



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY GARDENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 8 July 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

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

Council Staff

Maura Pigeon Sustainability Education Projects Officer (SEPO)

Invited Guests

Brian Dunphy Guest

Apologies

Ed McPeake	Manager, Environmental Programs
Jaydon Inott	Community member
Leah McKenzie	Community member

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Garden Advisory Committee** met on Wednesday 8th July, 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.11pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ACTION

Ed McPeake, Manager Environmental Programs, Manly Council
Jaydon Inott, Community member
Leah McKenzie, Community member

ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	ACTION
	Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 11 th March 2015	
	Clr Griffin confirmed, Peter seconded	
	MATTERS ARISING	
	The committee reiterated that the proposed installation of a small community garden planter box outside the Patagonia shop on Victoria Parade and Darley Road should proceed.	Council staff to enquire about risks and management methods. Conduct risk assessment for installation of planter box prior to consulting with appropriate staff member.
	<i>Motion: That the Minutes for Meeting 11th March 2015 be adopted.</i>	
	Moved: Clr Griffin Seconded: Peter White	
ITEM 4	Update – Baringa Bush Community Garden	
	Peter White shared slideshow presentation regarding recent improvements to the garden and related events, and provided the following update: • Funding request for shed structure; Mr. White advised that he has provided quote for Council funding • Appreciation BBQ lunch being held for involved parties on the 19th July; invitations extended to all present • Quote for Port-a-loo for use on the occasion has been provided to Council for remittance • Mr. White requested the removal of a large tree stump which remains on the property following removal of tree • Intended use of adjacent parcel of land owned by the Department of Housing still unconfirmed; Baringa Bush to be advised when information becomes available • There has been sustained theft of garden produce; options to explore for future deterrence might include sensor lighting, signage, cameras etc. • Mr. White requested invoices to pay rent to Council for use of garden space • Baringa Bush Garden repeated its request for installation of public toilet to serve playground and garden at Baranbali Avenue	SEPO to contact appropriate staff member about removal of remaining stump on garden property before BBQ Staff to discuss with appropriate council colleagues find out how to fix back rent situation. Manager Strategic Planning to notify EP staff if new information becomes available from Dept of Housing
	Committee seeks that the request for public toilet be placed on register for new infrastructure. Sewer access is accessible from site.	

ITEM 5 Proposed Public Community Garden Meeting Thursday 9th July 2015

Guest Brian Dunphy discussed his proposal or intention to initiate one or several new community gardens throughout Manly. To this end, he has organised a public meeting to be held Thursday 9th July, to determine the level of interest in the initiative, and to explore possible locations accordingly. Mr. Dunphy suggested as possible projects:

- Manly West, preferably along the creek line
- Kangaroo Street, within Kangaroo Reserve
- Gilbert Park, in which the nearby café Belgrave Cartel has expressed interest in allocating an existing Council garden bed for the installation of a herb garden, to be coordinated as a café cooperative

Clr Griffin advised on the committee's preferences for the siting of new gardens and introduced Mr. Dunphy to the site matrix document.

Committee fully supports and endorses the making available of garden bed in Gilbert Park directly opposite Manly Police Station on the verge/footpath to be replanted with herbs supplied by community group which includes local café (in particular Belgrave Cartel). Committee seeks permission to implement.

The committee welcomes Brian and his enthusiasm and is keen to support his endeavours.

Recommendation: Committee recommends site meeting to be held with interested parties and appropriate Council staff.

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Other business discussed

The committee also discussed the following items:

- History of Kangaroo Street as a potential garden site, including previous community consultation efforts, were discussed
- The history and creation of the Community Gardens Advisory Committee was communicated by Clr Griffin to guest, Mr. Dunphy

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 9 September 2015

Time: 6pm

Venue: Council

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.