



MINUTES/SUMMARY – Meeting 8 Colac Otway Food Alliance

Date: 12 August 2014

Time: 11:00-1:00pm

Location: The Farmers Wife, Colac

CHAIR: Erin McClusky	MINUTE TAKER: Erin McClusky
PRESENT: Greg Fletcher (COS) Rhiannon Cox (OHCS) Erin McClusky (CAH) Gillian Brew (Forrest NHH) Major Marilyn Jenner (Salvation Army) Rachel Walker (Diversitat) Beverley Rimmer (Colac NHH) Teresa Robertson (Time 4 Youth)	APOLOGIES: Jennifer Whitwell (Colac Specialist School) Sue Ryan (Colac Secondary College) Anne Rout (OHCS) Julia Malcolm (Lavers Hill/ Gellibrand NHH) Suzanne Armstrong

MEETING START – 11:00AM

1. **Welcome**
2. **Around the table**

Rhiannon Cox –

- Apollo Bay Food Swap is still running very successfully and has moved back to the NHH.
- Lavers Hills first Food Swap was a success – need to engage more locals to get involved and start swapping.
- Laver Hill NHH has just received a grant for a Family Learning Partnership Project with the school – potential to incorporate food skills into this program through literacy activities.

Greg Fletcher –

- Council completing the Heart Foundations Food Sensitive and Urban Design Workshop in September. This will give council planners the skills to use a food lens on all future projects/plans.
- Council have just tendered meals on wheels program that uses the cook and chill model.

Beverley Rimmer –

- Colac NHH has regenerated their vegetable garden for spring and planted an array of fruit trees.
- NHH free community dinner held every Friday evening continues to be a great success with 35 plus people each week. Food is supplied by many sources including CAH and Future Café. Otway Fresh Pasta, Irrewarra Sourdough, Bulla and Subway are also coming on board. From 5:30pm - everyone welcome!
- NHH community lunch is also a roaring success with a diverse range of 55 people attending the last event. Next lunch is Friday 19th September.

Rachel Walker –

- There is a diverse range of cultures living in Colac with large Afghan, Iranian and South Sudanese communities.
- Diversitat holds community dinners and cooking lessons.
- There is a need for the inclusion of culturally appropriate programs that support these communities with food skills. Potential for a market project selling culturally appropriate products.

Gillian Brew –

- NHH run very successful community lunches and dinners – students from Forrest Primary School cook and use vegetables from their vegetable garden.
- Andrew Lucas from Backyard Harvest to support NHH to hold vegetable garden workshops.

Teresa Robertson –

- Café meal program still running for under 25's who are homeless or 'at risk' of food insecurity where youth can purchase a healthy meal and drink for \$3 from participating cafes including Routley's and Lemon Twist.



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Erin McClusky –

- Completed Victorian Healthy Food Basket Surveys in 5 Supermarkets across the Colac Otway and 10 General Stores to assess the cost and availability of healthy food in our region. Summary of results to follow.

3. Community Food Action Plan

- Erin briefly ran through the Community Food Action Plan for the next 3 years – see attached for full details.
- Rhiannon ran through the group’s action plan to be completed by December 2014 – see attached for full details.

4. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING – Meeting 8

Action	Responsibility
Send through Minutes, Community Food Action and 6 month Work Plan.	Erin
Put together a data collection list for Alliance members to gather information for a Food Access and Support Brochure/ transport options.	Erin
Develop questions for community consultation re: current transport options in COS.	Rhiannon/Erin

5. Next meeting

MEETING CLOSE - 1:00pm

NEXT MEETING DETAILS

Venue: Colac Neighbourhood House, 23 Miller Street Colac.

Date and Time: Monday 20th October, 3pm-4:30pm.

Other Details:

Map:

