



Community Garden Ocean Grove Inc.

Annual General Meeting 2017

17 July 2017, 7.00pm

Ocean Grove Senior Citizen's Centre, 101 The Terrace

Attendees

Amelia Hagger, John Tabone, John Bowman, Alice King, Vin McKay, Kerrie Ricchini, Jim Ricchini, Diane Gent, Mal Gent, Andrew Scott, Pat Scott, Evan Lockhart, Kerry Potter, Kerry, Andrew, Pat, Russell Neville (by phone)

Apologies

Gaynor Powell, Vicki McKay, Draga Palstra, Melba Neilson, Lisa Conlon, Jeff Harwood.

Resolutions and decisions

Minutes of the previous AGM (27 July 2016) were accepted as a true and accurate representation of the meeting (Moved John T, Seconded Andrew S)

President's report (John Tabone - President) - see President's report copied below. Key points:

- Children's area,
- Maintenance of paths and beds,
- Additional taps,
- Workshops,
- 2nd key safe,
- Gate approval process with Geelong Council,
- Thanks to members for contributions during the year.

Acceptance of President's report: Moved John B, Seconded Kerry

Financial report (Russell Neville - Treasurer)

Financial status of Community Garden Ocean Grove Inc. as of 30 June 2017 - see Statement included below.

The Treasurer identified that:

- Net outcome: \$1510.
- Membership fees should be set at a level that enables the Garden to cover ongoing costs. Forecast need: \$1000.
- Carry over to new financial year does not include payment to Russell N for mulch, which will be paid in the current financial year
- Upcoming expenditure: Tap, gate and memorial seat. Invoices will be needed.
- Neighbourhood Centre wanted management fee for grant "safehousing" (not agreed to).
- Potential revenue generation: Increasing plot fees and/or fundraising activities.

Acceptance of Treasurer's report: Moved John T, Seconded Amelia

All committee positions were declared vacant.

The following members accepted nominations to committee roles:

President: John Tabone. Nominated by: John B. Accepted.

Vice President: Evan Lockhart. Nominated by Vin: Accepted.

Secretary: Amelia Hagger. Nominated by John T, Accepted.

Treasurer: Russell Neville. Nominated by Vin (Accepted in writing).

Ordinary Members:

Gaynor Powell, Jeffery Harwood, John Bowman, Alice King, Pat Scott, Vin McKay, Kerry Potter, Kerri Ricchini. (Accepted verbally and via written nomination for those not present)

Election of committee

- All of the above members were duly elected to the above positions. Congratulations to all!
- The new committee will meet ASAP; schedule of meetings will be developed; role and responsibilities to be allocated.

Membership fees and plot rental fees for 2017-2018 financial year

A potential increase in plot rental fees was discussed. Discussion included the option for running additional fundraising activities, with member support, instead of increasing fees.

Fundraising activities identified included:

- Bunnings BBQ.
- Save the trees: Gumtrees for sale (sell at market, author event and ongoing).
- Mildura: Relishes and chutneys. Tomato, zucchini blends. Can't sell at market as not local / other stalls that sell relish. Sell at events, ?Facebook advertising
- Bangalow palms (donated) - sell at market

Motion to delay increase of fees for 1 year. Moved: Vin. Seconded John T.

Unanimous agreement for holding fees for this new financial year; based on member input and support for fundraising activities

Fees for the 2017-2018 financial year will remain as follows:

Membership (single, family, group) - \$10 p.a.

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.

Identification of upcoming planned activities

July

- Book event on Saturday. Poster at Market.
- Pruning

August: Vertical garden - pallets.

September: Wicking beds.

October: Pest control.

November: ?Beekeeping / Tomatoes (Van Loons/Bunnings)

December / January: Social + Mosaic on wood oven

The formal meeting closed at 8.00pm**Additional discussion items**

- Custom made gate. Requires specs for beams. Following up John T and John B.
- Wood oven mosaic. Need tiles. ? Kyo smashed tiles, Bunnings. Melba: design? Op shop: broken crockery.
- Memorial Seat: Men's shed. In progress - nearly completed.
- Bee hive. Workshop on bees rather than having a hive in the garden.

Meeting Closed 8:30pm.

President's Report for the Ocean Grove Community Garden Annual General Meeting 2017

During the 2016/2017 year the Ocean Grove Community Garden has again focused on ensuring the Community Garden facilities and operations meet the needs of the Community Garden members.

Some of the activities the OGCG has been involved in include:

- Completion of the children's area adjacent to the shed
- Laying bark along all paths to reduce the impact of weeds and to also enhance the aesthetics of the garden from The Parade
- Ongoing maintenance of community garden beds and fruit trees as a source of produce for the monthly Farmer's Markets.
- Maintaining a presence at the local Farmer's Markets to raise funds for the ongoing operations of the Community Garden and to also showcase the Community Garden to locals as a potential way of attracting new members
- Several members volunteered as marshalls for the Cadell Evans Bike Race, raising funds for the Community Garden resulting from their involvement
- Regular firing of the pizza oven during working bees to allow members to socialize with one another whilst attending to their plots and maintaining the Community Garden facilities
- This last year has seen a ~~reduction~~^{increase} in member numbers, in particular, members taking up garden plots, despite promising discussions with community groups interested in pursuing how the Community Garden could also meet their organisation's needs. 2017/2018 will require a review of how the Community Garden can attract new members.
- Committee approval for additional taps to be installed to make accessing water easier for those plots furthest away from the water tanks. This will be completed in the coming months prior to the summer season commencing.
- Involvement of newer members in a Wicking Bed workshop where each participant learnt how to make their own Wicking Beds, and which have been regularly used to raise seedlings and propagate seedlings from seeds in the hothouse
- The addition of a second key safe at The Parade entrance to allow entry from The Parade.
- Ongoing discussions with the City of Greater Geelong re. approval requirements for the gates to replace those currently along The Parade. Whilst this has been a frustrating exercise, the way forward will require a face to face meeting involving all parties to finalise the matter.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all Community Garden members who have contributed in some way to the ongoing operation of the Community Garden, and especially the Management Committee members who have put in huge efforts on our behalf.

John Tabone
President
Ocean Grove Community Garden
12 July 2017

Treasurer's

Unfortunately I'm unable to attend as I shall be on a road trip with my daughter to Byron Bay. Below are the draft accounts for the year ended 30.6.17. They are currently draft because I need to confirm the following:

1. No additional expenditure incurred by OGNC since 6.6.17 (highly unlikely)
2. Reconcile petty cash and include any petty cash reimbursements for the year, additional farmers market revenue etc.

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INCOME / EXPENDITURE	12 Months to 30 June 2017
Membership	1,244
Sale of Garden Equipment	189
Farmers Market	697
	2,130
Club Insurance	160
AGM Hall Hire (snr citizens)	50
Website Fees	34
Misc. Tea, Coffee etc	15
General Garden Expenditure (top soil, mulch, hay, etc)	361
Rates	0
Garden Club Insurance	0
Total Expenditure	621
Net Income/(Loss)	1,510

CASH @ 30TH JUNE 2017

Bank	1,981
Petty Cash	?? → 130.
OGNC (Remaining Grant)	2,992
	4,973

Garden owes Russell Neville \$169.36 fro Mulch etc

5,100.