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Friends of Edgars Creek Annual General Meeting 2017

Sunday 5 March 2017 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Ex-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), Lisa Davis (FOEC Website Co-ordinating Manager), Ben Davis, Angie Pötsch, Barbara Baker, Margaret Golder, Paul Gleeson.

Correspondence: Ray Radford, Kerry Hall and Adrian Flint gave their apologies.

Presentation of Annual Reports:

President's Report:

FOEC has successfully completed all proposed work in 2016 and continued works at key sites. We have secured a new project grant (MW28) and a group support grant (MW27) from Melbourne Water for 2017 and 2018. The work associated with the old Melbourne Water MW24 grant has been completed and reported.

FOEC will have two Moreland Council supported events in 2017: National Tree Day and World Environment Day. The 2017 FOEC Calendar will be issued shortly.

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 2015-16 and 2016-17 (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. FOEC have funding for planting projects up until 2018-19.

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, 2016: 295). Four committee meetings were held in 2016 (in April, June, August and October).

The Secretaries thanked the event hosts Lisa and Ben, Margaret and Paul, Kerry and Adrian, Rachel and Ceclia for their help during the year. Attendance at the 2016 plantings was as follows:

Event	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Jan 17
	AGM	Silurian Cliff	Caravan Park	Sheoak Woodlands	Moreland Council	Silurian Cliff	Xmas Party	Willow Site	Silurian Cliff	Creek Cleanup
Attendees	12	40	39	56	49	28	?	25	15	14

For all events where numbers were available, the average attendance was 31 in 2016. It was 36 in 2015 and 32 in 2014.

Irene Baker organized 11 Waterwatch testing sessions at Edgars Creek near the ex-Ronald Street footbridge during 2016. A letter was presented from Moreland Council (dated 22/2/2017) indicating

the rehabilitation of the Edgars Creek waterfall area ('dog pond') would most likely occur in April 2017. It was noted that the website update that occurred in 2016 has been extremely successful.

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

Works Manager Report:

Robert Burnett recently spent half a day with Vince Andreana from Moreland Council looking at FOEC planting sites. Council's plans for rehabilitation of the Edgars Creek waterfall area and confusion about the placement of 'dog on-lead' signs near the Edgars Creek wetland were discussed. It was noted that Melbourne Water has re-sprayed the hill on the west side of Edgars Creek at the end of Livingston Street where they recently removed large amounts of boxthorn.

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

During the discussion it was noted there was some confusion about the names of the FOEC planting sites.

Action: RU to send LD a copy of the map of planting sites which is on the FOEC noticeboard so that it can be included on the website - Completed 14/4/2017.

Election of Office Bearers:

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

President: **David Pavone** (Nominated: BB, Seconded: JB)
Treasurer: **Stephen Northey** (Nominated: DP, Seconded: RB)
Secretary: **Robert Urquhart** (Nominated: IB, Seconded: SN)
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)**
Waterwatch Co-ordinator: Irene Baker **(appointed)**

Other Business:

Soap factory fire: The soap factory fire which had caused contamination of Edwardes Lake was discussed.

Action: IB to send DP the relevant Waterwatch testing data so DP can send to Melbourne Water - Completed 9/4/2017.

Edgars Creek Strategic Plan: Darebin City Council is developing a strategic plan for Edgars Creek north of Edwardes Lake. BD will obtain a copy of the masterplan when it is published and send it to committee members for reference.

Removal of Ronald Street Footbridge: The Ronald Street Footbridge has been removed by Moreland Council following the flood in January 2017 which damaged the bridge. It was noted that there is a petition at the Elizabeth Café which will be sent to Council about reinstatement/repair of the bridge.

The meeting closed at 11:30 am.