

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>Executive Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>March 2023</b>
<b>Aim:</b>	Agenda	<b>Minutes:</b>	Helen Hughes
<b>Venue:</b>	Zoom Meeting	<b>Time:</b>	7pm – 8.30
<b>Attendees</b>	Marcus Bridges, Helen Hughes, Marg Kavavagh, Kendall Harrison, Sue and Matt Dennis, Ruth Neave, Anne Kelly	<b>Apologies</b>	Ruth Adams, Amorelle Dempster

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

Minutes / Decisions	Action
<p><b>1. Minutes of previous meeting (moved Helen, seconded Marcus)</b></p> <p><b>Business arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seed Library-Amorelle has written to Matthew Evans re a visit to the Hunter to talk about his work, no reply as yet</li> </ul> <p><b>Correspondence in:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Square/Trybooking/Mailchimp</li> <li>Maitland Taste Festival – request from MCC re SFHV involvement</li> <li>Request to interview Jenny Rooke re Hidden Treasure award</li> <li>Seed Library – SOS draft program/new leader needed/Pack and Chat 1/4/23</li> <li>AGM – reports/returning officer/catering by Mike</li> <li>EMM report 2021/2022</li> <li>SFA Leaders Meeting (Elisa &amp; Vince) – zoom link, summary of discussion</li> <li>SFA Zoom meeting 27/3 re Food Relief in Turkey</li> <li>SFI and SF Singleton news</li> <li>Request from SFI re stories to be shared – pictures, description (25/3 &amp; 1/4)</li> <li>Social Media assistance – Nicole Dickson MCC</li> <li>Hume Housing Garden – dates for working bees/tasks to be completed</li> <li>Maitland Library Oral History request re floods – sent to EMM committee</li> <li>Varroa Mite Incursion – AD to Sandra McDougall (DPI)</li> <li>Treasurer’s report from Matt</li> <li>Membership report from Ruth</li> <li>Maitland Show – invoices and receipts</li> <li>Stockland Grants notification</li> <li>Request from AD to SFI re contact for Gardens in Africa – Uganda (Gloria Peacock)</li> <li>TFD – OzHarvest involvement/Wendi &amp; Michael for BorB</li> <li>FRK – need for more volunteers/need for more protein/crowd funding option</li> <li>FRK – donation of \$5,000 from Hunter Ready Mix</li> <li>Karinda Stone – CCC Slow Waste Dinner Thurs 8/6/23</li> <li>Gloria Peacock – request from LMU3A for SF talk (18/10, 25/10, 1/11, 8/11) by April 3</li> <li>Ruth Neave – acceptance of Grants Coordinator, A of T project leader</li> <li>AD would like to nominate FRK &amp; EMM teams for Volunteers awards by 16/6</li> <li>Thank You from AK to 2022 Executive</li> <li>Urban Garden Tour &amp; Lunch confirmation</li> <li>Hayley Murphy – Certificate of Capacity</li> </ul>	

<p><b>2. Treasurer's Report TBA</b></p>	
<p><b>3. Meetings for 2023 venue of F2F</b></p>	<p>HH to contact the Whistler and book F2F meeting on May 16th</p>
<p><b>4. Seed Packing Day Sat April 1 10.30am-12.30pm</b></p>	<p>Seed Library Earth Market infrastructure to be handed over to Liz by KH, growing pumpkins in the 'burbs to be discussed</p>
<p><b>5. Falling Leaves in Levee April 16:</b> David Graham organising, Amorelle has offered to make a Sri Lankan curry and we offered to do a children's activity, possibly cooking fritters. This is the middle weekend of the school holidays</p>	<p>AK to Fb post asking for volunteers</p>
<p><b>6. Tocal May 5,6 &amp; 7</b> Main fundraiser for the year and a number of key cooks are away. HH is happy to remain as Tocal contact and organiser. Tocal received \$170K in funding for access upgrades and general improvements to Field Days site, lots of family activities planned, fresh new look to programmes, merchandise etc, BorB fully booked, demonstrations in the GF&amp;W hall going well. Facebook and newsletter calls for volunteers to start, volunteers to be assigned set tasks</p>	<p>AK to contact Amorelle, Marg and Helen to organise a meeting (Zoom?) next week to have a look at overall organisation</p>
<p><b>7. Taste Festival May 19-21</b> Pop Up Earth Market and Children's activities as for last year</p>	
<p><b>8. Food Waste Dinner and speaker:</b> At Cessnock Performing Arts Centre June 8, Planning Meeting 2pm April 5</p>	<p>AK to call Karinda on March 29 to clarify arrangements.</p>
<p><b>9. Gardens in Africa</b> -request by Amorelle for a garden in Uganda, Gloria Peacock to visit</p>	<p>Meeting in support of Gloria going ahead with making this contact if she can. RA to be kept in the loop</p>
<p><b>10. Lake Mac U3A speaker Oct 18/25, Nov 1/8 Gloria</b></p>	<p>MB has offered to do the talk on Wednesday, Oct 18. Anne to confirm with Gloria by April 3</p>
<p><b>11. Maitland Show Report:</b> Fruit and Vegetable display was successful, the pavilion looked wonderful, café involves a lot of effort for a fairly small reward.</p>	<p>In 2024 we will not run the café but improve the competition display and audience engagement and the hall display. The kitchen will be used for volunteer purposes only. Schedule to be ready by June (AK)</p>
<p><b>12. Positions Vacant Grants and Ark of Taste</b></p>	<p>Ruth Neave has kindly accepted both Grants Officer and Ark of Taste role. Anne to contact Ian Clarke about an Ark of Taste handover. Thank you Ruth!</p>
<p><b>13. Slow Food Regional Meeting</b></p>	<p>Elisa's notes from the Regional Meeting, attended by HH to be forwarded to the executive group. MB to give WhatsApp details to Elisa for leader communications.</p>
<p><b>14. Donation to Turkiye Meeting:</b> meeting attended by Vince, Tania (SA) and Alison (Melbourne) &amp; Anne agreed that money could not be sent to Turkiye at this stage because of the political situation. Donate to Ukraine. Discussed the idea of hosting Barbara Massaad and supporting Lebanon</p>	<p>Idea of SFIn A to donate to Ukraine to be followed up by Alison in Melbourne. AK to list this item for the June agenda for a more extensive discussion on possibilities.</p>
<p><b>15. Volunteers Nomination:</b> Amorelle keen to nominate both Food Recue Kitchen and Earth market teams for the NSW volunteers award</p>	<p>Meeting happy for Amorelle to go ahead.</p>

