 1) Council has rejected our request for blue & white street directional signs. Vic will follow up with a councillor. 2) Bunnings do not have appropriate posts for CCG sign so Vic will arrange kopper logs. 3) List has been made of items required and Wendy asked her various permaculture groups. Not much response but Ruth Sparrow has offered a watering system. Vic & Wendy to check out. 4) Business sponsorship – Vic showed his pencil plan of sign to go on side of shipping container to acknowledge donations.
- c) **Forming links with established community gardens:** Bill and Vic attended Noosa Community Garden on Friday (12/1/18). They do not have safety signs that we could borrow ideas from but the ladies at working bee were welcoming. Bill outlined his vision of a food forest along strip of land connecting to Wallace Park library precinct.
- d) **Trustee Permit** – Lorraine has not received confirmation from Kylie NSC that our copy is the same as the final copy held by Council. Not worth pursuing as term expires 10 May and we will be more knowledgeable with the next one.
- e) **Working bees** – General discussion about how to address lack of helpers: promotion at club nights, consider different day/time (the very hot January Sundays may have put potential helpers off). Caroline offered to be on the roster of supervisors, commencing late March. Wayne to check mulcher/shredder. Bill to bring electric domestic mulcher to see if suitable.
- f) **Facebook and Email:** Caroline Whittle-Herbert has assumed the role of Facebook administrator. Lorraine will remain as inactive backup. Email address of cooroycommunitygardens@permaculturenoosa.com.au to remain with secretary for the time being. Caroline will discuss with Jane Gapinski who manages the PN Facebook, about amalgamating or linking the PN and CCG Facebook pages. Vic, in consultation with Wendy and Wayne, will provide a 3-month plan of action to Caroline. Main aim is to make the local community aware of CCG and making the Facebook page more interactive may help to achieve this.
- g) **Occupational Health & Safety requirements** – Vic has pencil plan of sign listing WH&S requirements to be displayed on shipping container.
- h) **Ideas for getting the word out:**
 - a. Cooroy Rag – regular updates (Vic & Lorraine)
 - b. PN club nights – short slideshow update of progress each month (Vic, Wendy, Wayne)
 - c. Talk to local groups – Cooroy Rotary and others (Vic)
 - d. BBQ breakfast/social event at CCG to attract/evaluate interest (discuss at future meeting)

Club Meeting – General Business Items update from previous meetings

Item		
3	Wine for guest speakers has been organised and will be available for Feb club night.	
4	Asset Register – some items still at Bronwyn McIntyre's garage. To be added to Asset Register when collected	VIC
6	Raffle coordinator – no offers from January club night. Membership secretary: Janine Stoner doing background work & Julie McKenzie attending meetings	
7	At Jan club night Vic explained raffle ticket included in entry fee and that additional can be purchased. Vic has done sign for front desk explaining what the entry fee includes. Further discussion regarding bottleneck at door under current system. Lorraine and Wendy to decide on smoother process – whether we need to record names and check on membership status, and remove raffle ticket from entry fee as taking time but not leading to more profitable raffle.	WENDY LORRAINE
8	Grants – Vic has not been able to contact Kylie NSC despite leaving several messages. Vic will enquire who else at Council can help.	VIC
	Membership of SCEC – some confusion last year with form completed but no payment made. Wendy now has letter from SCEC to arrange \$35 m'ship fee.	
From previous	Wendy contacted Bunnings' nursery department re getting discarded seedlings. No go: they discount old seedlings, then discard.	
	Vic to ring members for feedback about meetings	VIC

CORRESPONDENCE since last meeting

I/O	To or From	Subject	Action taken/to be taken
I	BOGI	February newsletter	Give to Bill for inclusion in library
I	GCA	"Our Gardens" Issue 76 Autumn 2018 x 2	Give to Bill for library / raffle prize

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT **Attached – full report January 2018**

January 2018 Income \$303.23

January 2018 Expenses \$167.50

January Meeting Cash

Memberships	15.00
Raffle	55.00
Supper	56.00
Seedsavers	94.85
Total Banked	\$220.85

Cash in Bank

Cheque account no 1	\$1,277.83
Sandhurst Select Mortgage Fund	\$10,744.61

Cash in floats (Membership, Supper, Retail, Donations, Raffle) \$138.00

Petty Cash 50.00

Total cash on hand 31/01/2018 **\$12,210.44**

Payments to be approved/ratified:

22.12.17 – Lorraine Oats (Sauers gift voucher for December raffle prize)	\$25.00
22.12.17 – Wendy Strathearn (Gift expenses)	7.50
08.01.18 – Garden Clubs of Australia (annual affiliation fee)	75.00
15.01.18 – Garden Clubs of Australia (magazine subscription)	15.00
22.01.18 – DJ & MJ Luck (Ag pipe 155m for Cooroy Community Gardens)	77.50

