



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY GARDENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD 3 September 2014

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Clr Cathy Griffin Manly Council (Chair)

Other Representatives

Leah McKenzie Community member
Myrian Pitre Community member
Libby Bubb Community member

Council Staff

Ed McPeake Manager, Environmental Programs
Fiona Shadbolt Sustainability Team Leader

Invited guests

Peter White President, Baringa Bush Community Garden

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Garden Advisory Committee** met on Wednesday 3rd September, 2014 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.10pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Jean Hay
Patricia Griffen Community member
Keela Lam Community member

ACTION

ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	ACTION
	Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	
	MATTERS ARISING	
	Manly (Short St) Plaza	
	The committee discussed the possibility of the garden beds from the sustainability hub being backed onto the seats in Manly Plaza. This may need approval from the public domains committee but perhaps not as would be only temporary. Need to consider possible safety issues and also care as to what is planted.	Ed McPeake to confirm approvals needed. Ed McPeake (or new education officer) to talk to Patricia Griffin and St Marys about possible involvement.
ITEM 4	Meet the street event at Hilltop Crescent.	
	Dates proposed for this are Nov 1 or Nov 8 depending on availability of Adrian Baiada from my Square Metre. Leah will organise a flyer and distribute at the organic market and pioneer day.	
	The event will take the form of a BBQ and no dig garden workshop and demonstration.	Ed McPeake to send form for meet the street to Leah and to organise invitations to the event. Fiona Shadbolt to check availability of Adrian Baiada.

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Baringa Bush reported they had to defer the open day. The new date is 12 October 2014. The garden now has a 6 bay compost area and a shed. Ed has organised seating. Peter asked for four to be provided. Clr Griffin suggested one needed to be placed on the verge for the Hop Skip and Jump bus.

ACTION

Ed McPeake to report on the length and depth of seat size to Peter White and organise delivery. Fiona Shadbolt to liaise with Peter White re promoting open day in DIG newsletter for Oct.

Clr Cathy Griffin spoke about the Clubs NSW registered grants program where up to \$92million is available. Baringa Bush has already applied.

Fiona Shadbolt to investigate eligibility criteria. Perhaps Griffith Street, the Penguin Wardens or the Cabbage Tree Bay volunteers would be eligible.

Clr Cathy Griffin raised the issue of the chicken coop at Alexander Street. The Community Garden Advisory Committee asks for a risk assessment and if there is no public or animal hazard then the committee supports continuation. The committee requests that council does leafleting to gauge support or otherwise for the coop to continue for a trial period of 12 months while the group becomes associated in accordance with community gardens guidelines. If the trial is not support the area needs to be made good. The community recommends that the General Manager consider the above recommendation.

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 3 December, 2014
Time: 6pm
Venue: Council

Meeting closed at 7pm