 **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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