



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY GARDENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2015

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
Libby Bubb	Community member
Keelah Lam	Community member
Patricia Griffen	Community member
Peter White	Community member
Jaydon Inott	Community member

Council Staff

Maura Pigeon	Manly Council
Ed McPeake	Manly Council

Invited Guests

Aude Imerglik	Guest
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Apologies

Clr, Mayor Jean Hay AM Manly Council

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Garden Advisory Committee** met on Wednesday 9th December 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.05pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ACTION

Clr, Mayor Jean Hay AM

Keelah Lam arrived at 6.10pm

ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	ACTION
	Nil	
ITEM 3	Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 9 September 2015 and Matters Arising	
	Recommendation: The Committee recommend to the General Manager that staff prepare and submit a budget bid for the installation of a toilet to service the Community Garden at Baringa Bush at Baranbali Avenue for the financial year of 2016-17 in sufficient time for budget bids to be submitted. Motion: <i>That the Minutes for Meeting 9th September 2015 be adopted.</i> Moved: Cllr Cathy Griffin Seconded: Peter White	
ITEM 4	Update – Baringa Bush Community Garden	
	Peter White updated the Committee on matters pertaining to Baringa Bush Community Garden including the installation of new shed and seating and is currently being used for events. Garden members are working with Bunnings to develop an irrigation system for the garden and have asked the Hon. Mike Baird MP, Member for Manly, through a grant application, for permission for worm farming. Peter White noted that mountain biking path is overgrown with vegetation, attracting illegal dumping and antisocial behaviour but rarely used for cycling. Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council staff explore the opportunity to extend the boundary to the eastern side of the site on Council land for additional garden infrastructure (i.e. beds) and worm farming.	Staff to discuss with Strategic Planning staff and provide feedback.
ITEM 5	Update – Patagonia Community Garden	
	The Sustainability Education Projects Officer gave an update on the installation of the garden bed outside the Patagonia shop on Darley Road and reported that all feedback obtained thus far has been positive.	

ITEM 6 Update – Gilbert Park Community Garden

The Manager of Environmental Programs gave an update on feedback from the proposals put forward by the Belgrave Cartel café to install a community garden within the existing garden beds in Gilbert Park.

He also noted that the proposal for the installation of a Community Garden at Dalley Park remains pending.

Discussions continued in relation to Ivanhoe Park and the potential for a community garden at that site.

Recommendation:

Clr Griffin requested that Council staff email her details of the project proposal as it was put forward to Senior Management so that she may make further enquiries.

Jaydon Inott and Aude Imerglik arrived at 6.39pm.

ITEM 7 General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration

The Committee expressed interest in the future of the fragrant garden at Ivanhoe Park.

Discussions occurred in relation to the Fairlight Sydney Water site proposal.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that staff from Council, through Civic and Urban Services, develop a proposal for the newly registered land at Fairlight Water Tank community area with input from community and Fairlight Precinct, incorporating a community garden as a focal point. GM

The Committee further recommend that the item be placed on the agenda of the next scheduled Public Domains Committee meeting agenda.

Libby Bubb left at 6.48pm.

Discussion followed regarding the potential of several other sites to house community gardens. Additionally the Balgowlah Bowling Club has called for Expressions of Interest with respect to the use of the facility. The Committee suggest that Mr Brian Dunphy might be interested in submitting an EOI as Manly Community Gardeners in relation to the land. The Committee requested information on the lease from Council staff.

Council staff to provide feedback on the lease.

ITEM 8 Date for Next Meeting: To be advised

Meeting closed at 7.31pm