

Matai community garden committee meeting, 4th August 2015, 7.30pm

Present: Jake Roos, Holly Brady, Yvonne van Leeuwen, Hannah Zwartz.

Great News; our group is going to receive a wellington airport regional community award for the Rising Star category "a New Community Initiative". We have been invited to attend the award ceremony/dinner on the 13th August (Thurs) and we have three places available. (Jake and Yvonne attending for the committee). If you would like to join us in one of these 3 places, please advise us by 7pm Wednesday 5th August and we will draw 3 names out of a hat. Arrive for the event at 5.45 for 6pm start at Paraparaumu Golf Club.

Great effort at the last working bee with the seedlings looking great two weekends later. Thinking about the next working bee, date set for Sun 16 Aug 1.30 to 3ish again. We will take care of the building work prior to this time, probably that morning (Chris, Scott, Jake, Yvonne). We are still trying to source old bathtubs or suitable vessels for planters. Yvonne and Holly to visit Otaihanga dump shop for a look. Other ideas for planters include; concrete blocks.

Holly reimbursed Yvonne \$25.06 for the polythene and Jake \$32.97 for soak hoses for garden construction.

Suggestions for produce to plant in the spaces along the fencelines;

- passionfruit vines
- tomatoes
- Pumpkins to grow along the fence and trail down the sloping bank

Plant out in Nov. Suggestions for bathtub planting;

- zucchini
- chilli's
- capsicums
- beans

Hannah told about the 'pokie' machine Perspex which she is going to check out. We spoke about getting members to propagate seeds – do they want to? We will ask at next working bee. We still have one large bag of organic seedling compost mix which would be great for this purpose.

Check out Awapuni Nurseries for seedlings, good quality and price. Deliver Friday's.

Potato Patch to be done in Sept working bee. Need manure and straw (5 bales total). We can buy the seed potatoes now and lay out in preparation. Agria and Desiree? (Mitre 10) 5 bags? Each piece needs 3 sprouts, so if one spud has 6 sprouts you can divide in two.

Can someone call around the Real Estate agents to ask for old corflute signs (4) to put on wooden fence at end of each garden bed. We can then write what's growing in each bed We can frame them to look good.

Meeting closed 8.50pm.