

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>Executive Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>July 18 2023</b>
<b>Aim:</b>	Agenda	<b>Minutes:</b>	Anne Kelly
<b>Venue:</b>	Whistler	<b>Time:</b>	6pm – 8.55pm
<b>Attendees</b>	Marcus Bridges, Helen Hughes, Matt Kerr, Marg & Terry Kavanagh, Ruth & Bob Adams, Jasmin Patel, Anne Kelly	<b>Apologies</b>	Kendall Harrison Sharon, Crow, Ruth Neath, Sue and Matt Dennis

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</b> m. AK s HH</p> <p><b>Business arising:</b></p> <p><b>2. Correspondence in and out:</b>            FRK Induction sheet and tasters for Showground staff            Pumpkin seed order            Slow Food Singleton comms            Tocal re Field days payment            Security alerts            SFI newsletter            EM children's activities            Meryl's Gazette            Varroa Mite correspondence with SFI and State Gov't            Numerous security alerts            EM Plastic Free July emails            Smart Living festival correspondence            Square            Hume Housing emails            Maitland Libraries re Seed Pack and Chat            Pumpkin and Squash Seed Project applicants            Farming Ahead newsletters            MOU for Seedbank and Seed Library Projects            Catering for Showground on August 9<sup>th</sup> DoE August 9            Congratulations letter from Jenny Aitchison re Business Awards for EM</p>	
<p><b>3. Treasurer's Report</b>            GF \$32,098            EM \$7,358            FRK \$2,145            Payments Acct \$723            Total: \$42,980</p> <p>Funds from Tocal and the No Waste Dinner received.            Thanks to Chrissy and Paul Burnham for a donation of \$500            m MK, s Helen</p>	
<p><b>4. Pollinator Support Campaign</b>            Recognition of the impact of the loss of pollinators to be recognised in the next round of funding from the State Gov't with the aim of all producers to be compensated for production loss resulting from no bees. Slow Food International will provide</p>	

access to a varroa mite management expert via a Zoom meeting in early August. Any interested people to be invited to attend to hear about international experience	
<b>5. Winter Warmer Market July 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Beef curry with potatoes and a vegetable curry. 8am bump in, 10am start, 2pm finish.	
<b>6. Shepherds Ground Concert, Woodville Hall July 29<sup>th</sup></b> SFHV making pumpkin soup and talking about the pumpkin and squash seedbank. All proceeds to support the concert costs.	Square reader needed, prep on Tues. 25 at FRK. Need to provide cups and soups. Need to source seedbank flyers
<b>7. Seed Pack and Chat July 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am</b> East Maitland Library	
<b>8. August 5 Maitland Community Markets</b> Discussion on where funds from this effort should go. Currently going into general funds. This market is a good chance to introduce a different audience to SFHV	
<b>9. Living Smart Festival Saturday Sept 16</b> Cooking demonstration based around pumpkins, opportunity to talk about the Pumpkin Seedbank and get final growers, we will have a free stall and will run some children's activities. Lake Mac Council to pay \$500 for our attendance.	
<b>10. Food Rescue Kitchen Renovation</b> Sink area and windowsill needs replacement, a design needs to be done to incorporate the steriliser. There is a need for another turbo oven to cope with the amount of food being produced. Grants to be applied for the kitchen renovation.	m. Amorelle, s Ruth Slow Food Hunter Valley seeks quotes for a new Turbo oven that will belong to SFHV. Quotes to be circulated amongst the SFHV exec and one quote be accepted and the oven bought.
<b>11. Protein Transition Discussion</b> Discussion about the unsustainability of meat consumption in Australia with the average Australian eating 2kg a week. Talk about reviewing the Tocal menu and making sure that we are telling the story of all food that we sell and looking at fewer meat based offerings. Suggestion that we could demonstrate making our menu items as part of spreading the Slow Food walking lightly on the Earth. Acknowledgement of the power of our Meatless Monday posts. Suggested that we do some taste tests of new menu items for Tocal.	
<b>12. Pumpkin and Squash Seedbank Project</b> Amorelle has developed a committee to work on this project. Next important date is August 13 <sup>th</sup> when seeds will be planted. All growers invited and food to be provided. 600 seeds to be planted. Seedlings and seeds distribution : Sept 23, Pollination w/shop in October.	Call out for 4" pots and large trays.
<b>13. MCC Environmental Sustainability Strategy</b> Encourage everyone to have a read and make a submission,	Anne to make a submission on behalf of SFHV
<b>14. Social Events-Musical Picnic in Austin's orchard and Art Auction</b> Waiting for a date from Ruth N for the picnic in the orchard. Talk to the FRK staff to think about a date for an evening event in the FRK to auction the artwork	Ruth has offered to help with FRK event
<b>15. Riverlights:</b> Current date is October 7 No more info at this stage	Helen to attend next meeting.
<b>16. Gardens in Africa</b> Money has been sent and a garden in Uganda requested	

<p><b>17. EM Storage Area-</b> has been cleaned up. Two tarps to be purchased to cover the trolleys.</p> <p><b>18. Hume Housing:</b> Ian Clarke will look after this project which will continue on the first Tuesday of the month.</p>	
<p><b>Next month's meeting: Zoom Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm</b></p>	