



Present

Rowena Curtis, Julie McLaren, Dean Farago, Ari Peers

Apology

Kerryn Burgess

Welcome

Ari and Dean were warmly welcomed to the meeting.

Strategic planning update

- Julie to send final plan to Ari and Dean and members, along with a call for expressions of interest in joining the core group

Evening forums

We see the establishment (or re-establishment) of evening gatherings as central to some of our planned actions and activities from the strategic plan. (Refer to updated strategic plan for specific activities.) The evening gatherings are seen as especially useful for focused educational forums on topics including energy and land improvement.

- Ari suggested that the best way to get people involved is to learn a skill together e.g. preserving.
- Dean suggested that we learn and implement practical ways to preserve energy. To follow up Julie will look for a 'permie' plumber that Dean can talk to.

Open Edible Gardens

- We need three people to organize an Open Edible Gardens day for the Daffodil Festival.
- Ideas to have a stall e.g. linked with Lost Trades Fair with mini preserving kits. Make things we can sell to make money for KTH

Garden Gatherings

- The next Garden Gathering at Jan's on the last Sunday of the month, 26 April.
- Ari and Dean will host a garden gathering later in the year.
- Julie to follow up Simon and Sharon about organizing the garden gatherings

Swap table

- Idea to make other products for the swap table e.g. soap making.

Friday coffee mornings

- Going well.

MOU with MRSG

- Julie to continue to work on this. Julie has spoken with Ralph re having an open ended agreement – Ralph will check back with MRSG.

Food Forest

Ari and Dean are currently working on a project with Malmsbury Primary School and can bring this knowledge into the Food Forest project.

- Julie, Ari and Dean to look at site in Secondary College
- Julie to make an initial grant proposal to Council
- Julie to check if Andrew wishes to be involved

Thank yous

- Rowena has purchased Garden Tap vouchers to the value of \$50 each for Julia and Moira in recognition of their contributions to the core group.

Finances

No update.

Meeting closed 3.30pm

Next meeting: 2pm Saturday 9 May, Rowena's house.