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Friends of Edgars Creek Annual General Meeting 2019

Sunday 17 February 2019 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
Ex-Ronald Street Footbridge, Edgars Creek, Coburg North

Attendees: David Pavone (FOEC President), Robert Urquhart (FOEC Secretary), Robert Burnett (FOEC Works Manager), Julie Brown (FOEC Event Caterer), Lisa Davis (FOEC Media Manager), Ben Davis, Scott Fry, Janet Holmes, Sylvia Page, Lyn Morgan, Elroy Dedrin, Melinda Lewis, Erica Torsan D'Espaignet, Adrian Flint, Kerry Hall, Paul Gleeson, Janene Pickering, Siobhan Steven, Stephen Northey (FOEC Treasurer) (by phone).

Correspondence: Margaret Golder and Barbara Baker gave their apologies.

Presentation of Annual Reports:

President's Report:

FOEC successfully planted about 6,000 plants during 2018. The largest planting was 2,100 plants which was conducted by Loving Earth volunteers. Typically about 800 plants have been planted at each FOEC event during 2018. Melbourne Water and Moreland City Council have continued to provide support for FOEC. FOEC was successful in obtaining a new grant from Melbourne Water in 2018. Moreland Council have provided mulch at each planting site and sponsored the National Tree Day Planting during the past year. The 2019 FOEC calendar of events has been posted on the FOEC website (<http://foec.org.au/>)

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

Treasurer's Report (by phone):

The profit and loss statements and balance sheets for 2017-18 and 2018-19 (to date) were discussed. The Treasurer noted that FOEC's finances were in good condition and summarised the major expense items during the past year (e.g. contractor maintenance of planting sites, as well as the purchase of plants and planting accessories). The Treasurer noted that he will be resigning from the position in 2019.

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

The President and members of the meeting thanked Stephen Northey for his hard work towards being Treasurer for the past few years.

Secretary's Report:

The number of FOEC Facebook friends has been increasing each year (2013: 156; 2014: 185, 2015: 222, 2016: 295, 2017: 392, 2018: 1206). Three committee meetings were held in 2016 (in May, July and September).

Attendance at the 2018 plantings was as follows:

Event	Date	Attendance
AGM	4/3/18	23
Caravan Park extension	22/4/18	46
Silurian Cliff extension	20/5/18	38
M9-Gooseneck extension (initially cancelled due to weather)	17/6/18	10
Sheoak Woodland extension	15/7/18	35
National Tree Planting Day	29/7/18	52

Event	Date	Attendance
Livingston Street easement	19/8/18	18
Livingston Street easement – planting 2	26/8/18	30
Christmas Party	16/9/18	49
Maintenance: Caravan Park	21/10/18	14
Maintenance: Gooseneck Site	18/11/18	12
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		30

Average attendance over the years has been:

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Average attendance	23	33	32	36	31	35	30*

* If the initially cancelled 17/6/18 planting is not included, the average attendance for 2018 was 32.

Irene Baker organized 5 Waterwatch testing sessions at Edgars Creek near the ex-Ronald Street footbridge during 2018.

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

Works Manager Report:

2018 was a very successful year in terms of plantings. The FOEC trailer is currently being re-painted and is getting a new front to attach a marque. Mulch has been supplied by Moreland Council for the first few plantings of 2019. Moreland Council is repairing a drain near the Caravan Park planting site which will improve access.

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

Media Manager Report:

The FOEC website is going well and events are now also posted on Instagram (FOEC has 287 Instagram followers). The Media Manager is planning on producing a pamphlet which includes the FOEC calendar. This pamphlet can then be used for a letter box drop early in the year. Members of the meeting suggested that FOEC events could also be included in the Newlands Primary School newsletter.

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: RU, Seconded: RB)
Treasurer: **Lisa Davis** (Nominated: RB, Seconded: DP)
Secretary: **Robert Urquhart** (Nominated: DP, Seconded: SP)
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)**

As Lisa Davis is now Treasurer, all members of the meeting agreed that the signatory for the FOEC bank account needs to be changed from Stephen Northey to Lisa Davis.

Other Business:

Edgars Creek Masterplan: The Moreland Council Edgars Creek Masterplan was drafted in 2013. It was decided that the committee should review the masterplan to determine if it needed to be updated.

New Action 2019-02-17/1: Committee members to review the Edgars Creek Masterplan during 2019.

Event hosts: LD asked for volunteers to be event hosts in 2019. If people are interested in being event hosts please contact Lisa with suitable planting dates. Lisa can be contacted using the FOEC email address edgarscreek@gmail.com

Ronald Street Footbridge replacement: Moreland Council's preferred option for replacing the Ronald Street Footbridge was discussed. It will be a steel bridge. Construction is expected to commence in the 2019-20 financial year.

Funding Opportunities: ETD noted that it may be possible for FOEC to apply for funding from the Victorian Government 'Parks and recreation trust account'. Guidelines for applications, however, have not been developed yet.

The meeting closed at 12:45 pm.