


Meeting Name:	Executive Meeting	Date:	May 16 2023
Aim:	Agenda	Minutes:	Anne Kelly
Venue:	Whistler, Maitland	Time:	6pm – 8pm
Attendees	Ruth & Bob Adams, Marcus & Liz Bridges, Sue & Matt Dennis, Matt Kerr, Helen Hughes, Kendall Harrison, Anne Kelly	Apologies	Ruth Neave, Amorelle Dempster, Marg Kavavagh

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

Minutes / Decisions	Action
<p>1. Minutes of previous meeting m. Anne, s. Kendall Business arising: Gardens in Africa Ruth has looked into what gardens we have and found a link to that information on the SFI website which I forwarded to you. This link is a more general look at how these gardens work. https://www.fondazione Slow Food.com/en/what-we-do/10-000-gardens-in-africa-2/slow-food-gardens-at-a-glance/ We are overdue to sponsor another.</p> <p>2. Correspondence in: Total correspondence in and out SAKGP emails Pollinator campaign Farming Ahead emails Square info Maitland Libraries No Waste Kurri dinner correspondence Hume Housing project Falling Leaves mini market correspondence Marcus bio and other website update info for Liz Maitland Pumpkin and Squash Seedbank correspondence Home schoolers activities for Earth market, other EM correspondence SFI newsletters Purple Pears HOGS day correspondence Ian MCC mailouts Correspondence re Gloria's visit to Uganda and GiAfrica Meryl's Gazettes Newcastle Permanent Taste correspondence Destination NSW Our Bushland Festival Sprout items/Seed library correspondence Reports from Ruth Facebook/newsletter items from Marcus and Marg moved Anne, seconded Ruth</p>	
<p>3. Treasurer's Report Main account \$24 891; EM \$6 307; FRK \$2 797; payments acct \$1 600</p>	<p style="color: red;">Discussion about reimbursement to the Readers Café for FRK items. Fine to use FRK debit cards. Reimbursement to the café for other activities needs to be</p>

Total raised around \$9 000 including the \$2 300 contribution from Tocal moved Matt, seconded Marcus	via submitting receipts to Matt so that payments come from the appropriate dissection.
4. Tocal Went well, lots of volunteers and a very busy Saturday particularly. Takings 22% up on 2022.	Tocal debrief meeting Tuesday, May 23 rd at the Whistler 6pm. Email sent out, reply needed for booking.
5. Taste Festival: On this weekend with a range of children's activities, hot food, pop up Earth Market and launch of the Pumpkin and Squash Seed Project	
6. Maitland Pumpkin and Squash Seed Bank: This project is progressing with an extensive draft document having been written by Nicole Swilks at MCC. Parts of this amended document will be released at Taste and we will start to collect details for people interested in the project and becoming growers.	The project group will have everything ready for the launch at Taste
7. No Food Waste Dinner @ Kurri (CCC Karinda Stone) Planning under way. CCC will pay use \$1600 for this meal for 40 people and guest speaker (Amorelle) Thursday June 8	Some help may be needed from the FRK before this event.
8. Our Bushland Festival @ Poppet Head Park Kitchener: September 10. We have had a request about being involved. Decided that we would kindly decline the offer.	AK to contact the CCC organisers
9. Riverlights: No further information	
10. Storage Area for EM gear: Concern again expressed about the amount of dirt and bird droppings and detritus in the storage space. Amorelle has had a discussion with the MM and they seem OK with putting some sort of structure up to keep the gear clean. (Gear on trolley in the back of the arcade also needs sorting out)	Meeting decided to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • put this on the next EM meeting agenda • Look into having a professional clean the area • Marcus to do a clean at the next Earth Market set up • Use the tarp that has been bought with occy straps to secure • Look into using the fine bird net to keep the birds out
11. Living Smart Festival September 16 LMacCC: The council called asking for us to run a veggie market as our contribution.	Meeting decided against this, AK to contact
12. International Day for Biological Biodiversity May 20	MB to write a Fb post for this that will combined with the Meatless Monday post as the dates coincide.
13. Volunteers Awards	Agreed to nominate Lynn Pemberton. AK to follow up.
14. Varroa Mite Emergency: Amorelle's report read and tabled, thanks expressed for all Amorelle's advocacy in this area.	Can we help? Letter writing to targetted bodies? Other convivia writing letters and contacting local MP's?
15. Website Update: Marcus' bio is up, updates for FRK and Seed Library have been sent. Need to send Liz something for the Maitland Pumpkin and Squash Seed Bank with registration details.	AK will send on the MPSSB info when finalised.

<p>15. Earth Market: Concerns about storage. Refer above The EMM is a finalist in the Hunter Regional Business Awards. The winners will be announced in Cessnock on Friday, May 19th. Reesa And Kylie will attend.</p>	
<p>16. Food Rescue Kitchen: Could have some more volunteers. Processes continue to be refined.</p>	
<p>16. Seed Library: Meeting held May 16. Plans for a Pack and Chat session, seed needs to be purchased to bolster donated stock</p>	<p>moved AK seconded RA that we pay accounts for seeds needed for Seed Library and Seed Bombs at Taste, ordered from Royston Petrie</p>
<p>17. Membership: still some payment glitches, not many enquiries lately, payment can be made via Square, Offer membership to Tocal Bake or Burn participants, Jocelyn and Richard to remain on our Mailchimp list</p>	
<p>18. Ark of Taste: Ian handing over leadership to Ruth Neave. Ian will keep working on this project with Ruth.</p>	
<p>Next month's meeting (Tuesday, June 20) via Zoom</p>	