

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>Minutes of Executive Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>August 21 2019</b>
<b>Aim:</b>	General Business - Agenda	<b>Minutes:</b>	Helen Hughes
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Polish Hall, Grant St, Maitland</b>	<b>Time:</b>	6pm – 8.50pm
<b>Attendees</b>	Anne Kelly, Johnny Wilson, Cecily Lenton, Helen Hughes, Leisha Parkinson, Amorelle Dempster, Wendy Franklin	<b>Apologies</b>	Ruth & Bob Adams, Matt Kerr, Liz Griffiths

Members to send responses to actions in minutes to [slowfoodhuntermvalley@gmail.com](mailto:slowfoodhuntermvalley@gmail.com)

### MINUTES:

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<p><b>1. Minutes of previous meeting</b>  <b>Business arising:</b></p> <p><b>2. Correspondence in:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talking Dinner menu changes</li> <li>Talking Farms – Cameron Archer’s new book</li> <li>Preserving workshop – invoice, Trybooking revenue</li> <li>Drought Relief Project – Tocal Trivia donation</li> <li>Notice of Riverlights meeting</li> <li>Membership – 2 new members</li> <li>Earth Markets – meeting minutes, MMC meeting</li> <li>Market stall enquiry, volunteer offer</li> </ul> <p><b>Correspondence out:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you letters to Matt Dennis &amp; John Partridge</li> <li>Request for donation from Maitland Sunrise Rotary</li> </ul>	<p>Minutes moved by Leisha, seconded by Johnny and carried</p> <p>\$3000</p> <p>Amorelle to contact producer</p>
<p><b>3. Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <p>YTD the overall surplus is \$8,066 after allowing for costs:  <b>Drought Relief</b> - \$1,295  <b>Watarrka</b> - \$3,924  <b>Community Cooking</b> - \$93            This takes available funds to \$29,696.</p>	<p>Moved by Helen, seconded by Anne “<b>that the treasurers report be accepted</b>”.</p>
<p><b>1. Total 2020</b></p> <p>Next TFD meeting 8/10/19            Applications for GF&amp;W Hall open in Oct &amp; booked by Nov            Need a <b>theme</b> for the event / provide editorial  <b>Produce Way</b> – 6 producers /cost \$200x3days            Suggestion of fresh food show bag (Cecily)  <b>Bake or Burn Competition</b> will only run with a minimum 4 schools  <b>SFHV responsibilities:</b> Food Stall Manager / Kitchen Operations manager / Promotion &amp; Marketing Manager / Team Leader / Programmer of GF&amp;W presentations            Wear pink ASK ME vest/suggestions written in Yellow book.</p>	<p>Helen to contact Buladehlah Central School re B or B competition</p> <p>Meet with Wendy Franklin 6 weeks out from event</p> <p>Presentations must consistent across 3 days</p> <p>Provide report by 6/20 to TFD management</p>

<p><b>2. Strategic Planning</b> Need for a Sunday meeting to finalise Plan</p>	<p>Date TBC by Anne</p>
<p><b>3. SF Issue Specialists</b> Based on the Chengdu Declaration, we are asking members to volunteer to become SF issue specialists. Liz will take on Food Security/ Amorelle – GMOs</p>	<p>To be further discussed at the Strategic Planning Meeting</p>
<p><b>4. Promoting Members' Events</b> SFHV will promote any experience that fits with SF philosophy. Events will be reviewed by Executive Committee prior to promotion. A procedure will be put in place to allow promotion of members' events.</p>	
<p><b>5. Council Environmental Programs</b> SFHV will write to MCC regarding current &amp; future recycling &amp; environmental programs &amp; environmental education &amp; how SFHV can become involved.</p>	
<p><b>6. Awareness and Fundraising Opportunities</b> Johnny suggested the idea of a SFHV food truck to be used at events to raise funds for projects. Volunteers to run the truck and provide good, clean, fair food for all. Sustainability aspect needs to be explored – solar power etc. Also need to research costs / stall fees etc./community grants. SWOT analysis needed. Food rescue could be a point of difference.</p>	<p>Johnny &amp; Amorelle to investigate opportunities. To be discussed at Strategy Meeting.</p>
<p><b>7. MCC Annual Community Grants</b> Jesse Clarke from Phoenix Park Farm is seeking sponsorship from SFHV so he can apply for MCC Annual Community Grant. The application will fall under the Community Development and Environmental and Sustainability categories.</p>	<p>Amorelle &amp; Anne to meet with Jesse to discuss proposal prior to sponsorship being provided.</p>
<p><b>8. Cooks Alliance Update</b> CA paperwork has been sent to SFI. Awaiting response prior to recruiting possible members &amp; organising launch.</p>	
<p><b>9. Report from Amorelle</b> Amorelle is lobbying MCC to allow the creation of Urban Gardens in Maitland – common ground for common good. She will be applying for a grant to develop gardens in the local area. Amorelle is also asking SFHV members to write to Chris Bowen (Shadow Minister for Health) requesting the opposition minister to support the Greens and disallow the Gene Technology amendment.  The Gene Technology Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019 will declassify SDN-1 modified organisms as GMOs from 8 October 2019.  Under the proposed regulatory changes, Australia would be the first country in the world to deregulate the use of these new GM techniques in animals. This deregulation could potentially kill our organic farming industry and massively hamper our traditional agriculture export industry. Key export markets such as Europe and China have zero tolerance for GM products they have not approved.</p>	

<p><b>10. General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Preserving Series – The Pickling Workshop</i> took place on 7/8 at Bread &amp; Water Café with a positive response from attendees. The <b>Jam Making Workshop</b> will take place on 21/9/19.</li> <li>• <i>HOGS meeting</i> – Anne spoke on SFHV &amp; Liz spoke on Food Security. Young Farmer scholarship available.</li> <li>• <i>Social Media Report – Facebook</i> 5044 followers, <i>Instagram</i> 974 followers. Suggestions for EM activities to increase reach e.g. live stream from EM with produce available &amp; cooking demonstrations. Feature one stall holder &amp; one unusual vegetable/fruit each market.</li> <li>• <i>Drought Boxes</i> – There was a successful drop of 40 boxes by Johnny &amp; Andrew on 2/8/19. We will continue to supply boxes of fresh food to drought affected areas of the Upper Hunter due to very generous community donations including \$1500 from Maitland Sunrise Rotary. We will prepare another 40 boxes at the next EM 5/9. Sally from Binnorie Dairy to donate 40 jars of feta. We need to source more boxes &amp; share the delivery responsibilities across a number of volunteers.</li> </ul>	<p>Details in a Mailchimp Cecily to promote on Facebook.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Drought Relief Project</a></p>
<p><b>11. SF gatherings for 2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talking Dinner 21/8/19</li> <li>• Talking Farm 7/9/19</li> <li>• 2040 screening 12/9/19 at Organic Feast</li> <li>• Preserving Workshop 21/9/19</li> <li>• Riverlights Multicultural Festival 12/10/19</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Executive Meeting:</b> <b>Sunday 22/9/19 @ 9.30am at Liz’s office 1 Elgin St, Maitland.</b></p>	