



**Minutes of the Living Smart Facilitators Network Meeting
Held on Saturday March 3rd
at Fremantle Council Reception Room**

1. Attendees

Shani Graham, Annolies Truman, Tim Darby, Mary Peck, Lesley Thomas, Emma Jack, Helen Fischer, Barry Healy

2. Apologies

Natalie Scott, Deb Bambrook, Robyn Williams

3. Chair and Minutes

Shani Graham chaired the meeting and Tim Darby took the minutes.

4. Term four course reviews – ideas from the coal face, three stars and a wish each

City of Vincent - Annolies and Barry

Annolies – three participants have gone on to do facilitator training, proud of actually facilitating a course. Wish they had made a bigger deal out of the certificates at the end.

Barry – Alannah McTiernan came to talk and was very honest. Host Anita from Vincent was fantastic. Wishes gardening day had been different – they combined with another group and it was not so good.

Union Courses -Lesley

Two people were interested in facilitator training, staff member from the Union wants to get vegie beds started, tap washer changing kit a great activity. Wishes she could have changed Xmas get together – it dragged on due to timing.

South Freo, Central Freo and Shenton Park - Tim and Shani

Shani –South Freo course had 1/3 kids and it actually worked really well, enthusiasm of participants at Shenton Park was great. Wishes there had been better attendance from people in our own street. Tim – meeting a lady called Margaret who looked pretty straight but Tim liked her, boy Eli in South Freo course saying “I have just realized that our street is like an ecosystem” .

5. Current courses and facilitator email list

Barry, Annolies and Mary are co-facilitating a Fremantle course

Lesley is facilitating two Union courses

6. Plans for the rest of the year. Expressions of interest for East Freo, ECU in Joondalup

Term two looks like it will be busy – Emma and Heath are in Cockburn, Shani and Tim in Piney Lakes and Grove, Ingrid in Wanneroo. East Freo and Joondalup are still out for expressions of interest. Lesley is hopeful courses will continue at the Union in term three. Helene’s course in Leederville has been postponed.

7. New Facilitator Policy – major changes, issues and questions

Major changes have been articulated to current facilitators through a special meeting and one on one conversations. New standards include:

- The need to volunteer at LS promotional events
- Come to at least two facilitator meetings a year
- Once a year join in the sharing at a facilitator training
- Minimum of 15 and maximum of 40 enrolments per course.
- Each course must pay \$400 + GST to Be Living Smart Inc.
- Insurance is still to be clarified. Check with your host and Kelly if issues

8. Facilitator training report and opportunities

Tim and Shani recently completed a three day training course with the Sustainability Officers Network Group. Shani's fear was that they would all feel they could go off and run courses (without having participated) but the opposite happened – most realized how much work was involved and preferred to outsource the facilitation and be a good host and guest speaker.

General two day facilitator training is coming up March 18 and April 22. 17 enrolled. Call will go out to join in day two.

Further training happening this term in Alice Springs and Geraldton. Interest has been expressed in NSW for training in July.

Ecoburbia currently owns the IP for the facilitator training. Shani will work on developing this into package which will then be donated to Be Living Smart. In the future there may be other experienced facilitators who will run training.

9. Survey Monkey

Please click on the survey monkey link and add your details. Helene questioned the “do you want to be paid question”, asking if it was paying to be a guest or for the whole course? Emma suggested she use the comment section at the end to clarify what she meant.

10. Wiki reminder

Please use it. The wiki is only useful if we all add ideas etc. There is a good link to the wiki from the LS webpage. It is hoped that eventually the wiki site will be part of the website, and facilitators will be given a code to enter once they have qualified.

Discussion about centrally held resources. Kelly is beginning to collect good resources.

11. Climate Clever grant

Catherine needed feedback for the grant - If you were preparing a training course (for other facilitators and sustainability officers) regarding climate change what would be the 3 things that you would like them to gain from training? If you were facilitating a LS course what would be 3 things that you would like the participants to gain about climate change.

Ideas collated and discussed. Shani will type up and send off to Catherine.

12. Agenda and ideas for the next meeting

Helene has offered to give a 20 minute presentation on communication skills

Tim has offered to get in touch with someone about finance Living Smart

Shani suggested sharing a favourite activity in groups of three and it was agreed to trial this next meeting.

13. Other business

- A) Barry asked about the issue of people in a partnership who come to Living Smart but their partner is not on board. He suggested this could be seen as a “new feminism”. Shani noted that it is not always the woman who comes and the man that is not on board. Suggestions made.
- B) Annolies shared more about the current course they are doing. She is accounting for time much better than the first course and is trying not to cover so much so there is more time for participant participation. There are three 11 year olds in the course who are really enthusiastic.
- C) Emma mentioned the work she is doing at Fairbridge Festival, having taken over from Robyn Williams. She asked if anyone wanted to help out to run and LS stall. Mary and Lesley expressed an interest.

14. Next Meeting

Monday 23 April at 6.30pm

24 Parry St Fremantle (see star on map below).

Agenda items to include:

Guest speakers, finances, skill sharing triad, Helene (20 mins)

