**Canterbury Community Gardens Association (Inc)**

**Annual General Meeting 2019**

Thursday 29th August 2019

Canterbury Horticultural Society kiosk

Botanic Gardens

**Draft Minutes** Meeting begins 12.30pm

The gathering began with a ‘pot luck' light lunch, included some lovely fruit kebabs,, sandwiches, and a delicious tomato and vegetable soup, and a variety of teas and coffee.

* Introduction by Rachel Vogan, who is this year’s meeting MC: A shout out to the sponsors which include Tui Products, who donated flower seed mixes for the Community Gardens, and a generous donation of numerous pallets of potting mix.

The logistics of which are to be sorted by Rachel cell: 021 1632342

and Cathy Allden cell:021 02487149

* An overview of Canterbury Community Gardens Association by Hayley Guglietta

A Powerpoint presentation, 4 slides defining the core values of the CCGA, and a word-cloud apple which indicates the purpose of the CCGA is about passionate people being involved in the wellbeing of the people, the land and their interconnectedness.

Hayley explained about the application for a Contractor,

“With the help of some city councillors we have been given the opportunity to apply for funding from the Community Resilience Partnership fund to do a 2 year pilot scheme to employ a contractor, whose role will be to support our existing gardens, to assist them to build capacity…

…We hope that by the end of this pilot we can show that the CCGA has had a significant role in increasing the outputs of our community gardening network.”

Hayley finished with the Maori proverb

*Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua*

*Care for the land, care for the people, go forward*

* An insight into Ōtakaro Orchard by Peter Wells from Food Resilience Network

A 100 day Blueprint Plan initiative set up through the auspices of CERA, and tendered out to NfP organisations, which will have its official opening in the first week of February 2020.

To find out more please visit their website: [Otakaro Orchard](https://otakaroorchard.org/) or their [Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/otakaroorchard/?__tn__=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARBABBN5q8kYVb1veLqMCLku-l30klEay_WL6ALJ6eFM7zGMfh_iic2NZyQpVOmcOtwQODwgeYz7nSUJ)

* An invitation to the Grow Ōtautahi Show 2020 by Rachel Vogan
* A chance to participate by growing all things green, purple, blue, yellow, and edible in the Garden City, and a chance for the CCGA and its member gardens to be involved in the Grow ŌTautahi Show.
* A sketch and a watercolour drawn by Robyn Kilty was shown to the audience, of a garden which could be the basis of the outside display, named #WeToo, running on the agelessness and interconnectedness premise of Canterbury’s Community Gardens.

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* An invitation to the Grow Ōtautahi Show 2020 by Rachel Vogan continued
* The CCGA committee will be discussing the up and coming logistics of display, the funding, the sponsors and the wherefore and how-to, in the next few meetings.
* Interested parties please get in contact with the Chair: Catherine O’Neill and/or Secretary: Amanda O’Carroll via email or text.
* Rachel, after the official business of the AGM, took people who showed interest about the Show, around to scope out the site.

**1.40pm: Canterbury Community Gardens Association AGM**

A Warm Welcome by the CCGA Chair Catherine O’Neill, to those attending.

An introduction to our Patron, Peggy Kelly. A mention of the CCGA’s application to the Christchurch City Council’s pilot Community Resilience Partnership Fund for a contractor on behalf of the CCGA. In answer to a couple of queries, the funding application is due to be reviewed early September, for around 33 gardens.

