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Friends of Edgars Creek Annual General Meeting 2018

Sunday 4 March 2018 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
Ex-Ronald Street Footbridge, Edgars Creek, Coburg North

Attendees: David Pavone (FOEC President), Stephen Northey (FOEC Treasurer), Robert Urquhart (FOEC Secretary), Irene Baker (FOEC Waterwatch Co-ordinator), Robert Burnett (FOEC Works Manager), Julie Brown (FOEC Event Caterer), Lisa Davis (FOEC Media Manager), Ben Davis, Angie Pötsch, Barbara Baker, Margaret Golder, Paul Gleeson, Cecilia Reibl, Dimmity O'Donnell, Kevin O'Donnell, Bev Williams, Richard Healey.

Correspondence: Kerry Hall and Adrian Flint gave their apologies.

Presentation of Annual Reports:

President's Report:

FOEC has successfully planted thousands of plants in 2017. Melbourne Water grant MW26 has been completed and reported, and MW28 will be completed this April. We have an ongoing MW27 group support grant and received a Melbourne Water grant to fund five new projects last year. Plants have been ordered for 2018 and Moreland Council has been providing mulch for the planting sites. FOEC expect to plant about 800 plants per planting. In 2018, FOEC will be engaging with Darebin Council to begin planting north of the Caravan Park site. The President thanked the committee members for their contributions during 2017. The 2018 FOEC Calendar of events has been developed.

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 2016-17 and 2017-18 (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. Payment for new Melbourne Water grants is now administered through Friends of Merri Creek.

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, 2017: 392). Three committee meetings were held in 2016 (in May, August and October).

The Secretary thanked the event hosts Irene, Lisa and Ben, Cecilia, Margaret and Paul, Kerry and Adrian for their help during the year. Attendance at the 2017 plantings was as follows:

Event	Date	Attendance
Creek clean up	8/1/17	14
AGM	5/3/17	12
Willow site	23/4/17	39
Caravan Park	21/5/17	56
World Environment Day (with	4/6/17	46

Moreland Council)		
M9 easement grassland extension	16/7/17	34
National Tree Planting Day/Gooseneck	30/7/17	38
Sheoak Woodland	20/8/17	52
Silurian Cliff/Christmas Party	17/9/17	46
Bird walk and talk/Gooseneck Maintenance	15/10/17	33
Silurian Cliff Maintenance	13/11/17	15

For all events the average attendance was 35 in 2017. It was 31 in 2016, 36 in 2015 and 32 in 2014. During 2017 there were 385 attendees to events.

Irene Baker organized 10 Waterwatch testing sessions at Edgars Creek near the ex-Ronald Street footbridge during 2017. A planting risk assessment was also developed. The risk assessment is available at each planting.

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

Works Manager Report:

FOEC have a considerable number of recycled stakes and plastic tubes for use in 2018. All 2018 planting sites have been prepared. The Elizabeth Café will support the 2018 'Christmas party' planting.

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

Media Manager Report:

The FOEC website is up for renewal this year and an Instagram page has been started. The 2018 FOEC Calendar of events has been posted on the FOEC Facebook page and website. FOEC business cards were printed in 2017 and distributed to committee members. Lisa noted that member's photos of planting events or items for the website could be sent to her by email (edgarscreek@gmail.com) so that they could be included on the website.

The Media 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: CR, Seconded: RU)
Treasurer: **Stephen Northey** (Nominated: IB, Seconded: DP)
Secretary: **Robert Urquhart** (Nominated: SN, Seconded: BD)
Immediate past president: **Stephen Northey**

All the above nominees were unanimously voted in.

Event Caterer: **Julie Brown/Margaret Golder (appointed)**
Works Manager: **Robert Burnett (appointed)**
Media Manager: **Lisa Davis (appointed)**
Waterwatch Co-ordinator: **Irene Baker (appointed)**

Other Business:

MECCARG: Richard Healey attended the meeting as a representative of MECCARG (Merri and Edgars Creek Confluence Area Restoration Group). He noted that discussions between MECCARG and FOEC could be mutually beneficial. DP will make contact with the MECCARG committee and ask them to attend the first FOEC committee meeting in 2018.

The meeting closed at 1:00 pm.