

Meeting Name:	Minutes of Executive Meeting	Date:	May 21 2019
Aim:	General Business - Agenda	Minutes:	Helen Hughes
Venue:	Polish Hall, Grant St, Maitland	Time:	6pm – 8.45pm
Attendees	Anne Kelly, Liz Griffiths, Matt Kerr, Ruth & Bob Adams, Helen Hughes, Cecily Lenton, , Amorelle Dempster, Leisha Parkinson	Apologies	Johnny Wilson

Members to send responses to actions in minutes to slowfoodhuntermvalley@gmail.com

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<p>1. Minutes of previous meeting Business arising: Nil Correspondence in: <i>Derice has emailed regarding our upcoming Talking Dinner in July. More details to come.</i> Invitation to attend Riverlights Multicultural Festival Planning meeting MTH 18/6/19 <i>Earth Market Briefing notes / Coquun Farmers Bowl \$20 from 5pm after EM.</i> Invitation to attend Destination Management Plan Industry Workshops 21&22/5/19 <i>Ecosuburbia Event briefing notes.</i> Destination NSW – there will be 2 features on the Maitland region. Filming to take place at EM 6/6/19.</p>	<p>Minutes moved by Ruth, seconded by Liz and carried</p> <p>Anne to attend 22/5</p> <p>Amorelle liaising with DNSW</p>
<p>2. Treasurer's Report YTD we have posted a surplus of \$6,569, after allowing for costs of the community cooking & the Watarrka project. This takes available funds to \$28,198.</p>	<p>Moved by Helen, seconded by Leisha “that the treasurers report be accepted”</p> <p>Helen to email report to members & friends</p>
<p>1. New SF Model Further discussion took place regarding scale of fees, membership form and process, benefits of membership and completion of required paperwork. Decisions about the new membership model will be finalised and approved at the SFI meeting in June.</p>	<p>Ruth to draw up SFHV proposal and send to Amorelle to take to SFI meeting in Italy in June. Cecily to look into the cost of having a secure pay portal on our website so that members can pay direct to SFHV Cecily to have a look at developing a new membership flyer</p>
<p>2. Debrief of Tocal Field Days We have a 10 yr investment in TFD. We need to think more strategically about our involvement and ensure we are able to spread our SF message to the thousands of attendees. Planning for 2020 to take place prior to December 2019.</p>	<p>Anne, Liz & Helen to meet with managers of Tocal College & Field Days.</p>
<p>3. Earth Markets Report/ Destination Management Plan EM team met on 16/5 to discuss markets to date & review rules. Filming for Destination NSW will take place at the EM on 6/6.</p>	<p>Anne to get spare (boomerang) plastic bags organised for the next market and info shared with Cecily for a Fb post to get some shoppers bringing in bags.</p>

<p>There will be a place to donate your spare plastic bags at the next Earth market. Buying reusable bags for the market for customers who forget theirs is being investigated.</p> <p>Liz has been looking into buying some strong, reusable bags that the producers can buy from her (SFHV) and sell on to customers. Leisha is helping with prices too.</p>	
<p>4. Eco-Surburbia / David Holmgren Event This will take place at Newcastle City Library on 22/6. SFHV will participate in providing Disco Soup from rescued vegetables on the day. Volunteers needed to assist with this activity. Please email your interest.</p>	<p>Anne & Zoe liaising with Alex.</p>
<p>5. Talking Dinners / Talking Gardens Derice is organising a Winter Talking Dinner for July. Date & venue tbc.</p> <p>Liz is organising a day trip visiting 3 farms on 7/9/19. This includes Just Been Laid (eggs) / a dairy on the Allyn River & Fosterton Farm (beef & bread) with a BBQ lunch.</p>	
<p>6. Indigenous Terra Madre / Emilee Nicolai from Norfolk Emilee has applied to attend Indigenous Terra Madre in Aizu Japan in October as a member of the Pitcairn Indigenous community of Norfolk Island. If she is accepted she will travel to the event via Europe as she will be on Her Churchill Scholarship. Assistance is sought (possibly from SFHV) to enable her to attend if accepted as a delegate. Emilee will visit the Hunter in late June to meet with SFHV representatives.</p>	
<p>7. Communications / Facebook Strategies We have 4,320 likes on our Fb page & 807 followers on Instagram. Cecily is doing amazing work in lifting our profile. She has asked for help from members & friends of SFHV in order to grow our reach. Please like and comment of SFHV posts that interest to you. Perhaps tag a friend or invite friends to like our page. Always say you are interested in attending any SF events. Please tag SFHV when you find a great article to share.</p>	<p>Cecily, Anne, Liz & Helen to meet regarding communication strategy.</p>
<p>8. Strategic Planning Discussion was held regarding a new direction for general meetings. It is proposed to do a series of preserving workshops on the first Tuesday of each month starting on 2/7/19. There will be a small cost to cover ingredients. More details soon.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding new projects for SFHV. These include creating a scholarship to develop a local Food Trail on our website / Young Farmer & Producer Grants to help secure the future of our food community / support for an indigenous worker to continue his education at Riverdene Nurseries, creating a digital food trail map.</p> <p>Any input from members & friends welcome.</p>	<p>Members & friends can email ideas to slowfoodhuntervalley@gmail.com</p>

9. SF gatherings for 2019

Meeting on 4/6/19 has been postponed.

Next General Gathering:

Monday 1/7/19 Venue tbc

This will be in the form of a preserving workshop.

Next Executive Meeting:

Tuesday 18/6/19 @ 6pm at Polish Hall Central Maitland.

All welcome.