

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>Executive Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>September 19 2023</b>
<b>Aim:</b>	Agenda	<b>Minutes:</b>	Anne Kelly
<b>Venue:</b>	Whistler	<b>Time:</b>	6pm – 8.40pm
<b>Attendees</b>	Kendall Harrison, Ruth & Bob Adams, Matt Kerr, Marcus Bridges, Helen Hughes, Anne Kelly, Amorelle & Andrew Dempster	<b>Apologies</b>	Sue and Matt, Ruth N, Marg K

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

Minutes / Decisions	Action
<p>1. Minutes of previous meeting m AK s MK</p> <p><b>Business arising:</b></p> <p>2. Correspondence in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast with the Birds</li> <li>• Hume Housing re Morning Tea on Oct 17</li> <li>• Rachel's Farm screening organisation</li> <li>• Pumpkin Project invoice Brendan Dennerley</li> <li>• Taste Festival payments outstanding</li> <li>• Maitland Libraries publication</li> <li>• Slow Food Singleton Edible Gardens info</li> <li>• DoE Catering at Tomago correspondence</li> <li>• Mango rescue</li> <li>• Royston Petrie seed order</li> <li>• Watarrka Foundation</li> <li>• MCC Business Matters emails</li> <li>• Mailchimp and Square reports</li> <li>• Living Smart</li> <li>• Label, clay reimbursement requests</li> <li>• Correspondence with Minister for Agriculture re varroa mite</li> <li>• Riverlights</li> <li>• MCC Vault</li> <li>• Earth Market correspondence</li> <li>• Voice Leaders Meeting discussion</li> <li>• Pumpkin Project emails</li> <li>• Volunteer of the Year Invitation</li> <li>• Bling and Bloom</li> <li>• Visitor Economy Lunch</li> <li>• Monster Trucks</li> <li>• NFP Certificate</li> <li>• Request for post from Lee Galloway re Walka Waterworks support</li> <li>• Call for Nomination for Woman of the Year 2024</li> <li>• Social Media posting schedules</li> <li>• Castle personnel via Ruth Adams</li> <li>• John Lain, Hunter Biodynamic Group winding up</li> <li>• Membership report Ruth Discussion of email from Lee Galloway re Fb post in support</li> </ul>	

<p>of the Walka. Decided that it is a little out of the main field of advocacy for SFHV. Discussion on approach by Castle Personnel re SF support. <b>moved: HH seconded: MK</b></p>	
<p><b>3. Treasurer's Report</b> Not much action since the last meeting but there are some payments to come from recent fundraising.</p>	
<p><b>4. SFHV Voice Statement</b> discussion took place about the SF Australia Leaders meeting where a statement for support for the Voice to Parliament by SF Australia was not approved. Also noted that Amorelle has spoken to Bruce Pascoe and he has supported our action.</p>	<p><b>noted that Bob Adams absented himself from this discussion as an AEC employee as required under AEC regs</b></p> <p><b>Moved that "SFHV will make a Yes position statement in support of the Voice to Parliament and will publish that position in the newsletter and an abridged version on Facebook"</b> <b>moved MB, seconded AD carried</b></p>
<p><b>5. Slow Food Singleton Support</b> After speaking with Jan Falling at the Living Smart Festival about the wonderful edible garden trail we will make a donation of \$800 to Slow Food Singleton to help them purchase a marquee including having the Slow Food logo etc printed on it. We will also look at support for a possible delegate to the next Terra Madre. We will also avoid scheduling any SFHV events on the same weekend as the SFS Edible Garden Ramble in 2024.</p>	<p><b>Moved that we support SFS with an \$800 for a SF marquee with SF branding</b> <b>Moved RA seconded MK carried</b></p>
<p><b>6. Maitland Pumpkin &amp; Squash Seedbank</b> Seedling give out this Saturday with growers picking up at 9.30 and community from 10.30 from the East Maitland Library. Excess pumpkin and Squash seed to be deposited in the Maitland Seed Library. Growers will be given a data collection sheet to maintain and return and they will also be encouraged to use the Maitland Seed Library.</p>	
<p><b>7. Pop Up Market at Maitland Showground Sunday Oct 1</b> A crew has been organised and Steph Baj has offered to look after this. 9 until 1</p>	
<p><b>8. Rachel's Farm Screening Friday Oct 6 at 6pm</b> Bookings are being taken by the Maitland Libraries and at this stage we do not know numbers. Being held at the Gillieston Heights Hub. Kendall is the overall communication link with the Kelly at the library. Helen, Ruth and Anne have offered to help Kendall with sandwiches and cheese and biscuits before the film</p>	<p><b>Meeting on Wednesday September 27 at 8.30am at the FRK for planning. Thanks Amorelle.</b></p>
<p><b>9. Riverlights Saturday October 7</b> Helen has a final meeting and we are coordinating the Global Kitchen on Saturday evening. Helen will MC and a couple of helpers needed to get the cooks set up and then off again. MCC will pay us \$500 for this role. Thank you Helen for looking after this.</p>	
<p><b>10. FRK Renovation</b> Three quotes have now been sought. Two of the companies think that we can install the steriliser from the Maitland Park Bowling Club. The new oven will be purchased and installed where the deep fryer is currently located. Matt Kerr has applied for a grant through the financial services industry, the showground is also applying for grants. CWA is installing fans throughout</p>	

the pavilion and air conditioning will need to be installed as part of the renovation.	
<b>11. Pollinator Support</b> Amorelle continues to advocate in the area and has made amazing progress. Matt, Austin, Rainbird and Roger Osborn will be involved in a native pollinator study being conducted by the UNE. Matt and Roger to have sentinel hives placed on their properties shortly. Raffaele Raffaele Dall'Olio advice to be sought by those managing the varroa mite shift to management phase after AusVeg joined the Zoom meeting with him last month.	
<b>12. Lunch in Austin's Orchard</b> to be scheduled for the autumn. Plenty of interest in this idea, need someone to move it forward.	
<b>13. Organisation of Meeting Agenda</b> to be discussed at a later date	
<b>14. Agritourism Strategy MCC</b> Assistance available for designing and advertising agritourism events on the Events 10 portal on the ATWD site. There may be an opportunity for us to work with MCC and our producers to develop some agritourism experiences in and around Maitland. Georia Lazari a good contact for this.	
Meeting closed at 8.40pm	
<b>Next month's meeting Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> Zoom</b>	