

# CENTRAL NORTHLAND ORGANIC FARM NEW ZEALAND MEETING

## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2006 Café Eutopia, Kaiwaka

**Present:** Max Serota, Greg Fletcher, Don Cave, Raewyn Harris, Kevin Hartung, Pat Hartung, Pip Nicholls, James Andrews, Taiamai Corker, Kay Baxter, Gail Aiken, Wolfgang Hiepe, Jeni Quayle, Jane Dennis, Julia Geljon, Chris Mclvor.

**Apologies:** David Colley, Heidelind Luschberger, Sarah Robinson, Trish Allen, Joe Polaischer

### 1. Purpose of the meeting

Previously the areas for OFNZ regional groups were large and felt to be unwieldy. This area was covered between the Far North region and the Auckland region. A more localised group was felt to have benefits and was proposed to OFNZ by Chris & Julia. It was agreed to form a mid north group to cover the area from level with Kai Iwi Lakes across to Whakapara in the north, and south to level with the South Kaipara Heads across to Snells Beach area. As existing pods do not want to split there will be a few members south of this.

#### Suggested functions for the group:

- Certifying OFNZ members
- Connecting with people who want to grow organically but not be certified.
- Compile a resource list for the region
- Organise field days and visits to properties
- Produce a regular newsletter

### 2. Election of Officers

<b>Chairperson</b>	Kevin Hartung
<b>Treasurer</b>	Wendy Klink (to be confirmed)
<b>Secretary</b>	Jane Dennis
<b>Newsletter Editors</b>	Kay Baxter and Pip Nicholls
<b>Certification manager</b>	Julia Geljon
<b>Auditor</b>	Chris Mclvor
<b>Committee members</b>	Taiamai Corker, James Andrews

#### Certification committee

**Elected members:** Kay Baxter, Greg Fletcher, Jeni Quayle

**Standing members:** Chairperson, Certification Manager, Auditor

(Note: Certification committee members required to have attained minimum of C1 certification status)

### 3. Fees

Total annual fees agreed as detailed below:

- \$200 per certification pod member,
- \$250 per individual certification member;
- \$20 for membership only (for the property or family)

### 3. Name of group

To be known as **Mid North Organic Farms NZ** for now. Can have an alternative name. Suggestions given were Kaipara Plus and Kaiparity. **ACTION AGREED:** Further suggestions to be brought / sent to first committee meeting for consideration.

#### 4. Any other business

**Resource list** Greg agreed to compile. Items for inclusion to be e-mailed to Greg [gfletch@ihug.co.nz](mailto:gfletch@ihug.co.nz)

**Media Liaison role** Don suggested this was an important additional role and offered to undertake this role. Agreed by the group. **ACTION:** Don to liaise with local press about formation of the group and the stall at the upcoming Maungaturoto Lifestylers Field Day.

**Maungaturoto Lifestylers Field Day** Chris and Julia have arranged to have a stall at this event. All offers of help to Chris and Julia.

**Field Day** First property visit planned for Chris and Julia's property on Mountain Road. **Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am until 2pm.** Shared lunch (bring a plate).

#### 5. Date and time of first committee meeting

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm, Koanga Whare**

#### Appreciation

The group expressed their appreciation to Julia and Chris for their initiative and efforts in bringing the new regional body to fruition.

#### Additional notes from circle on needs from the group:

Kay	Group to be open & inclusive to cover everything organic Discussion re. Individual versus pod certification
Taiamai	At meeting to observe. Willing to get involved.
James	Keen on visits to properties
Pip	Useful to see others places and to network
Kevin / Pat	Want help and advice about organic growing
Raewyn certified	Keen that group is open so that people are able to be involved if not Interested in local field trips
Wolfgang	Likes idea of newsletter and resource list. Wants to be on sideline as already overstretched in terms of time.
Greg / Jeni	Very supportive of organics but limited in terms of available time. Keen on the resource list.
Jane	Passionate about organics Keen on resource list
Don	Not going to recertify his property this year due to difficulties in the establishment phase / constraints of his situation.
Chris	Wants to network / create new group as new to the area.
Julia	Local support/networking.
Gail	Committed to being organic but not interested in certification. Wants to be involved in peripheral way due to other commitments.