

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>Executive Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>April 18<sup>th</sup> 2023</b>
<b>Aim:</b>	Agenda	<b>Minutes:</b>	Anne Kelly
<b>Venue:</b>	Zoom Meeting	<b>Time:</b>	7pm – 8.55pm
<b>Attendees</b>	Marcus Bridges, Amorelle Dempster, Helen Hughes, Kendall Harrison, Ruth Adams, Anne Kelly, Reesa Ryan	<b>Apologies</b>	Matt Kerr, Marg Kavangh

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

Minutes / Decisions	Action
<p>1. <b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> moved AK, seconded HH</p> <p><b>Business arising:</b></p> <p>2. <b>Correspondence in:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gloria re U3A meeting and Gardens in Africa visit</li> <li>• Hume Housing correspondence</li> <li>• Informal Seed Library meetings Marcus et al</li> <li>• First Riverlights meeting</li> <li>• Meryl's grants bulletin</li> <li>• Edible Garden Trail SFS, and AGM</li> <li>• Ideas for using the MCC admin building from MCC</li> <li>• Square reconciliations</li> <li>• Trybookings</li> <li>• Statements from Newcastle permanent</li> <li>• Correspondence from Amorelle to Jenny Atchison requesting a meeting and Zarmeen Hassan (Aus Veg)re pollinators</li> <li>• Mailchimps</li> <li>• Vince writing to Elisa re fundraising for Turkey</li> <li>• Karinda CessnockCC re waste dinner June 8</li> <li>• Tocal Field Days</li> <li>• Falling Leaves correspondence</li> <li>• Maitland Libraries holiday activities</li> <li>• Farming Ahead moved AK, seconded HH</li> </ul>	
<p>3. <b>Treasurer's Report</b> TBA</p>	
<p>4. <b>Meeting venue for May</b>-Whistler</p>	HH to book for a 6pm start on May 16
<p>5. <b>Tocal</b> Helen is doing the roster, help needed for Friday in particular, still looking for judges for BorB with 9 teams registered.</p>	HH to inquire re digital passes and to update volunteers in the next fortnight with the final roster
<p>6. <b>Taste Festival May 19-21</b> We are doing warm food, farmers market and launching the Pumpkin Seed Growing project</p>	AK to put up a notice at the Earth Market calling for volunteers for both Taste and Tocal
<p>7. <b>Food Waste Dinner</b> Kurri Community Centre June 8. For 40 people, Amorelle has organised a menu and will be the speaker. CCC to invoice us for \$1500</p>	AK to check with Amorelle re gluten free and vego options and get back to Karinda

<p><b>8. Riverlights</b> Around October 7<sup>th</sup>. To be extended over a week, suggested that we could incorporate an activity at the Earth Market</p>	<p>Waiting on more info from MCC</p>
<p><b>9. Gardens in Africa</b>, re Gloria's visit</p>	<p>RA to liaise with Gloria to get the location of her supported garden and pass that on to Edie. Need to proceed with sponsoring another garden</p>
<p><b>10. Varroa Mite Update</b></p>	<p>AD is arranging a meeting with the new state minister for Ag Tara Moriarty through Jenny Aitchison's office</p>
<p><b>11. Website Update</b> all pages of the website need to be checked for currency. Send any changes to Anne, Marcus or Helen and they will be forwarded to Liz.</p>	<p>AK to contact Marg for a FRK update All project leaders to check their relevant pages</p>
<p><b>12. Falling Leaves</b> April 16 Went well, selling curries and some fresh produce. Interest in the feijoas and rosella, \$500 raised</p>	
<p><b>13. HOGS Event</b> Thank you to Ian Clarke who prepared for and documented progress in the native food garden at Purple Pear. Ian spoke to HOGS and Hunter Permaculture at their combined event on Saturday, April 15</p>	<p>Copy of Ian's documentation to be given to Amorelle, some plants to be replaced at the PP site AK to call Jill re the garden at the Guides Hall with Guide 100 year celebration in May. Suggested that we do a garden tour of the Guide Hall garden in August. AK to investigate.</p>
<p><b>14. Pumpkin Seed Saving Project</b> Amorelle talked to this project and happy to have further discussion on how it will roll out. Seeking support from various grower groups to plant and ten pumpkins, Purple Pear offering expertise. Project to be launched at Taste. Volunteer needed to be a pumpkin for the festival.</p>	<p>AK to send all exec members a copy of the draft and the current action plan</p>
<p><b>15. Earth Market Storage</b> Concern about the storage conditions for the Earth Market infrastructure. Marquees need to be cleaned and the storage area cleaned. Storage trollies need to be covered to keep out weather, birds and others seeking shelter.</p>	<p>We will have a good look at everything at the Earth Market and plan a clean up session. There is a 3-week break until the first earth Market in May. (Honey has offered to repair the table cloth feet.)</p>
<p><b>16. Reports:</b> <b>Earth Market</b>-clean infrastructure, EM a finalist in Hunter Business Awards  <b>FRK</b> – Cathy has come on board to help with organisation  <b>Seed Library</b>- Kendall doing ch'ns holiday activities at EM library on Thursday, Meeting soon to plan for the next few months of activities  <b>Membership</b> 74  <b>Ark of Taste</b> Ruth Neave taking this on, Ian Clarke has made contact re a handover</p>	
<p><b>Next month's meeting Tuesday, May 16 @ 6pm The Whistler</b>  Thanks everyone for your attendance</p>	