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LETTERS OF SUPPORT



Wednesday 14 April, 2014

Sydney City Farm Community supports City Farm proposed for Sydney Park

The Sydney City Farm Community Group supports the establishment of a City Farm in Sydney Park, and congratulates City of Sydney Council on the steps taken so far towards achieving this goal.

Sydney City Farm Community is a non-profit incorporated community association which promotes the establishment of City Farms for a green and sustainable future in urban Sydney.

It was our approach to City of Sydney in October 2009 which provided the spark for City of Sydney to embark on the journey of creating a Sydney Farm in the LGA.

We have consistently supported every stage of the process, by communicating with our 1500 supporters on our email list, to our 700 or so participants in our Facebook Page and Group, and with our 1100 Twitter followers.

A high proportion of participants in the consultation groups for the Feasibility Study, and in the Summer Garden are members of this Sydney City Farm community.

Most recently we promoted the Public Hearing for the Sydney Park Plan of Management amendments, encouraged our supporters to send in submissions and made a supportive submission ourselves.

We look forward to the next stages of the process progressing well and getting to the implementation phase when we will finally have a City Farm operational at Sydney Park.

Yours sincerely,



Katy Svalbe

President
Sydney City Farm Community

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22 April 2014

To the Council of the City of Sydney,

I am writing on behalf of the Landscape Architecture Program at the University of New South Wales to express wholehearted support for the City Farm Project at Sydney Park. Over the past several years, we have followed the evolution of this project, starting with the ideas that emerged during the community consultation processes associated with the feasibility study. Students in two landscape architecture studios have researched urban agriculture, analysed similar projects in other cities, and explored various development options for the selected site. There is a genuine interest and commitment to the goals and aspirations of the City Farm programming and its associated landscape development.

Working with Andrew Ridge, the City Farm Project Manager, has given our students valuable insight to the City's project design and implementation processes, and introduced them to the ways in which having a City Farm at this location can truly benefit the community. The Landscape Architecture Program looks forward to having an on-going involvement with Andrew and the City of Sydney as the project progresses.

Regards,

A/Prof Linda Corkery
Director, Landscape Architecture Program
Faculty of Built Environment



Brian Jones & Kim-Yen Phan-Thien
Department of Plant and Food Sciences
Faculty of Agriculture and Environment
The University of Sydney

24 April 2014

Andrew Ridge
City Farm Project Manager
City of Sydney

Dear Andrew

This letter expresses the support of the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment at The University of Sydney for the development of a community-oriented City Farm in Sydney Park.

The mission of our Faculty has always been to support excellence in agricultural practice with a focus on sustainability, and the teaching of the principles of scientific investigation applied to agriculture and land management.

We aim to be the best in research and education in these fields, and to build the knowledge and human capacity needed to develop solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues: food security, sustainable production, food safety and quality, and health and nutrition.

We are confident that the proposed City Farm – the primary objective of which is to teach children and other citizens about the challenges, realities and opportunities for food production – will be a valuable educational resource to build community appreciation and understanding of the importance of agriculture.

Thankyou for visiting the faculty and discussing the Sydney City Farm project with us. We were very impressed with the Feasibility Study and the detail that you were able to share with us during your visit. We wish you all the best with your submission and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely

Brian Jones and Kim-Yen Phan-Thien



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

Thursday, 5 June 2014

Andrew Ridge
City Farm Project Manager
City Of Sydney

Dear Andrew,

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW has been an influential force in the direction and development of Australian agriculture through competitions, education and events since its foundation in 1822.

Our Vision is to encourage the sustainable development of agriculture by staging events and competitions that support agricultural excellence and innovation. Encouraging the sustainable development of agriculture is fundamental to everything we do.

While the RAS has focused on education for many years through our online content, rural achiever, foundation, schools and OOSH programmes, we are now encouraged to not entirely focus on the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

We have found that once children are engaged and focused on agricultural, they're encouraged to investigate and become more aware of the industry. The modern farmer is now heavily involved and in many cases leading the world in environmental issues, technology, carbon control and best animal practice.

The RAS of NSW is aligning itself with selected organisations that will benefit agricultural education, and we believe the City of Sydney City Farm project is one that will provide this opportunity.

This was demonstrated at the 2013 Royal Easter where the City of Sydney City Farmers promoted the future ambitions and opportunities of the City Farm to over 600,000 visitors.

The RAS of NSW fully supports the City Farm project, and we believe our agricultural experience and knowledge can assist the City of Sydney develop and promote the concept.

I look forward to discussing this with your further, and involving the RAS of NSW.

Regards,


Murray Wilton
General Manager - Agriculture