**Present:** Catherine O’Neill (NBCG), Debbie Nelson(KCG), Valentina Joyce (PSCG), Barbara Moorhouse (PSCG), Peggy Kelly (Patron CCGA, PSCG), Rachel Vogan (CHS,FRN, CCGA), Amanda O’Carroll (CCC), Heather Davies(CCC), Hayley Guglietta (RCG), Heidi Wilton(CCC), Cathy Allden(RCG), Brendon Lewis(PSG), Christine Blance +1(CSCG), Zane Crofts(Crofty Crops), Robyn Kilty(Beverley Park), Ruth Woods +2(Lincoln), Annette Walker(Linwood RC), Niki Jones (UC Waiutuutu), Jenny Henderson + 2(OpawaCG), Helen Hadler +3 (Rolleston Envirotown), Denise Piper(BCG), Peter Wells, (Otakaro Orchard, FRN), Emily Major (Jane Goodall Institute), and *few more*

**Apologies:** Ray King (CHS), Deon Swiggs (CCC) Sue Carlin Wright (Kirwee), Steve Bush (Trees 4 Canterbury), Yani Johannsen (CCC), Pauline Cotter (CCC), Matt Morris (UC Sustainability), Evan Smith (AvonOtakaro), Michael Reynolds (FRN), Di Madgin (CCGA), Donna Lusby (DoC Volunteers), Loretta Tepaa (Riccarton West), Mandy Greiner & Helen Roberts (Kaiapoi), David Colyer (Kaputahi Orchard), Mary Tingey(Trees for Schools), Tessa Read(PSPG)

Catherine O’Neill moved to accept apologies/ Amanda O’Carroll seconded

CARRIED

**Minutes of 2018 meeting**

Copies of the last AGM were circulated before the meeting, and copies available at the AGM

Recorded as a true and accurate copy of the matters arising from the 2017 AGM.

Rachel Vogan moved to accept the 2018 minutes /seconded Hayley Guglietta

CARRIED

**Matters Arising** from last minutes: Noted that sum of money written “some” which is quite appropriate for many of the simpler Community Gardens.

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**2019 Chair’s Report.**

Please see attached report.

Catherine mentioned all the wonderful events that had been participated in by members of the CCGA, and the lovely occasion in March 2019, when the CCGA invited the new Director of the Botanic Gardens and Parks, Wolfgang Bopp and his wife Janet, to talk with the CCGA.

Catherine reconfirmed the CCGA’s position as being connected in the gardening community with its collaboration with Jonny Schwass supplying locally sourced produce to be eaten at the Festival of Transitional Architecture (FESTA) finale, a film shown by FRN, From Seed to Plate. Supper dishes created by Jonny Schwass of Ilex Café from produce donated by Community Gardens such as Lyttelton, Packe Street, Opawa, and others.

Catherine ended the Annual Report with this statement:

 “By connecting and sharing resources, ideas, love and compassion community gardens create health for ourselves, our children and the future of this wonderful planet.”

Catherine O’Neill moved that the annual report be adopted/ Cathy Allden seconded

CARRIED

**Patron’s Message**

Please see attached

Catherine then asked for a few words from our Patron, Peggy Kelly.

Amanda read the email on behalf of the Patron, which commented on the tragedy in March and how the Community Gardens can counteract the uncertainty which can befall new migrants, by inclusion in a benign interest \_ that of gardening.

“The seriousness of our intent is enlivened by the pleasure of the process”

“I can think of no better way of welcoming a new arrival into the heart of our nation than by taking them to a working bee at their local Community Garden.”

“CCGA knows where all the gardens are”

**2019 Financial Report.**

Please see attached financial statement.

The main income was from Community Garden subscriptions, and donations and the koha from Autumn Show produce and preserves.

The main outgoing expenditure was for the website and expenses relating to last year’s AGM.

It was under the auspices of Tier 4 that the accounts were deemed not necessary to audit.

Debbie Nelson moved that the report be adopted/ Cathy Allden seconded

CARRIED

**Election of Officers and Committee.**

No nominations were received prior to the AGM, so the floor was opened to the election.

**Officers**

**Office of Chair:** Catherine O’Neill proposed Cathy Allden, seconded Brendon Lewis

**Office of Secretary**: Amanda O’Carroll proposed Hayley Guglietta, seconded Heidi Wilton

**Office of Treasurer**: Debbie Nelson proposed Rachel Vogan, seconded Hayley Guglietta

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**Committee Members**

The Quorum for the Committee is 7 members not including officers, 4 to be from Community Gardens.

The following people have indicated that they wish to stand again,

Cathy Allden, Hayley Guglietta, Robyn Kilty, Brendon Lewis, Di Madgin, Rachel Vogan, Heidi Wilton

Three members nominated themselves from the floor, Niki Jones, UC Waiutuutu Community Garden co-ordinator, Zane Crofts, Crofty Crops

Proposed Catherine O’Neill seconded Rachel Vogan,

and Annette Walker Linwood Resource Centre

proposed Amanda O’Carroll seconded Catherine O’Neill

CARRIED

**General Business**

Questions from Christine Blance, Christchurch South Community Gardens

1. When is the Community Development worker starting?

The application for funding is to be reviewed by CCC in early September so the start time for the CCGA’s development worker/contractor is unknown at this time

1. Is the CCGA aware of Riccarton West Community Gardens dilemma about Housing New Zealand is wanting to include the garden site for building, and would the CCGA be willing to write a letter of support, on behalf of Riccarton West’s co-ordinator?

And to arrange a formal request to meet with Megan Woods MP, about HNZ’s stance.

The CCGA committee will put it on the agenda for the next meeting, and draft a letter of support on behalf of Riccarton West Community Garden after liaising with Loretta

Questions from Jenny Henderson, Opawa Community Gardens

1. Do other Community Gardens suffer from a lack of volunteers?

In response to the lack of volunteers a lot of people suggested that seasons play a great part in people wanting to get outside. Hayley is the website editor,

It is suggested to use the CCGA’s Newsline or the CCGA website or Facebook page as a place to put an ‘advert’ for volunteers for working bees.

1. Does stuff get stolen from the gardens?

In response to stolen stuff, yes, it is regrettable that a lot of people view Community Gardens as an easy target, to get a lock up or shed, to have nearby neighbours keep an eye on the Gardens, or to note what has been stolen on CCGA’s website so people can keep an eye out for it.

A request for volunteers to help Zane Crofts with Urban Edible Streets and a request to link [Croftys Crops](https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=croftys%20crops&epa=SERP_TAB) to the CCGA website. Or to contact Zane through Facebook page highlighted.

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**Guest Speaker for the AGM introduced by Cathy Allden, Richmond Community Garden**

Emily Major\_ Jane Goodall Institute, NZ Chapter

Emily talked about Seeds of Love, and how she enjoyed her time at Windsor in the UK, being the NZ representative of JGI, and meeting with other Chapters representatives.

Meeting the representatives of Tanzania which began the Roots and Shoots in 1991 and how it has spread to various countries from Iceland to Australia.

She talked about her enthusiasm for being a leader for the JGI programs.

“Roots and Shoots” programs promoting the Sustainability Education theme, from reducing plastic usage in Community Gardens, Tanzania where they replaced plastic pots with woven banana leaf pots, water collection kindness gardens where children divert water from rooves to sustain plants which sustains animals which sustain people to the indigenous food shelters of an Australian University.

“Embrace the Wild” which comes online in early 2020, the idea of habitats in any place available. Encouraging kids in urban communities, making bug hotels, and creation of bee and butterfly gardens, and connecting these habitats globally, and local connections in the community.

She mentioned the A.P.E. fund is available for projects in the community.

“JGI’s global community programme, empowering participants to implement sustainability action projects with positive impacts for animals, people and the environment. A.P.E”

She noted that the CCGA and the JGI would be a good fit, as their core values are comparable and engagement that the JGI participants would be willing to help out and volunteer in Community Gardens.

To get in contact with the Jane Goodall Institute, and how to apply for their APE fund

<http://www.janegoodall.org.nz/roots-shoots/ape-fund/>

Many thanks to Emily, for her inaugural speaking engagement for the CCGA

To contact Emily e.major@janegoodall.org.nz

**Next Meeting**: last week in August 2020, date to be confirmed

**AGM Concluded**: 2.45pm