GENERAL BUSINESS

No	ITEM	ACTION
1a	Speakers confirmed for future meetings: February: Susie Chapman: coastal catchments/Landcare. Vic to confirm topic. March: Veronica Cougan – Witjuti Grub Bushfood Nursery April: Heinz Gugger: holistic farming May: Jason Virtue: Land Life Education	VIC
1b	Meeting structure for Feb (rough guide) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcements - Promote raffle ticket sales and ask for donations of prizes for future raffles - Positions vacate - Wayne – follow-up on rainwater collection first-flush talk: tank clean out, gutters, etc. - Elisabeth Fekonia – what to do in the garden - Book review – Vic - Pet day update – Vic - Dee Humphreys – 10 mins slide show to promote Sunday's open garden - CCG update and promote working bees. Ask who looks at PN website & Facebook pages. - Guest Speaker - Raffle draw and auction of remaining 7 Dan tickets - Supper 	VIC
2	Key Register – No changes. Hall cupboard keys: Vic has 2. Unsure if there are any more (once were 5) Shipping container keys (4): Vic as 2, Wendy 1, Wayne 1.	
3	Vacant positions: Vice-president – Ian Trew unavailable PET co-ordinator – Vic for time being Raffle co-ordinator Supper person – Vic will ask for volunteer on club nights Events co-ordinator	
4	PET days – idea was well received at the Jan meeting. Plan for first one to be at Wendy's within the next few months.	VIC
5	Audio visual support / work experience opportunity for local schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wayne has spoken to NDSH (Cooroy) and waiting to hear back; - 3 Cooroy students from Good Shepherd Lutheran school are interested – Wayne & Caroline will liaise and progress. 	
6	PN as a registered volunteer organisation. Paperwork should be received soon and we can then promote for people interested in working at CCG.	
7	Base raffle prize of \$25 gift vouchers from Sauers – Manager at Sauers happy to provide discount for 6. Lorraine to follow up.	LORRAINE
8	2018 Christmas raffle – Consider ideas for prizes so all ready by July.	ALL
9	10 tickets donated by Daniel Deighton for his Perennial Permaculture Program – 3 courses running from 12 Feb to 5 May at \$20 casual visit. 3 to be offered as raffle prizes and remaining 7 to be auctioned (starting price \$10) at Feb club night.	
10	Projects – Tim spoke about his vision for PN projects into the future. Copy attached	
11	Idea of radio marketing plan Vic has discussed with Amanda – discuss at next meeting	B/F March meeting
12	CCG funding: Motion: To allow expenditure from PN funds of up to \$1,500.00 on basic requirements for Cooroy Community Gardens. Detailed list to be kept. Moved/seconded: Vic/Lorraine	Carried unanimously

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 7 March 2018 – 6pm at RSL Cooroy

MEETING CLOSE: 9.15 pm

JANUARY 2018 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES

**Permaculture Noosa Inc
Monthly Treasurers Report**

31/1/2018

Revenue

Memberships	.....	\$	40.00
Newsletters	.....	\$	-
Raffle	.....	\$	55.00
Supper	.....	\$	56.00
Door Donations	.....		-
Open Garden Donations	.....	\$	-
SHARE recipe books	.....	\$	-
Recipe books	.....	\$	-
Seed Savers	.....	\$	94.85
DVDs	.....	\$	-
Advertising	.....	\$	-
Grants	.....	\$	-
21 st Party	.....	\$	-
Other	.....	\$	-
Interest Earned	(Oct,Jan,Apr,Jul).....	\$	57.38
Total Revenue	.....		<u>\$ 303.23</u>

Expenses

Accounting Fees	.....	\$	-
Assets - equipment	.....	\$	-
Assets - Furniture	.....	\$	-
Bank Fees & interest	.....	\$	-
Donations	.....	\$	-
Hall Hire	.....	\$	-
Insurance	.....	\$	-
Inventory	.....	\$	-
Seed Savers	.....	\$	-
Website Costs	.....	\$	-
Office Equipment & Stationery	.....	\$	-
Petty Cash	.....	\$	-
Postage	.....	\$	-
Printing	.....	\$	-
Printing Skills Register	.....	\$	-
Other	.....	\$	-
Subscriptions & Fees	.....	\$	90.00
Community Gardens	.....	\$	77.50
	Subtotal		<u>\$ 167.50</u>

Total Expenses

\$ 167.50

Cash in Bank

Closing Cash Balance as per cash	.....	\$	1,277.83
Sandhurst Select Mortgage Fund	.....	\$	10,744.61
Petty Cash	.....	\$	50.00
Membership Float	.....	\$	60.00
Retail Float	.....	\$	30.00
Seedsaver Float	.....	\$	25.00
Supper Float	.....	\$	9.00
Donations Float	.....	\$	5.00
Raffle Float	.....	\$	9.00
			<u>\$ 12,210.44</u>
Undeposited Funds	.....	\$	-
Total Cash on Hand	.....		<u>\$ 12,210.44</u>

PERMACULTURE PROJECTS 2018 (and beyond)

Following is a breakdown of projects that Permaculture Noosa has the potential to become engaged in. These projects are each momentous, however my plan is to recruit and develop members to enable us to succeed in our endeavours. To accomplish any or all of them will require dedicated teams for each one.

It would also be beneficial to create a project team that is specifically for and excellent at writing for and obtaining funds through grants, donations and Crowd Funding campaigns.

