

MINUTES of the B.C.G. COMMITTEE MEETING.

Thursday 29th November 2012

Kawana Library

Meeting opened at approx. 7.00pm

PRESENT: Elise Barry, Ian Carruthers, Michael McCuaig, Helen Baumann, Suzie Munroe, Suzie Hutchison, Cathy Plummer. Kevin Asmus

- 1) **COMMUNITY GRANT:** A Community Grant from the local council of \$3000. has been successful this will go toward the cost of a propagation shed. Any remainder will be put to the cost of a cubing machine. A quote of \$1,800 has been received for a propagation unit. Community Service workers will run the propagation unit. The shed will be located near the compost area close to water and other facilities. Tentative starting date is mid January. Details to be finalised next meeting.
- 2) **COMPOST MATERIALS:** Two bins to hold materials will be located outside the compost area. Ian: Trade Tools of Nambour are advertising composting machines for \$500. Ian to obtain a firm quote. Two bins are to be dropped off at the site by council for use in holding compostable, larger materials. Iris to be contacted about the composting area and processes.
- 3) **BANKING NOTES:** Elise said that banking processes have been organised. A petrol voucher of \$50. Would be arranged for the purchase of petrol over time.
- 4) **SOLAR WATER PUMP SYSTEM:** A tentative quote for a ...'stand alone 12V power supply' to run water pumps from solar panels, of around \$3 - \$5.000 had been received. The system would be able to be expanded later. All bed leasers should be able to access the system to water their plants. Ian to investigate, obtain an accurate quote and report back to next meeting.
- 5) **COMMITTEE PURCHASES:** A form has been produced. Forms must be filled out for all purchases.
- 6) **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting date was set at Thursday 13th December.
- 7) **MARQUEE:** A talk was given by a rep. from Quality Marquees and Tents, to explain the quote that had been received for a Group Marquee. A decision to proceed will be taken next meeting.
- 8) **PROJECTOR SCREEN:** A projector screen is available for purchase by the group, from Bill Barry. Discussion ensued.
- 9) **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:** It was suggested that annual membership be changed to a 3 year membership. Proposals to be put to the AGM (in March?)
- 10) **CHICKENS:** Discussion centred on a complaint to the R.S.P.C.A. about the condition of the chickens. Kevin explained that a vet surgeon had checked the birds over and there was nothing amiss. Some changes to the chicken yard area were suggested as a way of presenting the yard in a better light.
- 11) **CERTIFICATE HANDOVER CEREMONY:** This would be held on Friday November 30th at the Gardens. The Hon J. Bleijie (MP) would attend and present a certificate to commemorate the receipt of a Government Grant to the gardens. Procedures organising the ceremony and after were discussed.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.