<p><b>16. Chuffed Fundraising:</b> Needs some resetting to use as a fundraising vehicle for the FRK. Idea for using the artwork not sold at the FRK Art Show as gifts for donations, some discussion about the issue of posting artwork and whether people need a gift for donating.</p>	<p>Just leave Chuff at the moment as the adjustments can be easily made when needed.</p> <p>Need to think of another way of disposing of the artwork that is left from the exhibition.</p>
<p><b>17. Website Update:</b> Committee update needed - blurb with photo for Liz to update. Some other updates are needed.</p>	<p>New committee members to get personal blurb and photo sent to slowfoodhuntermvalley@gmail.com and HH will collate and send to Liz.</p> <p>AK to have a go at other updates across the webpage that need to be done over the Easter break.</p>
<p><b>18. Feedback Farm visit report:</b> Went off very well. Thanks to Hari, Balaji and Johti for hosting and feeding and to matt and Lauren for the amazing garden tour. A number of Facebook comments asking for a repeat performance.</p>	<p>AK to write thank you notes to all involved.</p>
<p><b>19. Varroa Mite Emergency:</b> Amorelle continuing to advocate strongly for our local producers as they plan their next summer crops and place orders for seedling stock. Landline episode featuring Amorelle, Matt and Liam is due for screening on Sunday, April 16.</p>	
<p><b>Project Reports:</b>  <b>Earth Market Maitland</b>          Amorelle signed MOU with MCC Tuesday 17/1. MCC Traffic has provided photos of EM producer sites. There is a new design for the EM calendar. Design and printing costs covered by sponsors - the Maitland Mutual and Haggarty Real Estate. Amorelle is liaising with Professor Clare Collins from UoN to deliver nutrition presentations at the market.</p>	<p>Funding for program provided from NIB runs out in June. If the project is funded for 2024, then Prof. Clare Collins team and the Earth market Maitland will work on a program for the earth market.</p> <p>Email sent to Earth Market from SFHV from Maitland Library looking for stories about the affect of floods on people's lives should be passed on to EM producers. AK to contact Reesa about this.</p>
<p><b>Seed Library Report:</b> Anne taking on leadership for the time being, seed pack and chat day on Saturday, April 1, Marcus, Miriam and June to take on Seed Library outlet at the Earth Market.</p>	
<p><b>Food Rescue Kitchen:</b> Program now operating from Maitland Show Ground. Equipment has been sourced cheaply and through donations. Grants will be required to meet operating costs. 6900 meals were provided in 2022. Comprehensive record keeping has improved efficiency.</p>	<p>A donation of \$5,000 was received via Hunter Valley Concrete who are sponsors of the Maitland Showground. The funds will cover the years rent plus pay for the renovations to the kitchen sink area to accommodate the Dishwasher/sanitizer acquired from the Maitland Park Bowling Club and donated by Maitland City Council.</p> <p>Currently working on a leasing contract, an asset register and a design for the kitchen renovations. A carpenter, gas plumber and electrician to be contacted by the Showground manager Brett Gleeson and Amorelle to provide a get quotes for the stainless steel sink and wet area. Further, the oven to be tested and assessed to make sure that it is in good working order. If the budget exceeds 50% of the \$5,000 then there may be a need for SFHV to make a contribution or to gain a grant to cover the additional cost.</p>

<b>Membership Report:</b> 72 members currently, MB has sorted out a QR code that takes people straight to the membership link.	
<b>Next Meeting: April 18 @ 7pm via Zoom</b>	
Thanks everyone for Zooming in tonight.	