

MINUTES

TWELVE FINE ORANGES KINGS CROSS COMMUNITY GARDEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20 November 2023 @ Reginald Murphy Community Centre,
19 Greenknowe Avenue, Elizabeth Bay NSW 2011

Attendees: Janine Baker, Terry Chesher, Catherine Gray, Charles Haege, Kit Holmes, Alena Jirasek, Jenifer Jones, Bryce Lintern, Ali Mackay, Bev Morris, Edwina Morris, Paul McNeilly, Jo Packer, Helen Panckhurst, Maree Sheehan, Liz Silverstone, Fiona Thompson, Jackie Wark

Apologies: Grant Doyle, Fionnuala Heidenreich

The meeting was opened at 18:03

1. **Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated. The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record.

2. **Committee Reports**

The following reports were provided:

2.1 Chair's Report – Edwina Morris

2023 has been a positive year for the garden, with more harmony since we established the four garden teams in 2022. The Committee has focused on its role in coordinating whole-of-garden systems, managing conflict, and liaising with Council and the community.

A compost working group was established after members reported that our compost systems could be working better. The group has been investigating how to get the balance of brown and green materials right, debunking myths, and how to manage special items such as eggshells. A report is being prepared which will help us to establish coordinated systems across the garden.

We've started holding quarterly social events, sometimes with an agenda such as cleaning up the shed, sometimes just to get together and chat. It's a good time and is helping to bring the teams together as one garden.

To better engage with the local community, a sign has been erected with a plan of the garden, our philosophy, and how to find out more about us. There has been a general uplift of website activity since it went up. We've started receiving donations of coffee husks from St Blue cafe, and are working with the Council to get some more financial support around tools and consumables.

We still have some challenges around dog damage and waste on the front lawn and garden, night-time visitors, and rough sleepers in the garden. Our approach to rough sleepers is to

ask that possessions are kept tidy and out of the way, and to not sleep in the garden during the day. Mental health first aid responders, Helen and Glynis, are available to have these conversations, and we ask that garden members act with compassion and contact the Committee if they have any concerns.

In the Tree Tenderers, soil for tree planters was delivered and trees planted out, with only Persimmon to go next winter. The new trees have established well. We're working to improve the quality of the soil - a common problem when soil is imported into the garden. Our compost is much better.

In the Bush Food Garden, fruit is appearing for the first time on the Apple Berry, Finger Lime, Riberry and Lilly Pilly.

In the Potager Garden, the ladybug hotel on the perennial aubergine plant has been a great success. Aphids are left on the plant to feed ladybugs, which use the plant as a nursery. Five different types of ladybugs have been identified.

In the Kitchen Garden, planning is underway to fill out the people's bed and raise the soil levels. Rosemary has been very popular in this bed.

We currently have 80 members which is consistent from previous years. Last month we had over 100 website views and our newsletter is being circulated to 128 registered members and 86 non-member subscribers, with about a 70% open rate.

I thank the committee members for 2022/23 and wish the incoming Committee a fruitful year.

2.2 Treasurer's Report – Janine Baker

As of 30 June 2023, the garden has received annual income of \$4,805 which was \$265 higher than the previous year. Expenditure was just under \$8,000; which was \$2,000 less than the year before due to the new garden beds having now been established.

We ended the year with \$2,728 in the bank and this has increased to \$4,800 as of 9 Nov. It was noted that most membership renewals come through from Jul to Nov; then numbers start to increase until the end of financial year. Four people who are still in the area haven't renewed their membership. Janine mentioned that some members have donated membership fees to be offered to prospective members who are experiencing hardship.

