

Possible Agenda Items for the March 2017 PN Committee Meeting

1. Gardening Tips Segment at our Monthly Meetings

Hi Bill,

I've been enjoying coming along to Noosa Permaculture meetings. I'm still not fully familiar with your meeting format (so this might already be in place), but had an idea that I thought might be fun, which was a 5min per person segment for anyone to get up and share gardening tips, I know that there's some things I've learnt that feel could be useful to others and imagine the same would apply to other Gardeners.

Margaret Hamlyn

2. Open Garden Sunday 18th June 2017

I would be pleased to host an open garden in the late May - June period 2017.

Please let me know your preferred dates.

Regards

Mel Hobbins

2. Noosa Festival of Water Display/Information stand

16 Feb 2017

Morning Bill,

Thanks for the lovely informative email! I am one of the organisers of the annual Noosa Festival of Water which is held at the Noosa Botanic Gardens and Lake Mac Amphitheatre each year on the last Sunday in June.

Do you think Permaculture Noosa would like to have a display/information stand at the Festival, alongside other community groups such as Landcare, NICA, MRCCC etc etc

Its free of charge, and we could also possibly look at Permaculture Noosa have a demonstration site somewhere in the Gardens if you thought that would be appropriate?

Please feel free to give me a call if you would like more information. I've attached a copy of the Stallholders Registration form fyi. The Festival also has a [website](#) (currently being updated for this year's event) and also a [facebook](#) page with a few hundred followers.

Thanks and kind regards,

Debbie Seal

Administrator

Mary River Catchment Coordination Association Inc

25 Stewart Terrace, Gympie.

3. Community Project Grant - ONLY 15 days to go (Tim)

Hello,

Noosa Council's Community Project Grant is open until 12noon 29 March.

If your organisation wishes to apply it is essential you contact Council's Grants Officer, who will check your eligibility and introduce you to your project and application advisor.

Guidelines and forms:

Community Project Grant [Guidelines](#) [530KB]

Community Project Grant [Sample Application](#) [93KB]

The link to the online application form:

Council's grants [application service here](#), (powered by SmartyGrants).

Noosa Council Website – other pages you might find helpful.

[Council grants page](#)

[More grants and guidance](#)

[RADE](#)

[Support for not-for-profit groups](#)

Kind regards

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4. Discussion around the financial audit, again. (Wendy)

5. Request for someone to take on the Mel Hobbins Open garden in June from wo to go in place of Wendy (Wendy)

6. CWA Cooroy (Wendy)

7. Elisabeth Fekonia is delighted to do the Plant Profile next month. (Cheryl)

8. 'Favourite Tool' segment and potential future speakers. (Vic)

I'd like to give a quick update on the 'favourite tool' segment and potential future speakers.

9. Written 'meeting guideline'. (Vic)

Also a summary of a written 'meeting guideline' I have put together for Tim and future Presidents. (I used a similar version for each meeting I chaired, worked well.)

10. Care for our own health first. (Vic)

Also following on from Sociocracy and our "Care for the People" principle, I'd like to re-present a 10-15 min talk I gave a few years back of the cuff re our own personal health, being the fundamental first step in caring for people. Care for our own health first. Got great feedback after the meeting with people asking for print-outs. Can provide printouts this time.

11. Cooroy-Fusion-Festival-Community-Stalls Report (Val)

Just sent off form for booking stall for Cooroy Fusion 2017.....All good and planning underway.

12. Permaculture Noosa Membership Report March 2017

New Memberships:

There were 3 new memberships so far for this month:

• Steven Bishop (Steven paid by direct deposit to the bank and I have no information on him as he hasn't filled out a membership form. If anyone knows any contact details for Steven can they please let me know and I can finalise his application).

Donna Dalgety, Tinbeerwah

Matthew Cleave (prefers to be known as Cleave) staying a Tom's place.

Number of Members

Our membership is now 113. Note: this includes single memberships and family memberships, where each family member is counted separately. It also includes 4 "Life" memberships (Geoff and Nadia Lawton, Ali Oruairc, and Anne Wensley) and 3 "Gift" memberships (Morage Gamble, Phil and Joshua Manning). The Gift memberships are from years gone by where people who had done a lot of work for Permaculture Noosa were gifted their memberships.

The 113 does not include the 9 organisations listed as members of Permaculture Noosa. South Burnett Permaculture represented by Elizabeth Dimes is our newest organisation to become a member. We've (meaning I) recently found out that organisations have "Complimentary" membership which means they don't pay anything but we ask that we exchange information – newsletters etc. For the Committee's information, Elizabeth is not sure if South Burnett will continue and here is her information about the group:

"We don't have a newsletter. At the moment we may not even have a group. Our leader has recently stepped down after serving as our leader for a long time.....years!....and we are currently running on an ad hoc basis. The first meeting of the year is on Sunday next and has been organized by a couple of volunteers, that is two of us put our hand up to start off the year. We have a guest speaker....a soil biologist whom you might know I feel sure. Sandra Tuszynska . She is giving a talk/presentation on "Fungi: The Super Heroes of our Future" . So we are hoping that we get some attendees! Everyone seems to be sending in apologies at the moment.

The group has a closed FB page for South Burnett Permaculture and that's how we, our local group, might end up keeping in touch. It's used several times a day and discussions are interesting. At our meeting on Sunday we will be deciding the future of our group as regards whether we continue to have meetings once a month.

There is also a Swap and Share group..well several of them actually which has been organized by a member of the group in three different localities. Wondai, Murgon and Nanango. I believe they are well attended and they also have a closed FB group which also seems to be used often and along the lines of organic gardening, sharing surplus produce etc. They are always on a Sunday morning and I have not been able to get to any of them so far. But plenty of others do. A lot of overlap amongst PC and Share group members....as one would expect. "

I've emailed Elizabeth to find out if the group is still continuing.

Janine Stoner

Membership Secretary

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13. Apologies from Ian Trew, Caroline Whittle-Herbert

Hi Bill,

Please put in an apology for me for tonights committee meeting.

I have come down to Tasmania for NewKind festival to do some permaculture presentations and should be back over the weekend.

Please let me know if there is anything I need to vote on or that i can contribute by email or phone?

Namaste
Ian Trew

14. Elli Webb (Wendy)

Waste Education Coordinator, Gympie Regional Council

15. Apologies from Daniel

Dear Committee,

My apologies I'm unable to attend committee meeting at sunshine beach.

I undertook the position based on the committee meetings being held in Cooroy.

The travel distance and time to the coast is prohibitive for me.

I'm very happy to continue being on the committee if we can find central location.

Thanks for your understanding
Kind regards
Dan