



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY GARDENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 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
Keelah Lam Community member

Council Staff

Ed McPeake Manager, Environmental Programs
Maura Pigeon Sustainability Education Projects Officer (SEPO)

Invited Guests

Peter White President, Baringa Bush Community Garden (BBCG)
Jaydon Inott Community member

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Garden Advisory Committee** met on Wednesday 11th March, 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.00pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Jean Hay
Myrian Petre, Community member
Libby Bubb, Community member

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ACTION

ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 3rd DECEMBER 2014	ACTION
	MATTERS ARISING The committee noted that the proposed installation of a small community garden planter box outside the Patagonia shop on Victoria Parade and Darley Road should proceed. The committee discussed Mr White's contacts at Balgowlah RSL who offered to look after garden beds at Seaforth TAFE, should Council decide to install them.	
ITEM 4	Patagonia Verge Garden Project Proposal The committee discussed the proposal put forth by community members Charlotte Simsar and Jaydon Inott to install a small planter box garden outside the Patagonia shop on Darley Road and Victoria Parade, reiterating its previous recommendation to donate \$500 and one of Council's existing planter boxes to the project. The committee also discussed the possibility of a plaque or some other form of signage to be installed at the site to raise awareness of the benefits of community gardens in Manly.	
ITEM 5	GENERAL BUSINESS Update on Baringa Bush Community Garden Peter White, President of Baringa Bush Community Garden, provided the following update on the garden: • The Men's Shed is building seating for the shelter at the garden • Mr White requested funding from Council for several items for the garden, including installation of a toilet, signage, and a standpipe for water • Mr White requires invoice to pay rent for garden space • Mr White asked for update on the status of the parcel of land adjacent to the garden • BBCG important calendar dates have been determined for 2015 Update on Community Garden Potential Sites Matrix The committee discussed possible future site locations for community gardens, as well as possible locations for the installation of the remaining planter boxes which will become available after the Food, Wine and Sustainability Festival in May.	Mr White to send email to Council requesting funds, including information on member/visitor numbers, usage etc. SEPO to liaise with Council staff to organise invoice for rent, and to make enquiry with Department of Housing regarding land status Mr White to forward schedule of important dates for BBCG SEPO to include Mr Dunphy on subsequent Notice of Meeting

Mr Brian Dunphy, resident, has made a request to investigate a site at Manly West, near the football area, for placement of Council's planter boxes to become a small community garden.

The committee requested that Mr Dunphy be invited to next committee meeting.

Other business discussed

The committee requested a separate section in Council's e-newsletter be created for DIG events and environmental issues.

Council staff to enquire regarding possibility of separate DIG section of e-Newsletter

The committee also discussed the following items, however no official recommendations were made as Cllr Griffin had left and therefore quorum was not met:

- the negotiated change of hours of the Balgowlah Community Garden
- the upcoming Manly Food, Wine and Sustainability Festival and relevant garden/educational opportunities
- upcoming community grant opportunities in NSW

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 10 June 2015
Time: 6pm
Venue: Council

Cllr Griffin departed meeting early due to other commitments; therefore due to lack of quorum meeting officially closed at 6.30pm.