



Community Garden Ocean Grove Inc.

Annual General Meeting 2016

27 July 2016, 7.00pm

Ocean Grove Senior Citizen's Centre, 101 The Terrace

Attendees

Gaynor Powell, Evan Lockhart, Russell Neville, Lisa Conlon, John Tabone, Amelia Hagger, Andrew Scott Alice King

Apologies

Leigh and Di Collins, Susan Birch, Chris and Barb Watson, Vin and Vicky McKay, Kerrie and Jim Ricchini, April Rose, Jeff Harwood, Frances Macaloon, Viv and Dave Kershaw, Margit Nack, Pat Scott, John Bowman

Resolutions and decisions

Annual report and future plans (Andrew Scott - President) - see President's report copied below

Financial report (Russell Neville -Treasurer)

Financial status of *Community Garden Ocean Grove Inc.* as of 30 June 2016 - see Statement included below.

The Treasurer identified that:

- We need to keep within the ~\$1300 regular income per annum derived from fees and takings from Farmers' market. All expenditure must be approved by Russell/Vin prior to incurring costs (otherwise reimbursement cannot be guaranteed).
- A slight increase in fees for the coming financial year is needed to ensure we can cover costs
- Costs associated with rent of site from CoGG and use of water from OG SCC are not currently being charged. This will be followed up.

All committee positions were declared vacant.

The following members accepted nominations to committee roles:

- President: John Tabone
- Vice-President: Vin McKay
- Secretary: Amelia Hagger
- Treasurer: Russell Neville
- Ordinary members: John Bowman, Margit Nack

Election of committee

- John, Vin, Amelia, Russell, John and Margit were duly elected to the above positions. Congratulations to all!
- Andrew Scott was thanked for his contribution to the Garden as President over the past 2+ years.
- The new committee and the various members assisting with coordination will meet ASAP; schedule of meetings will be developed.

Membership fees and plot rental fees for 2015-2016 financial year

Members voted to approve fee changes.

Fees for the 2015-2016 financial year will be as follows:

Membership (single, family, group) - \$10 p.a. [no change)

Membership + plot holder - large \$50; small \$30 p.a.

Second plots (if available) - large \$40; small \$20 p.a.

*Note: members with second plots will be asked to give up one as soon as we have additional demand from new members for plots.

The formal meeting closed at 7.40pm

Additional discussion items

Front Fence

- Quote and design received via Gaynor - initially for new gates
- To be considered by new committee at their first meeting - need to ensure sizing/height is appropriate, locking and what other work will be required to install the gates
- Consider putting together a small working group to work with the artist to get the new gates installed.
- Keep members and the community informed about progress etc.

Mosaic on wood oven

- August garden gathering to include planning and concept design
- Include call for design ideas in the August newsletter

Garden rules

- To be reviewed, and simplified, by new committee, with input from members

Garden history

- Gaynor interested in compiling history - information to be sent to her in the first instance; information to be held in paper and digital form for longevity

President's Report for the Ocean Grove Community Garden AGM 2016

During the last year, the Ocean Grove Community Garden has focussed on refining our facilities and operations. The highlights include:

- Design of a children's area. This will continue to be rolled out over the coming year.
- Paving of some common areas.
- Designation of some beds as community plots to provide produce for sale at Farmers' Markets. This helps to fund our ongoing operations as well as attracting new members.
- Ongoing pruning of the fruit trees along our boundary as they develop. This has also allowed several pruning workshops followed by volunteers each adopting one of the trees to continue their care.
- More intensive use of the greenhouse for raising seedlings. Again, this has supported several workshops, particularly on wicking boxes. The greenhouse now has two racks of wicking beds with seedlings developing for spring planting. Tanks have also been fitted to the gutters of the greenhouse to allow simpler watering of seedlings during the coming summer.
- Improvement of the beds facing The Parade to improve the attractiveness of the Garden from the street.
- Better signage to acknowledge our sponsors and highlight important facilities such as our fire extinguisher and first aid kit. The next stage will be to provide signs on our fruit trees.
- Regular newsletters for members, including planting guides and notices of workshops and other garden events. Usage of our noticeboards has been extended to include member photos and hard copies of notices.
- Engagement of a wider group in managing the operation of the garden. This has allowed us to spread the load on the management group.
- Development and maintenance of composting bays which provide excellent mulch for use in garden beds as well as considerably tidying up the garden, removing previous piles of organic material.

None of the above would have been possible without the enthusiastic efforts of our members at regular working bees and other events. A big thank you to all our members and particularly to the members of the Management Committee who have worked hard all year on our behalf.

In the coming year, we aim to enhance our front fence and transform it into an attractive feature that will add to the attractiveness of our garden. We also intend to improve the pizza oven by decorating it with a mosaic

Andrew Scott
President
Community Garden Ocean Grove Inc.

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Financial Report for the Ocean Grove Community Garden AGM 2016

INCOME/EXPENDITURE

	12 months to 30 June 2016
Membership	765
Farmers Market	325
Total Income	1,090
Club insurance	155
Capital Items (small water tanks, garden beds etc)	1,000
General Garden Expenditure (top soil, mulch, hay etc)	1,735
Garden Club Insurance	155
Total Expenditure	2,890
Net Income/(Loss)	(1,800)

CASH @ 30TH JUNE 2016

Bank	450
Petty Cash	149
OGNC (Remaining Grant)	4,100
	<u>4,699</u>

NOTES

Annual Garden fees ~\$1,000 per year
Farmers Market ~\$300