

# Minutes of the 2010 FOWSP AGM

6:15pm, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

The Folly, Warrandyte State Park Rangers Depot

## Present:

Jason Patton,	Peta Cumming,	Kelly Wooster,	Gray Ardern,
Carol Page,	Ben Gotlib,	Margaret Gotlib,	Jodie Davis,
Conrad Annal,	Artur Muchow,	Marie Krause,	Wolfgang Krause,
Noel Gaskett,	Brian James,	Ken Crook,	Lynda Gilbert,
Alison Thom,	Carol Woolcock,	Alan Woolcock,	Cathy Willis,
Joan Broadberry,	Josh Revell,	Geoff Speedy,	Linda Rogan,
Jan Falconer.			

**Guest:** Murray Bouchier

**Chairman:** Jason Patton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## Minutes of Previous AGM:

Moved Artur Muchow, seconded Gray Ardern that the minutes of the 2009 AGM (as circulated) be accepted as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

## Reports:

### The Year in Review:

Linda Rogan presented the FOWSP highlights of 2010. Her full report is Attachment A.

### Treasurer's Report:

Lynda Gilbert presented the Assets and Liabilities and Income and Expenditure Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010. Lynda thanked Parks Victoria and the nursery staff for their help during the year. The Auditors Summary Report is Attachment B. The full Auditors will be made available to members, on request.

### Nursery Manager's Report:

Josh Revell spoke of:

- an average of 20.5 people working at the nursery each Thursday during the year. This was an increase on last year.
- Next year there will be a change in the lay-out of the nursery which will cater for the larger number of volunteers.
- A new igloo at the front of the nursery was installed by several ~~male~~ volunteers and is now operational.
- Due to the increased number of volunteers there has been good participation in field work with the Rangers every third Thursday, and sometimes in between.
- The short term appointment of Ranger Jenny Hellyer has been helpful in ridding the Park of woody weeds.
- Local schools participated in several plantings during the year.
- As part of the bush fire recovery program 1,200 plants were sent to Strathewen and

2,500 to Kinglake this year.

- A further 3,000 plants were planted in the Boys Road and Pound Bend areas during the year.
- Melbourne Museum has requested an on-going annual supply of plants, including orchids, from the nursery.
- Josh ended by thanking Parks Victoria, Belinda, Kelly and Annette and all the volunteers for their help during the year.

### **Rangers' Report:**

Conrad Annal gave thanks to FOWSP for all the help and support during the year. He said that without their enormous contribution Parks Victoria would not be able to do many of the things it does. He gave particular thanks to Josh for the contribution he makes to the Group, and for the many hours that he puts in that are not always recognised. He then mentioned the following:

- Victoria has a new Government, and Parks Victoria has a new CEO, so collectively, there is a lot of change at the top level of Parks Victoria.
- There has been much work done in responding to outcomes of the Royal Commission into the Black Saturday fires, and ensuring that we continue to work with Government and fire fighting agencies to try and make Warrandyte as fire prepared as possible.
- There have been changes in the management boundaries of the Park to include the area down to Fitzsimons Lane. The bigger area to manage has seen the appointment of additional staff Cam Beardsall and Janaya O'Dempsey as Rangers, and John Rush as a Team Leader. There were also new faces such as Jenny Hellyer, who is on secondment until March.
- A pest control program, (rabbit and fox) has been under way.
- A Melbourne Water Grant has been obtained to replant the old orchard area to the north of the nursery. This work will commence in 2011.

Conrad finished with thanks to his dedicated team of Rangers and other Parks staff have been working tirelessly on a day to day basis to maintain the Park to a high standard.

### **Election of Committee Members:**

The Chairman declared all positions vacant and announced that the following people had agreed to stand: Sybille Ims, Kelly Wooster, Cathy Willis, Artur Muchow (secretary), Gray Arden, Linda Rogan (co-ordinating editor, newsletter), Lynda Gilbert (treasurer), Jason Patton (website and membership list), Jan Falconer (minutes).

There being no further nominations Ben Gotlib moved, and Marie Krause seconded that those named be confirmed as the Committee.

The formal meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

## Attachment A

### **FOWSP 2010 Year in Review**

I want to start this report with a thank you to all FOWSPians past and present. It is wonderful for me, personally, to be a part of this dynamic and dedicated group of people, young and not so young who willingly give of their skills, enthusiasm and knowledge in support of the natural values of Warrandyte State Park and associated parklands. I have heard many other members express similar feelings.

Our membership remains at about 350. Sadly we have lost one of our elder statesmen this year when Ray Clarke passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> November. The next newsletter will contain some memories of Ray, written by Cathy Willis.

Because FOWSP is made up of the sum total of all members efforts, it is not possible to list all the many contributors and contributions from this year.

Some of the highlights follow:

1. Design for changes to the Nursery are being clarified with Manningham Council whose approval is required prior to the start of work. Thanks to Artur and Cathy for persevering with this.
2. The new Website is working well. Flora of Warrandyte on line is easily accessible. Information about the publications in the FOWSP library will soon be added. Thanks to Jason for all his ongoing work in this area. Thanks to Kelly for keeping the activities section up to date.
3. The market trailer has continued it's important presence at the Warrandyte Saturday Market and at the festival. Thanks to all who have helped to man the trailer and especially to Joan Broadberry who has coordinated this each month and also to Peter Curry for the delivery and return of the trailer.
4. Members' contributions of articles, photos, activity reports and occasional poem have meant the FOWSP newsletter has been chock full and a good reflection of the group for another year. Thanks to all contributors. And particular thanks to Joan Broadberry who has so ably assisted in the editing whenever needed as well as her own photo and article contributions.
5. For the second year, a morning tea was held for new members in May 2010 thanks Lynda
6. Re-Discover Warrandyte project initiated by Lyndy with many offers for assistance.
7. Grants: FOWSP planted another year at the Boys Rd site at Pound Bend with a grant from Parks Victoria. Help from schools and 'Tree Day' volunteers (Kelly Wooster) was very much appreciated. For next year we have obtained another grant (\$ 5384) from Parks Victoria to finish that site off. This grant will include

- also tools to complement our equipment
8. We have submitted an application with Melbourne Water (\$13480) to revegetate the area at Orchard Track which could become a 3 year project.
  9. Many other plantings and weedings: Glyns Road, Yannakie, Andersons Creek, the Koorngong, Timber Reserve, Stanebrae, Scotchmans Hill, Strathewan.
  10. Members have participated in WaterWatch - thanks to Kelly and Annette
  11. Blue Banded Bee project to raise awareness of our native bees and are still seeking known nesting sites within Victoria.
  12. Koala count that sadly found only one koala on the morning. Thanks to Fred for initiating the effort this year.
  13. Participation in the inaugural Manningham Youth Sustainability Forum. Thanks to Kelly and Sybille.
  14. Thanks to member Michael De vincentis for the donation of a new wheelbarrow, a plant trolley, two shovels and 6 secateurs.
  15. FOWSP guided the children of Warrandyte Primary School in an indigenous planting activity on the school grounds for National Tree Day.
  16. Canoe trip just for fun and to monitor the river banks
  17. A FOWSP Litter Poster School Competition with Warrandyte Primary School; prizes have been donated by the Warrandyte Bendigo Bank was a great success again this year thanks to Lyndy in association with Ian Penrose of the Yarra River Keepers Association. Awards were presented in July. Check them out on our website under poster competitions.
  18. Clean-up Australia Day activity along the Yarra River thanks to Kelly's effort.
  19. Joint activities with MYLN, Friends of Yarra Valley Parklands, Watson's Creek Biolink
  20. We value our special relationship with the Rangers at Warrandyte and appreciate their help and support in our activities.
  21. Thank you to all of the committee for their hard work during the year. Special mention to Martyn who has been charmed away to Mallacoota and to our two newest members Sybille and Jan
  22. So thank you to you all.

# Attachment B

JOHN WHELLER, F.C.A.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK INC  
ABN: 94 170 156 655  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK INC

## Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc, Association (Non-reporting) Inc (the association), which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2010 for the year then ended, the income and expenditure statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

### *Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria 1981 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria 1981. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

### *Auditor's Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial report of Friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc as at 30 June 2010 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporations Act Victoria 1981.

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John Wheller  
Registered Company Auditor

Dated this                      day of                      2010

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