

Minutes of FOWSP AGM 6.15pm 1 December 2009

The Folly, Warrandyte State Park Rangers Depot

Present

Linda Rogan	Peter (Linda's partner)	Pat Coupar	Mike Coupar
Martyn Hiley	Tricia Hiley	Kelly Wooster	Judy Green
Cliff Green	Brian (Joan's partner)	Gray Ardern	Lynda Gilbert
Ken Crook	Marie Krause	Wolfgang Krause	Ben Gotlib
Margaret Gotlib	Colin Bromley	Bruce Gullam	Heather Gullam
Jason Patton	Josh Revell	Lee Speedy	Geoff Speedy
David Van Bockel	Bronwyn Van Bockel	Dom (Bronwyn's brother)	Kiera Speedy
Owen Van Bockel	Talia Van Bockel	Kyle Van Bockel	Cathy Willis

Apologies

Julie Pryor	Conrad Annal	Betty Mason	Albert Mason
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Guests

Mark Challen and Karen, Warrandyte Bendigo Bank

Meeting opened approx 6.30pm

Chair: Linda Rogan

Minutes: Cathy Willis

- **Previous minutes:** Linda distributed a synopsis of the previous AGM agenda in lieu of the minutes which could not be located. This synopsis had previously been distributed to committee members who had been present last year for comment. It was agreed this is a good representation of that meeting.
Moved: Gray Ardern **Seconded:** Martyn Hiley
- **The year in review. Martyn** presented highlights of the FOWSP year. There have been many and Martyn noted there are numerous people playing many different roles all of whom combine to achieve our goals (see 'The Year in Review' attachment).
- **Nursery report. Josh Revell.**
 - Nursery operations have been greatly enhanced by buying a laptop which is used in the nursery. Staff can input and update orders, receive and respond to queries by email, keep records they can all access easily etc. This has been an enormous help to staff and has improved efficiency in the nursery. Thanks to Jason, Mel and Belinda for getting the system up and running.
 - There were approx 38,000-40,000 plants ordered this year. However nearly one third of these orders weren't picked up. Therefore a deposit

system is being introduced to prevent this happening again (see Dec/Jan newsletter for details)

- Approximately 65,000 plants were produced in the last year.
- Thanks to Manningham CC environment team who have been very supportive both proactively and when asked. They have worked in well with the Middle Yarra Landcare Network with Artur Muchow facilitating combined efforts with Andersons Ck Catchment Area Landcare Group and Jumping Ck Catchment Landcare Group.
- Thanks to the committee for their support, encouragement and involvement in the nursery. The nursery staff especially appreciates quick responses and action to requests.
- Josh's biggest thankyou was to the volunteers. Whether nearly snowing or 38 degrees they turn up every Thursday and help to produce 65,000 plants, willingly prick out, pull weeds, remove guards, make nest boxes, repair, clean and do whatever is necessary.

Josh expressed his appreciation as nursery manager to

- the Warrandyte State Park staff, without whose support and cooperation the nursery could not operate

- the staff, Mel, Belinda and Annette who have stepped up to the increasing workload

Rangers' Report. David Van Bockel

See attachment

Treasurer's report. Lynda Gilbert

See attachment

Moved Cathy Willis. Seconded Martyn Hiley

Committee elections.

All members stood down. Joan Broadberry did not stand for re-election due to numerous other commitments. The committee thanked her for her time as Treasurer, general committee member and invaluable contribution to FOWSP.

The following committee members were re-elected

Linda Rogan

Gray Ardern

Artur Muchow

Lynda Gilbert

Martyn Hiley

Jason Patton

Cathy Willis

Kelly Wooster agreed to join the committee and was welcomed by all.

All current office bearers will remain in their positions and were thanked for their contribution.

Mark Challen from the Warrandyte branch of the **Bendigo Bank** spoke about the bank's role in community building in Warrandyte. They are pleased to have provided a

grant to FOWSP (facilitated by Lynda Gilbert). This will provide incentive to Andersons Creek Primary School students to produce posters promoting responsible rubbish disposal to prevent hazards in our local creeks and river to platypus.

Josh Revell presented a '**long service award**' to **Ranger Colin Bromley**. Colin has been a true friend and support to FOWSP. His practical assistance with things like fencing, pump and irrigation maintenance, and generally ensuring a constant water supply to the nursery have been invaluable. FOWSP presented Col a Leatherman tool as a token of our appreciation for his assistance 'above and beyond the call of duty'.

The meeting was closed at approx 7pm.

Appendix A: FOWSP 2009 Year in Review

1. Design changes to the Nursery are underway. Initial plans by our volunteer architect Diana Kategiannis have been drawn up.
2. The stove in the Folly has been repaired by the Thursday crew – Thanks Artur.
3. The new Website has gone live; it is wonderful - photos, publications (including old newsletters), current activities, membership renewals, nursery information and links to other useful websites. Thanks Jason Patton.
4. We made a submission to the VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL (VEAC) on the future of public and private land management in the Warrandyte area in February – Lindy and Cathy and others
5. FOWSP purchased books for the Kinglake Rangers who lost their houses and therefore, their beloved Environmental Reference Books, in the black Saturday fires
6. A DVD on the life cycle of Imperial Blue Butterfly was made by Linda Rogan, a wonderful contribution to FOWSP, thank you Linda. It can still be ordered through the website.
7. We made a submission to the Bushfire Royal Commission in June – Lindy was again instrumental
8. The Thursday crew made countless possum boxes to aid in the recovery after the bushfires – Noel, Artur, Ken, Keith and others
9. A First Aid course was held for Nursery Staff and others at the Nursery – Cathy and Manningham.
10. A morning tea was held for new members – thanks Lyndy & Linda
11. FOWSP were awarded a grant from Parks Victoria to continue the revegetation of Boys Rd site at Pound Bend.
12. Plantings and weedings: Glyns Road, Pound Bend at Boys Road, Rifle Range, Yannakie, Andersons Creek, Koornong, Timber Reserve and Stanebrae.
13. We purchased a new laptop for the nursery for orders and inventory. It has wireless access to the FOWSP website so that memberships can be checked & updated online.
14. FOWSP had a trailer built and donated it to the Strathewen Friends group who lost their trailer and tools on black Saturday.
15. A FOWSP Litter Poster School Competition is ongoing with the Andersons Creek Primary School to raise awareness of damage that litter causes to our environment; sponsorship by the Warrandyte Bendigo Bank will pay for prizes for the best poster and \$500 worth of books will be given to the School - a great idea and follow up by Lyndy.
16. We value our special relationship with the Rangers at Warrandyte and appreciate their help and support in our activities.
17. Josh Revell, nursery staff and volunteers have done a fantastic job collecting seeds and growing plants this year. Some 60,000 plants were produced for sale, a 66% increase over 2008.
18. Thank you to all of the committee for their hard work during the year. We are sad to have Joan Broadberry leave the committee at the end of the year. I would like to thank Joan for all of her work and patience over many years on the committee. Without people like Joan to help out, FOWSP would not be the vibrant organisation it is today.
19. Finally, thanks to the 380 or so Friends who are the membership. Many members are active at the nursery or on planting or weeding trips, or helping with the trailer at the market or just adding what they can in their own way to help us achieve our goals. So thank you to you all.