



## Community Garden Ocean Grove Inc.

### Agenda Annual General Meeting 2019

28th July, 10.30 am (for 11 am)

Ocean Grove Community Garden

#### Present

Alice King, Xavier and Fiona Cadorel, Andrew and Patricia Scott, Alma Biggs, Tamara Gemelli, Beth Van Elst, Jan Klitzing, Peter and Rosemary Farrell, Betty Robinson, Amelia Hagger, Camille Mewett, Corin Fletcher and Sarah Meagher

#### Apologies:

John Bowman, Diane and Mal Gent, Lisa Conlon, Chris Klitzing, Draga Palstra, Andrea Huggins, Vin and Vicki McKay, Rosie and Glenn Taylor, Kerrie and Jim Riccini, Kylie Barbuto

#### Before Meeting

##### Brainstorming activity

Fiona provided 3 boards and encouraged all to add answers to these questions:

- Why are you a part of the community garden?
- What do you want to learn?
- How can you contribute?

In addition, a list of the tasks and responsibilities that are needed to keep the Garden running (developed from the past years of experience) was posted and people were asked to consider how they could contribute to running the Garden.

Many suggestions were added & members attending volunteered to assist with aspects of Garden management. The new Committee will collate these and circulate via social media and/or email inviting further input from members or friends who were unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda items	Who	Time - approx.
1. <b>Welcome to all and Acknowledgement of country</b>	President	11 am
2. <b>Receive apologies:</b> all additional apologies had been previously received by email. (As 11 financial members were present a quorum was achieved.)	Secretary	11:05am
3. <b>Introductions.</b> As so many new members were present the President invited all to introduce themselves, and identify their plot	All	
4. <b>President's Annual Report</b> During the past year, the Ocean Grove Community Garden has continued to run gardening and food-related activities for members and the wider community, as well as continuing to maintain and enhance the garden facilities and operations.  The highlights this year include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops on composting, worm farming, Moon planting, the Sharewaste program, fermented foods, pruning, and bee keeping</li> <li>• Painting of the pizza oven, providing a year-long splash of colour in the garden.</li> </ul>	President	11:10am

- Improved management of compost and green waste on site - thanks to all members!
- Replacement of the fence on the western boundary (by Council).
- Attendance at the Farmer's markets, which has maintained our profile in the community, attracted new members and importantly raised money to help cover some of our costs
- Attendance at EarthFest in OG Park.
- Monthly newsletters to members and the wider community (we have more than 180 people who have signed up to receive our newsletter), including information about our workshops and other activities, planting guides and other gardening-related events.
- Ongoing maintenance of the garden at monthly garden gatherings, including enjoying great pizza and excellent morning tea treats provided/cooked by those attending. Always a great social gathering as well as doing the hard work!

None of the above would have been possible without the enthusiastic efforts of our committee and members.

Last summer was particularly dry and was the first summer in which we have run out of water in the tanks quite early in the season - a challenge for us all. Thanks to members for working to manage their water consumption through mulching and other protection, good soil improvement, and less frequent, deep watering. Thanks to all who helped keep the shared areas and fruit trees watered as well!

Work still underway and continuing in to next year includes:

- opportunities to improve water collection off the Senior's building
- the design and build of a children's area
- replacing some of the smaller boxes (with the new boxes built by Geelong Disabled People's (GDP) Industries)

A big thank you to all our members and particularly to the members of the Committee who have worked hard all year on our behalf, managing activities and helping with the operation of the garden, which has allowed us to share the workload.

**Alice King**

President, Community Garden Ocean Grove

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Alice also referred to the membership report provided by the secretary:

- The Garden currently has 45 financial members.
- There have been 13 new memberships during the year.
- Four members have left, 3 due to interstate or overseas relocations, one through changed family circumstances.
- There are currently 8 social members (members without plots, but who can still use the greenhouse, shared produce, literature, tools etc).
- 106 individuals are covered by our insurance policy.

<b>5. Treasurer's Report on current accounts/financial status</b>		Treasurer	
<b>INCOME / EXPENDITURE</b>	12 Months to 30 June 2019		
Membership	1,773		
Farmers Market	656		
Funds From Operations	2,429		
Expenditure :			
Insurance	223		
Garden Supplies,Straw etc	277		
Pruning Workshop	140		
Painting Pizza Oven	335		
CAV Lodgement Fee	58		
Rates	0		
Total Expenditure	1,033		
Income/(Loss) from Operations	1,396		
Non Operational Income/Expenditure:			
Garden Gates (grant Money)	0		
Bunnings BBQ	0		
Net Income/Loss	1,396		
<b>CASH @ 30TH JUNE 2019</b>			
Bank	5,488		
Petty Cash	102		
OGNC (Remaining Grant)	492		
	6,082		
<b>6. Planning for the year ahead: roles, responsibilities and official activities.</b>		President	11.30am
<p>Alice noted that the current 'Garden Rules' are very long &amp; suggested creating a shorter list of 'entitlements and responsibilities' for members, along with Garden Guidelines. Signing up to these would become part of the renewal process. This was agreed, and will be progressed by the new Committee.</p> <p>See above for 'brainstorming activity' regarding what members want from and can contribute to the Garden.</p>			
<b>6. All committee positions were declared vacant.</b>		Secretary	11.40am

<p>Nominations had been received for two ordinary committee members. Additional nominations were called for committee members. Nominations as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>President</b> Fiona Cadorel</li> <li>● <b>Vice President</b> Patricia Scott</li> <li>● <b>Secretary</b> Katherine Stanley</li> <li>● <b>Treasurer</b> Peter Farrell</li> <li>● <b>Ordinary members</b> Camille Mewett, Amelia Hagger, John Bowman</li> </ul>		
<p><b>7. Election of committee members,</b> All nominations were unanimously accepted. Tamara Gemelli nominated as secretary at the meeting, but later rescinded her nomination and Katherine Stanley volunteered to fill the position instead. This was approved unanimously at the first meeting of the new committee.</p>	Financial members	11.55am
<p><b>9. Close of formal meeting</b></p>		12:00pm
<p><b>10. General discussion</b> The remainder of the meeting was around the pizza oven and gazebo. It was a chance for members and friends of the Garden to discuss and provide feedback, as well as congratulate the new committee members and office bearers.</p>		