

02/02/2009

Meeting with the community members  
Berkeley Vale Community Gardens

### Attendees

Bill Matthews, Adrian Oborn, Jo Oborn, Neal Hodgekins, Margaret Morters, Michelle Townsend, Charlotte Jilek, Hans Jilek, Leonie Wright, Maria Sprigg, Joanne Murray, Samantha Viset.

### Minutes

Discussed name as Berkeley Vale Community Garden, until the project develops further.

Waiting on approval for one site not three, Myrtle Brush site, and street map passed around.

On site is a Community Hall which is a council building, accommodating electricity, shelter, meeting room and toilets.

If the large area isn't approved there is an alternative of the smaller fenced area on the site.

\$9000 funding is needed to start the project for; water tank, soil, equipment etc.

Apply for a volunteer grant for up to \$4000, for things such as hand tools.

Storage is needed for the equipment, plants, soil etc. could possibly use the community hall.

The project has been offered a donation of soil and vegetable seeds, not sure on the amount yet.

Unable to form a plan of layout and what the gardens going to be used for until the land is confirmed.

Possibility to sell the vegetables at a market that is produced from the garden.

The garden could be a place for groups to go to learn, such as playgroups.

Meeting being held at 11am 3/2/09 to discuss the website to promote the garden.

### Benevolent Society.

A project that promotes the community looking out for one another, especially in emergency situations.

Emergency bags, holding a torch, radio, candle etc in case people don't already have a back up, and a brochure 'rediplan' about things we should be looking out for and prepared for, e.g. extreme weather coming.

Alison is going to drop off 25 emergency bags to BVNC as the building is also an emergency centre.

An aim is to set up groups within the community who will look out for each other. This will avoid everyone ringing emergency numbers in a crisis because one person would have that responsibility within that group.

Brings the community together

### Concerns for the meeting.

The proposed tank size was not seen to be large enough. You can't have a larger size than 10000L without permission.

A compost heap would be required, so funding needs to purchase timber.

The tank needs to have a pump. Do they come with one when you buy the tank?

It's safer to put the tank near the council building.

The function room can be used to hold meetings.

Any more ideas on advertising? Already used paper, radio, libraries.

Meeting started 10am. Meeting closed 11am.

Next meeting will be held 16/2/2009 at 10am until 12pm at BVNC