

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at The Folly, Sunday 16th November, 2025

- 1. The Chair, Artur Muchow, welcomed everyone**
- 2. Attendees:** Artur Muchow, John Young, Gray Ardern, Tony Oliver, Lyn Moore, Leon Moore, Joy Hick, Robyn Hull, Sybille Ims, Diane and John Baird, Jan Falconer, Jeff Cranston, Don Vincent, Linda and Peter Rogan, Kelvin Watkins
- 3. Apologies:** