



ANNUAL REPORT 2019



2019 Convenor's Report

Warrnambool Community Garden is an important part of the broader Warrnambool community, both for WCG's own members and also for what it adds to the overall life of the city. WCG progress through 2018/2019 has been a great demonstration of this.

In any organisation there is a range of activities that might be considered "core business", and in a healthy organisation there is also a range of initiatives at any given time that are aimed at growing or enriching the organisation. Very often annual reports focus on the enrichment, assuming the core business is "steady as she goes" – so let's start with the core business.



WCG has always been based on the idea of a mix of individual and communal gardening. Take-up of individual plots has remained at close to 100%. Provision of supporting materials such as tools, mulch, manure and so on via the Committee through the Garden Manager and key volunteers has continued, with most at no cost to members. The Committee has initiated raised sections in some individual plots where members had physical limitations with movement. Sharing of knowledge, materials like seeds and seedlings, and simply helping each other out has remained a highly visible part of WCG life. Communal gardening has seen a re-energisation of the herb group and the communal veggie group, and moves are underway to better manage increased through-put in the hothouse. The "urban farm" concept has made a big step forward with a move to the western side of the quarry, but remains very much a "learn as we go" initiative. The HUB renovation and registration as a commercial kitchen has been completed, which has benefits in several areas of WCG life. Production of seedlings by the herb group, the bush food group and the veggie group has increased in 2019 compared to 2018. While a website might not strike most as a core activity, in today's world it is an important part of most organisations' communication and archiving processes. The new website is established and fulfilling these functions, but needs some polish.

Looking at those growth and/or enrichment activities, this has been another huge year.

- The Garden Market finished its first season under the leadership of Julie Eagles, and planning for Season 2 is now well underway. An extensive review of Season 1 determined the market had brought a range of important benefits to WCG, and recommended several changes to how the market could be organised in Season 2 to build on our garden values of local, sustainable, innovative, waste and plastic free, fun, friendly and welcoming.
- The Quarry Project has seen lots of development work happening under the direction of Project Coordinator Bruce Campbell and the Quarry Reference Group, led by Geoff Rollinson. This has included extensive work with engineers, landscape architects, permits, contractors, Warrnambool City Council and Wannon Water and a range of other people. Large scale earth movement is very close. With development progressing over this summer we look forward to a grand opening around the middle of 2020.
- WCG has engaged with the Age Friendly Warrnambool City Council initiative and will continue to look at ways to be an age friendly organisation. So far we have focused on what we can do to make the Garden more accessible, and in 2020 we will need to decide whether we wish to undertake any active outreach with this sector of our community.

- The Workshops Program ran again in 2019, with altered behind-the-scenes organisation (compared to 2017 and 2018) led by Dianne Membery. We believe the underlying organisational structure is now sustainable, and as with all initiatives, a detailed review will form part of 2020 planning.
- Garden tours by schools and other organisations have remained popular. A small band of members have been enjoying the role of “tour guide”, and this is an area of garden operations where considerable growth may be possible. There will be a continued focus on our schools tour program next year with the support of a recent Wannon Water Ripple Effect Grant.
- Peek Whurong elder, Rob Lowe Senior has continued to bring groups through the garden as part of cultural and historical education for the broader community. This partnership has also seen Rob helping us out for some garden events. Engagement with Indigenous community knowledge around bush foods, during 2019 has been less than in 2018 and this is an area to look for improvement in 2020.

Many members have been actively involved in helping grow WCG as a healthy and dynamic organisation, and some have already been mentioned. All active members, in whatever capacity, should also take some credit, but it is not possible to name everyone. However there are a couple more I do need to name.

Our Garden Manager, David Stockdale, has been a key part of WCG’s growth and development in recent years. This was brought home very strongly with his sudden illness in late August. They say you can always find a silver lining if you look for it, and around this event there are two standouts. Firstly is Stocky’s amazing recovery, which brings joy to everyone. The second is the wonderful way a core group of members led by Keith Fisher have stepped in and kept core garden maintenance going.

Being on the committee of an organisation like WCG is far more than showing up at a meeting once a month. During 2019 two committee members have found that balancing committee duties with increasing career demands was not working, and quite rightly prioritised careers. Thank you Dianne Membery and Fiona Golding for your contributions to the committee, and your ongoing involvement with the Garden. Thanks also to all other committee members for your contributions in 2019 – Julie Eagles, Geoff Rollinson, Peter Jackman, Maggie Dwyer, Christine Morriss, Matt Simpson, and Amanda Power (who came on board for Fiona). It has been a huge year.

I owe particular thanks to Julie Eagles. When I accepted nomination as Convenor for 2019 I knew I would be away for almost 3 months, and made it conditional on Julie covering that time. I don’t think either of us knew just how busy this period would be. Thank you Julie for your ongoing commitment to WCG.

In closing, 2019 has been another great year for WCG. Core purposes continue to be met, especially around individual and communal gardening and community education, with several areas undergoing resurgence. At the same time there has been ongoing and increasing involvement in initiatives that link us to the broader community. We look forward to WCG being viewed more and more as integral to the whole Warrnambool and district community.

We respectfully acknowledge the Maar (Gunditjmara) people as the original custodians of the land where we live, acknowledge the traditions and knowledge of their elders past and present and that Warrnambool Community Garden adjoins a significant place.

AGENDA

Annual General Meeting,
Warrnambool Community Garden Inc
Wednesday November 13th, 2019
7pm HUB Building

1. Welcome and acknowledgements
2. Present
3. Apologies
4. Business
 - 4.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since then;
 - 4.2 Receive and consider:-
 - (i) the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and
 - (ii) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act;
 - 4.3 Elect the members of the Committee;
 - 4.4 Confirm or vary the amounts (if any) of the annual subscription and joining fee.
5. Close meeting
6. Next meeting



Minutes for Annual General Meeting of Warrnambool Community Garden

7pm, Wednesday, 14th November 2018 at the Garden

Item	Matters Discussed
1	Welcome, acknowledgements and apologies
2	Present: Julie Eagles, Peter Jackman, Dianne Membro, Geoff Rollinson, Christine Morriss, Eileen Kennedy, Fiona Golding, Wilma Trew, Heather Ryan, Chamari Ariyadasa, Nick Kelson, Marilyn Schroeder, Diane Pettigrew, Rob Porter, Heather Reardon, Terry Moore, David Stockdale
3	Apologies: Maggie Dwyer, Hannah Chisholm, Bev Quinn, David Mitchell, Terry Lowen, Jennie Miller, Tina Riley, Claire Vaughan, Matt Simpson.
4	BUSINESS:
4.1	Confirmation of 2017 AGM Minutes MOTION: Moved Peter Jackman, Seconded Geoff Rollinson that the minutes as presented be accepted. Carried.
4.2	Receive & Consider : (i) Annual Report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding year: MOTION: Moved Julie Eagles, Seconded Peter Jackman. Carried. (ii) Financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year: MOTION: Moved Peter Jackman, Seconded Rob Porter. Carried.
4.3	Election of Committee for 2019 Convenor: Rob Porter was nominated by Julie Eagles, seconded by Geoff Rollinson. Accepted. Secretary: Dianne Membro was nominated by Julie Eagles, Seconded by Christine Morriss. Accepted. Treasurer: Peter Jackman was nominated by Julie Eagles, Seconded by Bruce Campbell. Accepted. General Committee Members: Christine Morris was nominated by Julie Eagles, Seconded by Dianne Membro. Accepted. Maggie Dwyer was nominated by Peter Jackman, Seconded by Christine Morriss. Barnaby accepted. Julie Eagles was nominated by Bruce Campbell, Seconded by Dave Mitchell. Accepted. Geoff Rollinson was nominated by Bruce Campbell, Seconded by Dave Mitchell. Accepted. Matt Simpson was nominated by Julie Eagles, Seconded by Julie Bruce Campbell. Accepted. Fiona Golding was nominated by Julie Eagles, Seconded Bruce Campbell. Accepted.

4.4	<p>Set Membership and Plots fees</p> <p>Motion: Moved Julie Eagles, Seconded Geoff Rollinson that the fees remain as follows:</p>																						
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<p>Carried.</p>																							
5	<p>Close of Meeting Meeting closed 7.50 pm</p>																						
6	<p>Set Date of 2019 AGM Wednesday, 13th November 2019.</p>																						



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Profit and Loss Statement for yearr ended 30th June 2019

<u>2018</u>	<u>Income</u>				
54,500	Grants				92,509.10
	HUB				
201	- Solar Contribution			181.59	
20	- Miscellaneous & Hiring			386.36	
					567.95
34,425	WFTD - Program, Income				0.00
636	Project Management				0.00
3,512	Membership Fees				3,307.00
5,111	Plot Rentals				4,309.00
327	Interest Received				315.19
5753	Workshop Income				3466.36
30,656	Unexpired grant b/f				32,313.00
9,828	Donations				1384.00
1,763	Open Day				0.00
1,833	Communal Plot -Fundraising				1,432.85
20	Forfeited Key Deposits				115.00
403	Sale of Eggs				191.35
11,659	WFTD - Reimburse Expenses				0.00
76	Bush Food Garden Booklets				33.20
0	Weekly Markets				6452.60
568	Sundry				158.70
161,291					146555.30
	Less Expenses				
0	Quarry			75.88	
46,318	Work for the Dole			0.00	
1126	Steps & Sundries			0.00	
0	Weekly Markets			1465.39	
0	Trailer Shed			716.96	
24,423	Site Manager			30,711.06	
40	Subscriptions			40.00	
122	Chook House			455.70	
2,000	Biodigester Research			0.00	
2225	Insurance			2674.29	
1,555	Administration			2,378.74	
2,441	Garden Equipment and Supplies			2,604.34	
222	Lease of Land			226.25	
1,240	Communal Plot			552.66	
4,392	Hothouse [Greenhouse]			1004.23	
3,159	HUB			25,139.88	
391	Fuel Oil			542.56	
0	Advertising			258.82	
256	Office Supplies			43.73	
123	Postage			135.19	
60	Repairs & Sundry items			287.85	
126	Telephone			329.39	
5,751	Garden Labour & Superannuation			0.00	
300	Key Purchases			233.00	
37	Waste Disposal			37.82	
10,738	Workshop Expenses			4735.00	
9	Bank Fees			4.80	
648	Bush Food Garden			49.30	
32,313	Unexpired Gants c/f			77,277.45	
488	Catering			0.00	
1,019	Open Day			284.06	
3,538	Sustainable Future Research			0.00	
145060					152264.35
16,231					-5709.05
	Grants Received				
	- Pick my projecxt			52,909.10	
	- Uebergang Foundation			2,600.00	
	- WCC CDFre Planting			2,000.00	
	- Dept of Social Services			5,000.00	
	- Cumorah			30,000.00	
				92,509.10	

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Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2019

<u>30/06/2018</u>		<u>Members' Funds</u>					
129,677	Opening Balance						145,907.63
16,231	Add Net Income						-5,709.05
145,908							<u>140,198.58</u>
		Represented By					
		Current Assets					
149	Petty Cash						27.50
	SW C U						
35,435	Cheque Account						81363.51
32,553	Savings Account						33,867.71
500	Debit Card						361.00
1,657	Sundry Debtors						495.60
0	Origin Energy						0.00
70,294							<u>116115.32</u>
		Fixed Assets					
38,025	Shelter Construction					38,024.40	
15,076	Plant and Equipment - at cost					15291.41	
2,741	Trailer Shed - at Cost					2741.23	
56,239	HUB Development - at cost					56,239.23	
112,081							<u>112296.27</u>
182,375	Total Assets						<u>228411.59</u>
		Less Current Liabilities					
513	Trade Creditors					640.69	
1540	Key Deposits					1581.30	
-718	GST Tax Payable					5072.77	
32,313	Unexpired Grants c/f					77,277.45	
2819	ATO - PAYG [W]					3,640.80	
36467							<u>88213.01</u>
145,908							<u>140198.58</u>

