

Permaculture Noosa

Management Committee meeting

Date: Saturday 13th September 2017

Place: Cooroy Library

Meeting commenced: 5:45pm

Present: Tim Peek, Vic Bateman, Val Wilson, Wendy Strathearn, Daniel Deighton, Therese Oldham, Wayne Oldham, Caroline Whittle-Herbert, Bill Berry

Apologies: Ian Trew

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Correction: date for Noosa Show 15-16th September

Accepted as read: Wendy & Val

MATTERS ARISING

Centrelink application

- PC Noosa is already registered we can accept volunteers

Club meeting

- Can Cooroy State School waiver or reduce our hall hire costs as we are a not for profit association

Digital Welcome Pack

- pending

Legal Structure

- pending

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Committee Achievements

- there is some disappointment that the committee hasn't achieved more this year
- frustrations that committee meetings haven't been at a regular or central location
- difficulty coordinating everyone
- agreed that there are areas for improvement
- support and capacity building needed for office bearing positions
- despite this there has been good progress and worthy achievements eg website complete; successful club meets; excellent speakers; stable membership; presence at major public events/shows; taking on the Cooroy Community Garden
- committee to consider undertaking a review & evaluation of the year

AGENDA ITEMS

Cooroy Community Garden

Stock take of tools & equipment

- Photograph items
- Store info on website

Action:

- Wendy & Vic to do a stocktake

Community Liason Officer

- A contact person to liase with public & stakeholders on behalf of the committee
- CLO report back to committee & keep Noosa Council updated
- Vic happy to take on the role

Motion to accept Vic as the CLO – moved and seconded: Bill & Caroline

Legal Document

- Very difficult to interpret & concern the committee may be personally liable in case of negligence
- Committee members need to understand roles, responsibilities & risks
- need an event to connect and engage surrounding community
- is there someone who can guide and advise us to better understand the liability issues
- committee needs to implement procedures to manage the community garden accordingly
- is there an existing procedures manual we can adopt? Eg landcare, bushcare, community volunteering organisations

Action:

- Wendy to talk to the insurance representatives for advice

On ground works

- Val commenced some on ground works over the past month
- However due to the uncertainty over public liability & procedures Val was asked to discontinue.
- Val accepted and understood the need for a temporary halt

Keys

- Request a set of keys from the badminton club

Handover

- An official letter to be sent from the committee president accepting the handover of the resources, equipment, infrastructure & management of the community garden to Permaculture Noosa Inc
- According to the agreement with Noosa Council

Direction of the community garden

- Vision of a show piece, best practice permaculture demonstration site to inspire, educate and empower people

- A place of gathering and coming together to grow the permaculture community & the wider culture through permaculture
- Create a place that is welcoming, inclusive, vibrant, creative
- a sanctuary, place of respite
- a place to create abundance and to share and market this

Funding & Promotion

- Tim is in discussions with Kylie at Noosa council about potential project funding. For example funds for a toilet and shed.
- Also need to consider how the committee & club can creatively attract funds for existing and future programs
- Promotion strategy could include a Permaculture Noosa Tshirt.
- Suggestion to use the 3 Permaculture Ethics and the world triad symbol

Actions

- identify stakeholders
- let the club members know where the CCG is at and how to get involved
- create a steering committee to drive the CCG
- develop a design to update the existing plan and users and to guide future direction, project priorities & on ground works
- give people the opportunity to be involved in updating the plan and contribute new ideas
- letter box drop the surrounding neighbourhood, attaching a bean seed as a symbol of 'pioneers', regeneration & new beginnings
- 'offer' a free ticket to come along to the garden
- include a RSVP tear off strip with peoples contact details that they can return to the letter box in the garden
- need welcoming officers to greet people
- host a regular sausage sizzles to attract and engage the community in conversation and building relationships
- need chairs for gatherings. Ask club members for donations. Fold up chairs would be ideal for storage
- the project will unfold and evolve naturally, the committee's role will be to support the team leading and driving community garden program

Events

Noosa Show 15-16th September

- Val will be setting up on Thursday
- The event is on Friday & Saturday
- PC Noosa info stall will be with Noosa Slow Food Movement
- There will be an animal enclosure
- Sue will set up Seed Savers display and information
- Val will set up the PA system (microphone & speakers only) for hosts & guest speakers throughout the day
- Wayne agreed it is an appropriate use of the equipment
- Main purpose is to promote PC Noosa, meet new people and support them to get involved

Club meetings

- Need meet & greet representatives of PC Noosa to welcome people on arrival to club meeting
- Suggest reintroduction of entry donation of \$2 members & \$5 non members
- Entry donation receive a free cuppa & supper and one raffle ticket
- Suggest notifying the club at the September meeting and starting in October
- Remind and encourage members to donate something (eg a plant) for the raffle

Meeting closed: 8:00pm