 **Landcare Broken Hill Inc**

***Greening the Hill Mk.2***

ABC Radio interview No.17 – 20 August 2019

**CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**Notes on Landcare Community Garden for ABC radio interview from Greg Curran**

* **To allow people to garden as part of the Broken Hill community**
* **To learn about gardening in an arid area that is getting hotter and drier**
* **Restore and build depleted and salted soils**
* **Part of Greening the Hill projects**
* **Initially based at Centre for Community near Sturt Park**
  + 11 raised garden beds available; 6 started
    - NOT Immediately ready to plant
      * Sand, no organic matter, salt?
      * Drier times: when it may end
  + Rainwater collection has been re-connected
    - “ Glorious Grey” team from the Centre for Community and Landcare
    - 4 main tanks
    - Court yard taps
    - Pump
    - Begin cleaning roof gutters
    - Trim overhanging trees to prevent fouling gutters
  + Plantings to be decided by those who want to garden
    - Vegetables; Herbs; Flowers
    - Later fruit trees and shade trees
      * A fig, olive trees and kurrajong there now
    - Grow natives and hardy plants for shade and beautification
    - Grow from seeds and cuttings
    - For gardeners, the community, street plantings
  + Worm farms started
* **Work: SAND To SOIL** 
  + Regenerative gardening approach
  + Sand at bottom; manure layer (horse or sheep)
  + Compost or mulch over top
    - lots of leaf litter from trees at Centre
    - later, from worm farm
  + Sow cover crop
    - cool season - oats, barley, pea
    - using mustard to remove lead (phytoremediation)
    - warm season – mung bean, buckwheat, sunflower, millet,

**Robinson College**: possibility of a future community garden

**Sematji and Alma** **School**: what can be done in Broken Hill gardens, for food, appreciation, shade

**One morning a week (Wednesday?)** “*Come and help*”

* + soil building, cover crops, water system, seeds and cuttings, try a few plantings

Greg Curran

**Next public meeting to provide an update on *GREENING THE HILL MK.2* and consult.**

**Centre for Community, 200 Beryl Street, 7.00pm Thursday 29 August**

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