Project #1 PN PDC Project #peoplecare #fairshare #earthcare

Therefore, the first project is to stimulate the recruitment of fresh new members and train them in the art of Permaculture thinking. Its anticipated that these new members will be a combination of young, enthusiastic students and mature people with a lifetime of experience in a range of disciplines.

The initial aim of the PN PDC Project will be to attract new members and teach them to be a ‘Permaculturist’.

I initially approached the 2016 PN committee with this proposal and attained a unanimous vote of support for it and have been working toward this aim since then, including, during my tenure as President of PCN. To date I have garnered substantial interest from both potential PDC trainers and students.

Inroads have also been made with Noosa Council to obtain funding to finance the operation of this project.

Further to that, during my tenure as President, I initiated discussions with a third party whereby participants of the PN PDC Project and other interested members of PN would be able to visit Nairobi and help to establish Permaculture farms for a couple of schools in Nairobi.

A part of my proposal to them was that we would investigate the possibility of communicating through the PN website with teachers and maybe students in Nairobi to undertake the theory part of the above PN PDC course with PN PDC students here in Australia and together they accomplish the practical part of the course in Nairobi and receive their Certificates together in a ceremony in Nairobi. (Some students may prefer to undertake to do their practical training in Australia in which case they would be able to do this during ‘PET’ days and at the Cooroy Community Gardens).

This concept aligns with the Strategic Plan as developed by the committee of 2016, i.e.: to form partnerships with other organisations in the community.

See below for the latest part of an email conversation between that organisation – Edmond Rice Foundation and myself.

Urban agricultural project - Kenya

Hi Carey & Tim

This sounds great. Our potential donor has been provided initial information based on the feasibility study Carey undertook for us. They are very interested and we will prepare a comprehensive project design and proposal for them in the new year.

ERFA’s Board has just adopted a new 3-year strategic plan and this will be officially launched early in the new year. The focus for ERFA will be on delivery of education initiatives which are developed with communities to build local capacity for long-term sustainable outcomes. The idea of incorporating a permaculture design certification course in our agricultural project (such as that outlined below) aligns extremely well with our strategic direction and to do this in partnership with an Australian group and to involve Australian students as well is a really exciting concept. We will need to develop a concept for delivery of the Nairobi component and I have some ideas on this to explore.

Looking forward to continuing discussions!

Wishing you a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Kind regards

Emily Faller

Strategic Development Manager

Project #2 Cooroy Community Gardens #peoplecare #fairshare

The Cooroy Community Gardens is a project that may be utilised to ensure the success of the above PN PDC Project. The gardens present a unique opportunity to be utilised as a training space, particularly as a new site that requires all the fundamentals of a Permaculture Design Certificate.

That is, that the site requires to be designed and built from new. Within this paradigm there is scope for the opportunity to learn about all aspects of a PDC from concept to completion.

Permaculture Noosa members would be able to create the plan and develop the site in conjunction with the students of the PN PDC that do not wish to visit Africa.

Included in this planning would be the consideration of a new home for Permaculture Noosa.

Project #3 Permaculture Noosa Headquarters #fairshare #peoplecare

(Conference & training centre, boardrooms and offices, including a commercial kitchen and amenities)

Permaculture Noosa has been pushed around for too long. We established the original community gardens in Cooroy. For most of the last 20 odd years we have been the largest and most influential Permaculture group in Australia and probably on Planet Earth! Its time we had our own home that embraces everything that we aspire to and are proponents of.

Clever design combined with natural materials and appropriate technologies will shape a building that is equally as inspiring as the now famous Cooroy Library.

By the second half of this calendar year PN will have been managing the Cooroy Community Gardens for long enough to be able to make an application to build a permanent structure on the site thus enabling us to have a place of our own. From this new space, we will be able to foster and manage other projects that will benefit our members and the community at large.

Project #4 Permaculture Noosa Retirement and Aged Care Home (Farm) #peoplecare

Various members of Permaculture Noosa have for some time had visions of establishing a community for people to retire to that is different to the standard retirement and aged care homes currently established. Another large project but one that has lots of support already within our membership.

A project team may begin this process at any time and by the time a functioning office is required to bring it to fruition, the offices at Permaculture Noosa Headquarters will be ready to utilise to administer the project until it has its own administration offices and reception.

Project #5 Mangroves to Mountains #earthcare

A unique opportunity has arisen to partner with an inspirational organisation, Climate Foundation, to work together to rehabilitate the local environment.

Dr. Brian von Herzen PhD. has developed a system to rehabilitate the oceans and save the reefs from bleaching.
<http://www.climatefoundation.org/>

He is very interested to work with Permaculture Noosa in a project to rehabilitate the land and especially the riparian zones from the mangroves to the mountains to cease the damage being done to the ocean from the land.

There is also support from the indigenous community with offers from that community to get involved if PN initiate the process.

There are grants available for this type of project and just one that I investigated was valued at one million dollars.

This project is a prime candidate for forming partnerships with other organisations.

Dr. von Herzen has also expressed serious interest in being a participant of the PN PDC.