

Permaculture Noosa

Management Committee meeting

Date: Saturday 12th August 2017

Place: Cooroy Community Garden

Meeting commenced: 9:45am

Present: Tim Peek, Vic Bateman, Val Wilson, Wendy Strathearn, Daniel Deighton

Apologies: Bill Berry, Wayne Oldham

Chair: Tim Peek

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted as read: Tim & Val

MATTERS ARISING

Community Garden Agreement

- signed

Centrelink application

- submitted but no correspondence from centrelink
- Vic informs that PC Noosa is already registered and that Wayne can submit his volunteering forms

Venues

- Cooroy State School hall hire rates cost \$88/month
- Are there other options for the club to meet to reduce our costs

Meeting Venues

- Wendy to contact the Genealogy Hall for committee meetings
- Propose holding committee meetings on Wednesday nights a week before club meeting
- Contact library to see if Wednesday is available

Future Speakers

- Invite Costa to present at a future meeting when the time is right
- Combine with promoting the Community garden

Digital Welcome Pack

- Send a thank you and info pack to new members
- Automated reply
- Outline benefits that new members are entitled to by joining PC Noosa
- Need to two welcome letters – new members & new contacts

Action:

- Cheryl to do a draft and send to the committee

Legal Structure

- Tim enquired about PC Noosa's legal structure
- What are PC Noosa's the rules and regulations?
- Does PC Noosa have Gift Deductable Status?
- Can PC Noosa auspice finds for permaculture projects?

Action:

- Contact Ian Trew for guidance

Hosting Guest Speakers

- We need to consider guest speaker requirements from out of the region – e.g. billeting

- Also offer speakers a gift of appreciation e.g. locally made products or services

Action:

- PC Noosa finances insufficient to make purchases
- However home grown/made gifts could be offered as a show of appreciation

AGENDA ITEMS

Speakers (August)

- Main speaker: Sabrina Chakori – a model of a new economy & an example of the new economy in action: Brisbane Tool Library
- Val will be sharing her life experiences as a permaculturist and connection to place and people. It will be Val's Birthday
- President talk to members about
 - upcoming AGM and nominating for a position
 - the benefit and need of creating a support team of three (troika) around each committee position
 - what do members want to see PC Noosa being & doing into the future
 - why do members come to PC Noosa – a skills and interest audit
 - update Cooroy Community Garden

Sept/Oct/Nov Main Speaker options

- Sunshine Coast Environment Council
- Noosa Biosphere program
- Holistic Farm Management
- Slowfood Movement
- Country Noosa

Action:

- Tim to follow up

Club Meeting format

- develop regular segments & format e.g.
 - main speaker at beginning
 - monthly 'how to' & 'tool talk'
 - announcements/notices at end
- invite Elizabeth Felkoni to talk about 'How to' monthly gardening practices

Action:

- Vic to coordinate the monthly 'how to' & 'tool talk'

Audit

- 2016-2017 financial year needs to be audited
- need to consult with members that based on our financial situation and association rules auditing not required
- cost of annual audit is not sustainable with our current income/expenditure
- alternatively there may be a member or company that can do the audit as an in kind contribution to support PC Noosa

Hall Hire

- the pre meeting meal is costing the club extra hall hire charge
- the social benefit is excellent but the financial cost not sustainable
- can the school waiver or reduce the hire fees as we are a not for profit community based organisation
- in the medium term we hope to be able to return to Cooroy Community Memorial Hall

Action:

- ask the members at next club meeting do we keep the current hours or revert to a 6:30 start. Also fund raising suggestions

Events

Noosa Show 11-12 September

- we will share a stall with Slowfood movement, Country Noosa
- need a flyer to promote speakers Jason Virtue & Susan Roger
- PC Noosa needs a coloured flyer with basic info on our meeting time, place and contact details

Action:

- Val to contact Noosa Show about promotional flyer
- Wendy to contact Jason & Susan for promotional material that can be handed out at the show
- Canva is a free website we could access to promote PC Noosa
- Dan to look at the coloured flyer he did and see if can be updated & reused

Cooroy Community Garden

- need an event to connect and engage surrounding community
- let people know who we are and what we're doing

ideas/discussion

- have healthy food morning tea/lunch in the garden
- do a flyer and letterbox drop the surround neighbourhood
- attach a bean seed to the plant to catch peoples interest
- do an article for Cooroy newspaper – Wendy to start on a draft and circulate
- investigate funding programs for training, education planning and infrastructure
- apply the sequence of permaculture principles to guide our planning and actions; e.g. *Principle 1: observe & interact - Principle 2: catch & store energy – Principle 3: obtain a yield*. These can be applied to what we do in the garden and how we connect with the community

Action:

- have a presence in the garden – Val & Wayne would like to be there once a week to meet & greet people and do some garden care
- need to build a leadership team – Vic to look up Transition Town strategies
- promotion & marketing strategy – Vic to look into
- volunteer training program is available for us to attend

Fund Raising

- Need to do a planning session to identify funding needs and strategy to raise funds
- Suggested projects for funding include:
 - A pool of funds to pay PDC fees to train up club members
 - A PC noosa headquarters building at the community garden

Meeting closed: 11:30am