



## FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK

### CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Folly, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 5.30pm**

- 1. Welcome:** Artur Muchow welcomed all.
- 2. Attendees:** Artur Muchow, Lyndy Gilbert, Ken Crook, Kelvin Watkins, Don Vincent, Carolyn Noel, Kay Williams, John Hanson, Cathy Willis, Lynda & Austin Chambers, Jan Falconer, Josh Revell, Gray Ardern, Jeff Cranston.

**Apologies:** Linda Rogan, Lyn Moore, Gloria Moore, Diane & John Baird, Steve Anderson, Bev Hanson, Lisa Jenkins, Joy & Barrie Hick, PV staff Phil Rance & Cam Beardsell.

- 3. Minutes of Previous AGM 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019:** Moved by Artur Muchow That the minutes be accepted. Seconded Kelvin Watkins. Carried. Business Arising Nil. (Note: due to COVID restrictions, it was not possible to hold an AGM in November 2020 and the AGM for 2019-2020 had to be postponed to March 2021).

#### **4. Reports:**

##### ***The Year in Review***

##### ***Gray Ardern***

- Gray Ardern noted the worry the committee went through regarding the survival of the nursery due to the COVID lockdowns. Staff hours had to be reduced due to customers and volunteers not being allowed in the Park. Only the committee was given permission by Ranger Warren Murphy to attend the nursery and water the plants to prevent them dying.
- Thanks to Josh and Michelle who did a wonderful job selling plants to customers who rang requesting stock. The staff arranged staggered pick up & delivery times outside the WSP gates to keep the stock moving during this difficult time.
- Thanks to Carolyn Noel who has a large property where the Friends could come and prick out plants whilst maintaining social distancing rules.
- TAGs were suspended during lockdown, however by then we had worked at Nilja, School Fence, Pauline Toner Reserve, Endeavour Bank, Heads Road, Fiddler Fence, Haslam's Fence, Anderson's Creek (Pond Lily), Fourth Hill, Betton Fence, Chaim Court, Candlebark, Frogland and Walert Creek. The Walert Creek project was finished, and the grant-giver satisfied with our use of their \$43,000 grant.
- Congratulations to Dick Thompson on being awarded the OAM for services to the orchids.



### ***Nursery Report***

***Josh Revell***

- Thanks to Michelle Tumino and Annette Lion for all their hard work during the year. Due to the COVID lockdowns and the lack of customers, volunteers and income from plant sales, staff rostered hours had to be reduced. Josh took leave from April to September 2020. There was not enough work or income to sustain 3 staff.
- A click & collect program was devised so that plants could still be sold, despite the WSP being closed to customers.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who worked from home pricking out plants during the COVID lockdown whilst social distancing and wearing masks.
- The return to COVID normal has seen the return of volunteers on a roster basis. New volunteers have joined and work in Frogland with Linda.
- Thanks to the Rangers for their support, and especially Colin who has been assisting FOWSP for over 20 years. Thanks also to the FOWSP committee for their hard work and support.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

***Lyndy Gilbert***

- Overall, the Auditor's report is consistent with the previous year with some slight variances. A full copy of the report is available for perusal.
  - Prior to the COVID lockdowns, higher plant sales were made due to good weather conditions.
  - A COVID payment was made by the ATO to FOWSP to keep the nursery afloat.
  - A new provision in the accounts has been made for Long Service Leave totalling \$9,236. It has been mandatory in Victoria since 2018 for casuals who work with the same business for 7 years or more to have long service leave provided.
  - Grants for 50% of funding were obtained from Manningham City Council for 2 trolleys; for volunteers and staff to complete a CPR course; and for the purchase of a new printer. Our thanks to MCC for their support.
  - Electrical work to make a safe work environment was carried out as part of a Parks auditing for a total cost of \$1595.
  - Newsletter costs were reduced as most people now received email copies.
- Moved Lyndy Gilbert that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded Artur Muchow. Carried.



## ***Ranger's Report***

***Gray Ardern***

Gray noted that Cam and Phil wanted to pass on their thanks to the volunteers for their assistance at TAGS and preserving the orchid stock in the WSP.

### **5. Any other business:**

#### ***5.1 Election of Committee of Management - Cathy Willis***

Cathy declared that the number of nominations to be 8. She asked for further nominations. There were no further nominations. The committee comprises:

Artur Muchow – Secretary

Lyndy Gilbert – Treasurer

Linda Rogan – Newsletter Editor

Committee members - Kelvin Watkins, Jeff Cranston, Gray Ardern, Lyn Moore & Lynda Chambers.

Two new members Lyn & Lynda were welcomed to the committee.

A vote of thanks was given to retiring committee member Carolyn Noel for all her hard work on behalf of FOWSP.

#### ***5.2 Special Resolution - FOWSP constitution. Jeff Cranston***

Jeff noted that the FOWSP constitution had been amended to update the wording and that they were mainly procedural changes. A link to the updated constitution was available on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via the newsletter and 21 days' notice had been provided to members who may have queries. No further amendments had been suggested.

Moved Carolyn Noel that the proposed changes to the constitution be accepted. Seconded Cathy Willis. Carried.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.30pm.