

Matai Community Garden Committee meeting 27.5.15

Present: Jake, Heather, Yvonne

We read through the minutes from the last meeting and ticked off most items requiring attention. Still need to do Garden Plan view (Yvonne) to show people what we are going to do and to add further details to as later decisions come to light.

Agenda items

- Membership numbers update and receipts?
- Members communication plan e.g. email list, regular updates
- Offer Anna Butterfield
- Offer Otaki composter
- Working bee(s)
- Where do we keep stuff?
- Quotes - what can we afford, budgeting
- Forward plan (rough schedule of tasks for next six months) i.e. Hannah's list + building stuff
- Wellington Airport community awards (rising star) - this year or next year? <https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/at-the-airport/our-community/community-awards>
- Wellington Real Food challenge - anyone want to go? <http://realfoodwellington.weebly.com/>
- setting regular committee meeting slot (and maybe working bee slots)

2 bags of organic compost donated by lady in Poplar Ave, delivered to Yvonne's because of newspaper story. Composter to be picked up from Otaki (donated by Bill) Yvonne trying to organise pick up of this.

Dave from "Neighbourly" donated 6x1 treated fence palings (20 @ 1.2m) and fence posts (5) 1m long. Along with some slabs of wood and some 4x2" also. And some gates that could be turned into a compost bin? Or planter?

Anna Butterfield, who runs a seed company at Paraparaumu beach called Love Plantlife, has offered to donate green crop seeds. Jake will email her back to accept.

Also had offer of steel fascia from Paekakariki, however we will decline for this stage as we already have enough iron for 2 garden beds.

Holly has gotten quotes from Mitre 10 and Placemakers. Placemakers have come through cheaper for the 8x2" @ \$6.67 per mtr (need 22m). Also nails etc are a bit cheaper at Placemakers. We estimate material costs will be around \$300 inc gst.

Yvonne to re-invite members to fb page. Stress that this is the easiest way to keep in touch with our garden community.

We discussed the need to keep members informed both via fb and our web page. Jake will be responsible for loading up the relevant info to the website, and Yvonne to fb. Yvonne to put up Hannahs garden planting plan to fb. Remind members about the working bee Sun 14.6.15 starting at 9am, asking for support with lunch, tasks are construction of garden beds. Laying out site, digging rectangular trenches, fetchers, carriers, refreshment providers! And movers for the Thomsons sandpit from their back yard to site.

Put out to members via fb asap that we still need old carpet soon (prior to the working bee) and can someone please organise that and get it. Also to bring necessary tools to working bee. Encourage people to RSVP and perhaps indicate what skills they may offer on the day

Discussed that for members that aren't on the fb group, there needs to be a monthly email to update them.

We discussed the need for a once a month committee meeting and once a month working bee (at this stage). Scheduled the working bee's for 2nd Sunday of the month. Committee meetings scheduled for the last Tues of the month, until further notice.

Would be good to have a blackboard permanently at the garden for notices. A whiteboard for the working bee would be great. The committee can write up a job list and members can come and tick off the job they choose to save confusion on the day. Emma to be Foreperson to direct etc.

Forward Plan:

Establish water supply and no dig potato patch (Yvonne, email Hannah for the youtube link).

Jake to check with Nathan about bollard removal for the day of working bee.

Lease:

Jake discussed lease agreement with us. The council confirmed a 1 plus 3 plus 3 agreement, taking us to 2022. Refer to lease agreement on website.

Jake discussed the Wellington Airport community awards (rising star) in which we could win \$1000!

<https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/at-the-airport/our-community/community-awards> Need to enter for this year by jun 30. If we aren't successful this year we can try again for next year as it is for groups less than 2 years old.

Meeting closed 8.30pm