

**Wentworthville Community Garden  
Annual General Meeting  
5 December 2015**

**Present:** Cllr Lisa Lake (North Ward Councillor), Anne Brinson, John Brinson (and friend – Lizzy), Angela Caire, Frank Cauchi, Olga Digby, Dianne Hardman, Paul Hardman, Diane Dickenson, Jennifer Forrest, Allan Ezzy, Pat Ezzy, Therese Haddad, Kevin Horne, Brad Main, Robyn Main, Judith Moller, Ingrid Postema, Vasee Rajadauri, Alan Ward and Gabrielle Whitbread.

**Apologies:** Kebire Canpolat, Maureen Duffy, Ted Duffy, John Cole, Susan Cole, Bev Horne, Peter Horne, Helen Kirkland, Helen Lu, Danny Gardner and John Melbourne.

**Chairperson:** Paul Hardman - Chairman

**Meeting opened:** 4.15pm

**Minutes**

Item	Discussion	Actions and Outcomes
1. Welcome and apologies	Paul welcomed everyone to the 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Wentworthville Community Garden (WCG). He thanked all the people present for their interest and participation.	
2. Minutes from the 2014 Annual meeting* and Business Arising	<p>The minutes from the last meeting were read. No amendments.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the minutes from the last AGM be accepted.  <b>Moved by:</b> Anne  <b>Seconded by:</b> John  <b>Result:</b> Carried</p> <p><b>Business Arising</b>            Donation to Careflight – The Garden Committee considered this request to make a donation to Careflight at its February meeting. There is no provision in the Constitution to made donations to outside organisations. Individual members may make a donation if they choose to.</p>	
3. Chairman's report *	<p>Paul distributed his report. Paul reported on the Committee's work during the year and our continued strong relationship with Council. He congratulated all members on their efforts at the Garden including our win at the Easter Show and a very successful Open Day.</p> <p>Paul thanked and praised the Committee for their enthusiasm and ability to work together as a team. He invited members to provide feedback and ideas to further develop the Garden.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Chairman's report be accepted.  <b>Moved by:</b> John  <b>Seconded by:</b> Anne  <b>Result:</b> Carried</p>	
4. Treasurer's Report *	<p>Robyn read Maureen's report. We started the year with \$14 463.58 and finished the year with \$21 028.24. Open Day made a profit of \$6 117.00.00. The Garden is in a very healthy financial position and does not recommend an increase in the membership or garden plot fees.</p> <p>Vasee asked if any funds were being held in term deposits. No funds are held in term deposits and Kevin suggested that we keep funds in current account in light of the uncertainty surrounding possible mergers.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Treasurer's report be accepted.  <b>Moved by:</b> Kevin  <b>Seconded by:</b> Allan  <b>Result:</b> Carried</p>	

5. Secretary's Report *	<p>Robyn thanked all members for their work during the year and acknowledged the continued support we receive from Council. We have a high demand on garden plots and have a waiting list.</p> <p>Julia Finn, State Member for Granville, assisted us at Open Day and reported on her experience in Sate Parliament when she had the opportunity to deliver a congratulatory speech to the House. She sent a record of the Hansard entry.</p> <p>We welcomed two group memberships this year ad we look forward to working with them in 2016. Holroyd City Council Children Services - Family Day Care, have been visiting on a regular basis and two groups form Northside West Clinic have just started to visit for Horticultural sessions as part of their rehabilitation program.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Secretary's report be accepted.  <b>Moved by:</b> Angela  <b>Seconded by:</b> Ingrid  <b>Result:</b> Carried</p>	
6. Key Registrar's Report	No report submitted.	
7. General Business	<p><b>Toilet facilities</b> - Angela suggested that a toilet was needed on site at the Garden. She was advised that there are toilets for our use at the tennis courts.</p> <p><b>Aquaponics</b> – Allan requested that we explore the possibility of this type of gardening.</p> <p><b>Expansion of the Garden</b> – seek advise form Council for relocating the southern and western fence lines outwards to expand the physical Garden space for additional garden plots and extra container for secure storage.</p> <p>Paul indicated that the Committee would explore the possibilities and with advice from members would prioritise the suggestions.</p> <p>Gabrielle Whitbread – Co-ordinator Family Day Care – thanked everyone for allowing her to bring her educators and pre-school-aged children to enjoy the Garden.</p>	Committee to discuss at February meeting.

**Meeting closed:** 5.00pm

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