

Present

Steve & Phoebe Griffin
Maryanne Jardine
Stacey & Emma Brown
Di Bothams
Brian Knofflock
Liz Bundy
Erica Hanwright
Jenny Smit
Carolyn Collins
Angie, Jin & Charlie He
Linda Harry

Apologies

Wendy & Ian Grocott
John & Denise Buck
Dave Smit
Lisa Turner

Business arising from previous meeting

- Membership Form – discussion re: some fee issues brought about following decisions:
 - that there would be no concessional membership fee
 - for people joining after 31 Dec it would be \$20
 - for people joining during the year who wanted plots it would be \$5/month
 - that the part about plots '\$10 per sq metre...' could come off & be replaced with the \$60 flat rate**Liz** to ask **John** to change form to reflect same. **Maryanne** will put new forms in letterbox. **All** please fill out & return to Maryanne.
- funding progress – Acknowledgement of Maryanne's hard work during the week in putting together the application for the gaming fund. Decision has been made to scale back the application & to ask for funding for the food prep area & security lighting (for both of which Steve has prepared quotes). Progress with reference letters as follows:
 - *Rochedale State School – interested – **Erica** continuing to pursue
 - *Arcare Aged Care – **Carolyn** continuing to pursue
 - *Tall Trees Aged Care – **Maryanne** to meet to pursue
 - *Linda Brennan – **Steve** continuing to pursue

- *Rosedale South School – not interested
- *girl guides & St Peters School – **Lisa** wants some guide lines re: request for reference letter – **Maryanne** to email same to Lisa
- *Redeemer School – **Maryanne** to ask **Denise** if she can approach Redeemer
- *Adrian Schrinner – **Carolyn** to email **Maryanne** contact details for Adrian Schrinner so she can follow up as another possible reference
- fruit trees – thanks to Carolyn for donation of first 4 fruit trees – 2 splitters to follow in Oct
- communal garden – Herb spiral in main garden is complete. Next stage is to decide on lines for concrete edging to est paths into spiral. **Carolyn** to approach local man Ricky Itzstein with request for him to spread some dirt over low area to make it more level.
Re: chook tractor or run. Decision to house chickens in a permanent run with the possibility of obtaining a chook tractor later. Stacey has a chook tractor which she can lend to the garden if the chickens need housing before the run is built. Discussion re: need for run to be a good size given that it will be the chicken's permanent home & they won't be 'free ranging'.

New Business

- watering roster – see attachment. If you cannot make your rostered day on, please make arrangements for someone to replace you. Carolyn reminded us that a compost tea bag is in the blue drum – need to 'jiggle' before watering. To start water flowing, connect orange lead directly into pump.
- Wicking bed mini-workshop - Lyn Buffett founder of Logan Food Gardens (local organization recommended by Di) will run mini-workshop 2 Sept 1:30 – 4:00 at a cost of \$5/person. Steve has info on RCG website & Carolyn to put on nursery website. Need to dig dirt out of Di's garden at next working bee in preparation for workshop.
- Dispute resolution – Following Linda Brennan's suggestion to have someone to co-ordinate dispute resolution, Di seems the ideal person to take on that role given her background in psychology. **Di** has accepted role & will think about some guidelines for next meeting. Discussions re: importance for all to be inclusive & explain procedures & expectations to new people joining group as this is where possible conflict could arise if newcomers don't understand various procedures.

- Composting toilet – Decision not to include it on the current grant application but realize the need for one for future expansion of garden's planning re: community involvement. **Stacey** to investigate different types & costs. **Erica** will approach a friend (Wendy Lovelace) who has expertise in requirements re: wheelchair access. **Steve** to approach Adrian Schrinner on Opening Day Re: receiving grant for toilet from councillor's discretionary fund.
- Rules & Expectations –
 - * members renting plots can attach own (temporary) signs
 - * Sundays (working bees) to eventually be distribution day for produce
 - * Di has organized name tags
 - * There is the expectation that other items will need to be added as the need arises.
- Attendance book – Maryanne has organized one which will be in the mailbox. **Everyone** needs to write their name & date each time they come to the garden (members & visitors). This is important for a whole range of reasons including insurance purposes.
- Spray – **Carolyn** will spray community plants each week with Spinosad (an organic fungicide, miticide & insecticide). See Carolyn if you want your individual plots sprayed. Carolyn will put on website what can & can't be sprayed.
- Opening Day
 - * 10:30 – 12ish
 - * arrive at 10:30 – show Adrian Schrinner around garden
 - * Steve to arrive around 11:00 – say a few words
 - * Adrian to plant finger lime (donated by **Carolyn** to replace one of the splitters)
 - * **Liz** to contact Ian re: painting commemorative sign
 - * 11:00 – morning tea – everyone please bring a plate, own tea/coffee, hot water, cool drinks etc., chairs (please cater in these areas for any guests you are inviting e.g people from the various organizations you are liaising with in regards to the letters of support)
 - * **Liz** to organize an invitation for Erica to give to principal of Rochedale State School
 - * **Maryanne** to make dip from some of Steve's produce to highlight community garden!
 - * **Di** to write story on the day to submit to *Southern Star* newspaper
 - * **Brian** to bring Stacey's chicken tractor to house chickens for the day - **Liz** to find out if Lisa will be coming

- Sponsored Gardens - Carolyn keen to have brick-edged sponsored gardens shaped to suit potential sponsors under the fruit trees e.g. a fish-shaped garden that the local fish shop could sponsor. Cost of sponsorship suggested at \$50/year. Type of signage discussed but undecided at this stage.
- Thank you letters/certificates of appreciate – **Liz** to write prototype letters of thanks for sponsors & **Steve** to organize certificates of appreciation for same.

Future Dates

- Sun 26 Aug working bee 1:00pm
- Sun 2 Sept wicking bed mini-workshop 1:30 – 4:00 \$5/person
- Sun 9 Sept Opening Day 10:30 – 12; BYO lunch; working bee 1:00 – 3:00; meeting 3:00

Minutes prepared by Liz Bundy