

Principles developed at Mullewa Community Farm stakeholders meeting 4 March 2015

- The farm would be managed via 2 sub committees, as part of the Mullewa Community Group Inc. A “farm operations committee” and a “Mullewa Community Trust management committee”
 - How does this impact Mullewa Community Group Inc.?
 - Modification of the existing Mullewa Community Group Inc. constitution is required (particularly ‘objects’, to sufficiently cover the community farm initiative).
 - Nomination of sub-committee position holders would occur at the Mullewa Community Group Inc. Annual General Meeting
 - Composition of sub committees to be further refined, but may include: (as a draft) Farm Committee – 4 or 5 nominated community members (farming experience), and the Trust Committee – 1 member from farm committee, 1 councillor, 1 member from Mullewa Community Group Inc. and 2 x community members (or 1 member and 1 rep from Mount Gibson Iron Ltd).
- 50% of generated profit (up to \$65,000) should be disbursed from the initiative (to the community), with the provision to disburse more funding for ‘extraordinary projects’
- The farm will require a \$35,000 annual operating budget, and should maintain a \$50,000 reserve for unforeseen issues.
- Community members on the two sub committees would be appointed for a 4 year term, and both committees would meet at least annually (more as required).
- Trust rules / criteria would need to be reviewed – such as funding projects to a \$10,000 limit unless ‘extraordinary’.
- Dissolution clause – should note that the asset (farm, and proceeds of sale of farm) would revert to the Mullewa Community Group, for disbursement via the Mullewa Community Trust. Further research is required to determine a suitable arrangement in the event that the Mullewa Community Group Inc. is disbanded.
- Mim Barnetson agreed to contact the Dept of Commerce regarding the process of changing a constitution
- Brendan Wilson to arrange meeting of Mullewa Community Group Inc., to present proposal of using MCG Inc. existing structure, rather than establishing a new, independent community group to facilitate the farm initiative.
- Brendan Wilson to email stakeholders after MCG Inc. meeting, advising of decision, and to establish next steps to progress this.