

Minutes from Matai Community Garden committee meeting 30 June 2015

Attendees: Jake, Heather, Holly, Emma and Rebekah.

Apologies: Yvonne

Next working bee

Date:

Working bees scheduled for the second Sunday of each month, the next one is originally scheduled for 12 July. This is during the school holidays so the date has changed to 26 of July now.

Activities for the next bee:

- Mixing of boxes – have boxes filled with mulch, clippings etc before the next bee then have compost and peat available to mix in.
- Use any left-over materials to build planters and fill containers and tyres for beans, spinach, pumpkins, herbs etc.
- Plant out boxes

Before the next bee:

- Cover the tantalized posts with polythene and peg down carpet – aim to do this this weekend (4/5 July).
- Jake is going to enquire about horse poo.
- Holly is going to enquire about clippings/mulch from local mowers.
- Communications to go out about the next bee.

Discussion of what could be planted in way of trees/larger plants – a lemon and lime tree, passionfruit along fence and a bay tree were agreed would be good to plant in the future.

Greener Neighbourhoods

Holly put forward an idea to have an event associated with the wider Greener Neighbourhoods group, such as a rubbish pick up on the local roads. Could tie in with an end of the Greener Neighbourhoods party – could host at the garden and have an afternoon tea – 2 August as potential date.

Wellington Airport Community awards

Have been nominated for the Rising Star award by Hannah Zwartz. Winners announced in August. There will be an awards evening.

Wellington Real Food Challenge

Regional Food Hui 23 – 24 of July. Discussed possibility of committee or group members attending. Need to find more information about the event.

Raumati South School garden

Discussed if we could visit garden one day and possibility of getting advice from gardeners for our garden.

Communication

Email and Facebook updates work best.

To include in the next email update:

- Ask people to get filling the beds with clippings, mulch etc.
- Notify of date of next working bee and activities planned for the next bee.
- Ask if anyone is planning on attending the Regional Food Hui.
- Notify people of nomination for Community Awards.
- Notify about the Greener Neighbourhoods activity (rubbish pickup and afternoon tea).

Holly Roos' meeting notes (age 8 ½):

30/6/15 Emma Hether Holly Jake
Rebekah

Community Gardens

1. Soil-wood ~~grass?~~
2. Lawn clippings.
3. horse ~~foot~~ poop.
4. pick up rubbish
5. plastic free July
6. marigolds
7. lavender
8. poppy
9. thyme
10. passion fruit
11. nestershens
12. lemon tree
13. pot plants
14. lime tree
15. bay tree
16. coffee tree
17. real food

done challenge

4 beds
1 weta house

Heaps of people.

by Holly Roos

