



MINUTES

Friends of Edgars Creek Annual General Meeting 2016

Sunday 6 March 2016 11am–12pm
Ronald Street Footbridge, Edgars Creek, Coburg North

Attendees: David Pavone (FOEC President), Steve Northey (FOEC Treasurer), Robert Urquhart (FOEC Secretary), Irene Baker (FOEC Secretary), Robert Burnett (FOEC Works Manager), Julie Brown (FOEC Event Caterer), Angie Pötsch, Lisa Davis, Ben Davis, Cecilia Riebl, Kerry Hall, Adrian Flint.

Correspondence: None.

Presentation of Annual Reports:

President's Report:

FOEC has successfully completed all proposed work in 2015 and continued works at key sites. We have secured a new project grant (MW26) and a group support grant (MW25) from Melbourne Water for 2016 and 2017. The work associated with the old Melbourne Water MW22 grant has been completed and reported. A five year plan (2016-2020) relating to future planting sites/activities was developed during 2015. A calendar of events for 2016 has been emailed to members and posted on the FOEC Facebook page. All plants for 2016 have been ordered but project materials have not yet been purchased. Four committee meetings were held in 2016. DP thanked SN for all the work he has done transferring FOEC's accounts from MYOB to an Excel spreadsheet during the year. It was noted that FOEC need a new person to administer the FOEC website. Lisa Davis volunteered to take on the role of website administrator.

Action: RU to send LD Nat's contact details so that LD can start to administrate the website: Completed 13/3/2016.

The President's Report was accepted by members of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The profit and loss statements and balance sheets were tabled for 2014-15 and 2015-16 (to date) and viewed by committee/meeting members. A detailed financial summary report was also tabled and viewed by committee/meeting members. The Treasurer noted that FOEC's finances were in good condition. Upcoming projects and associated grant funding were discussed. FOEC's finances have been transferred from MYOB into an Excel spreadsheet so that they can be more easily understood by committee members and future treasurers. The financial Excel spreadsheet can be viewed by all committee members through a secure Dropbox account.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by members of the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

The number of FOEC Facebook friends has been steadily increasing each year (2013: 156; 2014: 185, 2015: 222). During 2015, FOEC posted 18 Facebook posts. Most of these have been notifications or invitations for events. From June 2015 photos from each planting were also posted on Facebook. Items on one MECCARG activity, information about the Merri-Edgars wetland and the FOEC Sustainability Award from Moreland Council have also been posted. FOEC responded to general comments from the public on Facebook on topics which included: a snake near the creek, muddy water going into the creek, an un-exploded firework, the new footpath near the swimming pool, installation of new stormwater pipes from Coburg Hill and the echidna near the Ronald Street footbridge.

The Secretaries thanked the event hosts Margaret and Paul, Kerry and Adrian, Rachel for their help during the year. Attendance at the 2015 plantings was as follows:

Event	15/3/15 AGM	19/4/15 planting	17/5/15 planting	21/6/15 planting	19/7/15 planting	16/8/15 planting	20/9/15 planting	8/10/15 maintenance	15/11/15 maintenance
Attendees	9	23	44	24	44	115	48	14	4

For all events the average attendance was 36 which was slightly higher than 32 in 2014. Information about attendance at the June 2015 activity with Moreland City Council was not available. The average attendance for the six plantings was 50.

The Secretary's Report was accepted by members of the meeting.

Works Manager Report:

All the 2016 planting sites have been prepared. Moreland Council has offered the use of a bobcat and driver for one day to move the rocks near the Ronald Street footbridge. A new posthole digger has been donated to FOEC (we now have three). Moreland Council will apply additional mulch to the Ephemeral wetland later in the year.

The Works Manager's Report was accepted by members of the meeting.

Election of Office Bearers:

The meeting received the following nominations for vacant office bearer positions:

President: **David Pavone** (Nominated: SN, Seconded: RB)
 Treasurer: **Stephen Northey** (Nominated: RB, Seconded: DP)
 Secretary: **Robert Urquhart/Irene Baker** (Nominated: JB, Seconded: CR)
 Immediate past president: **Stephen Northey**

All the above nominees were unanimously voted in.

Event Caterer: **Julie Brown (appointed)**
 Works Manager: **Robert Burnett (appointed)**
 Website Co-ordinating Manager: **Lisa Davis (appointed)**

Other Business:

Proposed committee meeting dates for 2016 are as follows:

Friday 8/4/2016 7:30pm
 Friday 10/6/2016 7:30pm
 Friday 12/8/2016 7:30pm
 Friday 7/10/2016 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 12:10pm.