

Matai Community Garden AGM

24 May 2017

17 Gavin Road, Raumati

Apologies: Steven Robinson, Heather Dawson

Present: Yvonne, Jake, Emma, Kathryn, Rebecca, Bernhard, John D, David

Presidents Report:

It's time to reflect on our second year in operation. Thanks to each member of committee: Yvonne for keeping up the watering; Heather (and John) stalwarts supplying plants and labour; Emma for being a great organiser especially for Neighbours Day and Kathryn for bringing along great baking!

The Garden has been much tidier this year – thanks to the broad bean frame, and tying the tomatoes up properly.

We had a much better potato crop (tho that's not saying much!)

Outsourcing seedlings to members worked well, especially the corn.

Rainbarrel workshop with Bryan Faulkner for No.8 Wire Week brought new people in.

We have built garden infrastructure: Noticeboard, some small beds and irrigation systems with Hannah.'s guidance.

Downers have been the stolen corn, and a burst hose fitting that wasted a lot of water.

Never mind - let's look to the upcoming year. Tasks before us are renewing membership, feeding/building up soil, and connecting rainbarrels to make them more useful.

Financial Report:

\$187.76 in bank as at today, minus \$18.62 to be paid out. Lease of \$190 to be paid again in July. Water payment to Yvonne and Scott of approx \$40, to be paid once memberships received over next 2 months.

We discussed membership levels. Suggested doing a mailbox drop to encourage new membership. Will include a "tear off" form on bottom which they can return to Yvonne's letterbox. Yvonne to put together and David/Emma will help with dropping out locally. Membership fee to stay at \$20 per family. Facebook, email and website (Jake), a letter to existing members reminding them of their membership due and reasons why its a good thing to continue with.

Committee re-elections:

All positions re-elected.

AGM closed 8pm

General Meeting

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Jobs to do:

Remove old carpet and dispose of. Collect pony poo for compost. We discussed letting this sit for 'aging' in a pile, with carpet on top. Yvonne tried a few sources for poo, with no luck. Will call Stables on the Park again, down at Whareroa Farm. We need one more vehicle/trailer for this to be most effective, and 2 drivers, preferably 4 shovellers. We will be picking up from paddock.

Plant beds with green crops; mizuna, mustard greens, phacelia (sp?). We can buy these from mitre 10 on the day of the working bee. Dismantle compost and take good stuff out and apply to beds. Then start re-composting. Discussed transplanting the 2 feijoa trees donated by Simon Black to arts wall, 1.5m away. Working bee to take place Monday 5th June (queens birthday) 2 - 4pm.

Meeting closed 9pm