

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
VIRGINIA STATE SCHOOL  
GARDENING SUB-COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2013**

***1. Opening***

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Meeting Opened 6:30 by Chair Rachel van Someren.

***2. Attendees and Apologies***

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- Attendees (in alphabetical order) – Kerri Brand, John Collins, Diane Fuller, Tabitha Goodreid, Bob Ramsden, Nicole Robertson, Steve Storer, Rachel van Someren.
- Apologies – NIL (initial sub-committee meeting)

***3. Discussion of Purpose of the Subcommittee***

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- to drive the further greening of Virginia State School
- to create and implement a plan for a productive food garden at Virginia State School
- to assist the staff of Virginia State School in using the gardens to enrich the educational opportunities of students and the wider school community
- to ensure that gardens are appropriately maintained once they are established
- to source funds and materials to achieve the goals above.

***4. Registration of New Members***

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As per Register of Members.

***5. Suggested Structure***

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- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson
- Secretary

As this subcommittee does not have a budget at present, and will be reporting to the P&C proper it is not felt that a treasurer is needed at this point in time.

General Members - it is hoped that members will volunteer to take on the role of 'Lead' in various projects over time, that suit their availability, skill and interests, and that other members will provide support an back-up to these 'Leads'.

## **6. Initial Activities (already discussed by P&C)**

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- Tree planting day - Friday 21st June 2013 (last day of term). Volunteer helpers requested.
- Water tanks on Multi-purpose shed - to provide water for planned food garden and to eliminate the drainage problem due to the shed not being connected to the stormwater system. Designs & quotes required prior to applying for grants.
- Refurbishment (soil improvement) of raised garden beds in vicinity of shed to enable initial planting herbs and vegetables (raise awareness & interest, provide fresh ingredients to tuckshop).
- Purchase and installation of Compost Bins and Tumblers.
- Installation of Worm Farm (already acquired).
- Assistance with education of children in maintaining a healthy worm farm & compost bins, and implementation of programme.

## **7. Other Ideas from Floor (list only)**

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- Site analysis – ask Tim for site map or architectural drawings for planning.
- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Scheme for ideas.

## **8. Election of Office Bearers**

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- Chair – John Collins
- Deputy Chair – Bob Ramsden
- Secretary – Tabitha Goodreid

The new Chairperson (John Collins) accepted the position.

## **9. Other Business**

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- Need to find plaque given to Bob Ramsden for his garden
- Compost – bucket per class – ‘bucket monitors’ to ensure only compostable material goes into the bucket
- Grant application – for child-size tools, mulch, soil conditioner, etc.
- The Tip Shop at Enterprise Drive, Geebung. Details on BCC website.
- Woodchipper no longer works. Grant application for new mulcher/woodchipper?
- Rachel to follow-up on worm farm.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

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- Wednesday 7 August 2013 at 6:30pm.

Meeting closed 7:25pm.