2.3 Discussion arising from Chair's and Treasurer's Reports

- There was a question about accessing funds from council and whether we are looking at water conservation measures. The process of applying for City of Sydney grant was outlined, and Edwina noted that we've been considering putting in an application for an additional wicking bed. We're also looking at applying for funds to purchase soil to bring the dirt level up again as a lot of beds have dropped substantially.
- There was discussion about the compost experiments and the analysis of the different methods.
- There was an extensive discussion about rough sleepers in the garden, and it was noted that there is a fine line between compassion and encouragement, and that it's hard to

enjoy the garden when there are rough sleepers there and that dealing with rough sleepers, rubbish and wet bedding can be challenging for members. A number of members would prefer us to ask people to sleep in the reserve rather than the garden. It was agreed that the committee would speak with the City of Sydney staff rough sleeper liaison team and revisit our policy once we've had that conversation. Helen, Ali, Bev, Terry and Charles volunteered to speak with rough sleepers. Janine also mentioned there have been issues with other people being noisy in the garden and reserve late at night.

3. Special Resolutions. The attached proposed special resolutions relating to (a) number of committee members and (b) proxy votes were passed unanimously.

4. Declaration of committee vacancies and election of new committee

The following committee members stood down:

Janine Baker, Cathy Gray, Fionnuala Heidenreich, Edwina Morris, Helen Panckhurst, Jackie Wark

The following committee members were elected:

Janine Baker, Cathy Gray, Edwina Morris, Jo Packer, Helen Panckhurst, Jackie Wark.

In addition, *Bryce Lintern* is happy to contribute to comms and *Alena Jirasek* offered to assist the committee as needed. *Grant Doyle*, who was not in attendance, also offered to assist the committee on a casual basis if required. *Terry Chesher* was confirmed as a continuing Ex Officio committee member.

5. Next Committee Meeting to be organised in late January by the new committee members.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 19:07

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KINGS CROSS COMMUNITY GARDEN INC
ABN 71 291 381 778**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2022/23

Kings Cross Community Garden Incorporated

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2023

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash on hand	2,728.26
Pre-payments Bunnings Asset	0.00
Pre-Payments Flower Power Asset	0.00
Total Current Assets	A\$2,728.26
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Liabilities and shareholder's equity	
Current liabilities:	
Accrual clearing	0.00
Total current liabilities	A\$0.00
Shareholders' equity:	
Net Income	-3,676.25
Retained Earnings	6,404.51
Total shareholders' equity	A\$2,728.26
Total liabilities and equity	A\$2,728.26

Kings Cross Community Garden Incorporated

Profit and Loss

July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
Revenue - General	4,725.00
Sales	80.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0.00
Uncategorised Income	0.00
Total Income	A\$4,805.00
GROSS PROFIT	A\$4,805.00
Expenses	
Accounting and bookkeeping	215.00
Costs Bush Food Garden	1,914.71
Costs Kitchen Garden	659.13
Costs Rambling Potager Garden	1,635.17
Costs Tree Tenderer Group	1,588.31
Office expenses	78.00
Printing, stationery & supplies	367.13
Registration and insurance	50.22
Subscriptions	240.90
Supplies and materials	1,241.21
Total Expenses	A\$7,989.78
Other Expenses	
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Total Other Expenses	A\$491.47
NET EARNINGS	A\$ -3,676.25

**KINGS CROSS COMMUNITY GARDEN INCORPORATED
SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

It is proposed that changes are made to two clauses in the Constitution:

That **14(1) and 14(2) under Clause 14 Composition and membership of committee** are amended from:

- (1) *The committee is to consist of:*
 (a) *the office-bearers of the association, and*
 (b) *at least 3 ordinary committee members*
 each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the association
 under clause 15.

- (2) *The total number of committee members is to be 7*

to:

- (1) *The committee is to consist of:*
 (a) *the office-bearers of the association, and*
 (b) *ordinary committee members*
 each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the association
 under clause 15.

- (2) *The total number of committee members is to be between 5 and 9*

That **Clause 35 Proxy votes not permitted** is changed from:

35. Proxy Votes not permitted

Proxy voting must not be undertaken at or in respect of a general meeting.

to:

35. Proxy votes are permitted

Proxy voting may be undertaken at or in respect of a general meeting where votes are cast in writing.