

**Community Garden 3231 Inc
Annual General Meeting
Minutes of Meeting**



Date & Time:	Saturday, October 3, 2020 17:00-18:10
Location:	Via ZOOM (Meeting ID 874 5625 1492)
Chair:	Liz Wood
Returning Officer	Janice Carpenter
Minutes:	Paul Hermecz
In attendance	Lynn Barnett; David Beauchamp; Angela Berry; Sue Bennett; Avril Blay; Keith & Mary Bremner; Kate Bulling; Janice Carpenter; John Farhall; Gabriel Fuller; Gill Gartlan; Paul Hermecz; Therese Hutchens; Marg Jacobs; Julianne Kinna; Margaret Lacey; Gretel Lamont; Sue Leavesley; Heather McKee; Sarah More, Caryl Nowson; John Pahlow; David & Barbara Sainsbery; Barbara Selvay; Rod Tucker; Conrad White; Debra White; Ann Williams; Alison Witcombe; Liz Wood;
Apologies	Kate Smallwood (SCSC), Lynne Hume (SCSC), Johanna Natt (<i>The Captain of Aireys</i>), Kate Driscoll

Item	Description
1. Welcome	NOTED: Liz Wood Welcomed all and acknowledged that we garden and meet on the land of the Eastern Maar and Wadawurrung people and that we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.
2. Previous AGM	NOTED: Motion 1: <i>“That the minutes of the 2019 AGM held August are accepted”</i> Proposed by: Paul Hermecz, Seconded by: Gretel Lamont Motion Accepted.
3. 2020 Annual Report	NOTED: Liz Wood, Gabriel Fuller, Avril Blay, Therese Hutchens and Keith Bremner presented highlights from the 2020 Annual Report. Membership has grown by 40% (120 to 168) over the past year. The garden as well as the membership is thriving despite the challenges COVID-19 and associated lockdowns. Some of the many achievements of the past year include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great soil through great compost • Pathways project; smothering weeds with cardboard and avoiding herbicide • Workshop on growing carrots • Companion planting and attracting beneficials in the Food and Flower Field • Rhubarb, Rhubarb, Rhubarb and emergence of <i>“The Friends of the Rhubarb”</i> • New citrus irrigation system • Garden edging replacement using recycled plastic The following future initiatives were flagged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscaping redesign (kindly provided pro-bono by Sea Echo P/L) • Orchard • Composting Toilet • Garden shed Information will be available during future Working Bs and Members are invited to review and provide input into the plans.

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4. 2020 Financial Statement	NOTED: Motion 2: <i>“That the 2020 Financial Statement are accepted”</i> Proposed by: Therese Hutchens, Seconded by: Liz Wood Motion Accepted.
5. Membership and Plot Rental Fees	NOTED: Motion 3: <i>“That the annual membership fees of \$30 per family, \$15 per individual and plot rental fee \$35 all remain unchanged for financial year 20/21”</i> Proposed by: Therese Hutchens, Seconded by: Liz Wood Motion Accepted.
6. Election of Committee	NOTED: Nominations were received as follows: President: Liz Wood Vice President: Heather McKee Treasurer: Therese Hutchens Secretary: Paul Hermecz General Committee: Keith Bremner General Committee: Gretel Lamont General Committee: Avril Blay General Committee: John Pahlow With no other nominations contesting the designated positions, Returning Officer, Janice Carpenter, declared the positions filled. NOTED: Gabriel Fuller has declared her retirement from the Committee and Garden team. Liz, Avril and Gretel all expressed much gratitude and respect for the dedication and expertise Gabriel has provided over the past four years. Gretel Lamont has graciously accepted the role Gabriel leaves as Garden Team Leader.
7. AGM Closure	NOTED: There being no other business the formal part of the meeting was duly closed at 17:55. Liz Wood then welcomed Guest Speaker, Marg Lacey, local Bird expert.
8. Guest Speaker Marg Lacey on “Birdbaths and birds in your backyard”	NOTED: Marg delivered a beautiful and engaging presentation on how to attract birds in our gardens with birdbaths. Marg imparted her years of experience highlighting tips around matters such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bath placement: generally sheltered but allowing sufficient view towards predators • depth: not too deep and has had little success with placing additional rocks in water • hygiene: keep clean and fresh to avoid algal build up and any cross contamination <p>The presentation was very well received with many questions and Liz concluded with a vote of thanks to Marg and provided a small token gift to mark our gratitude</p>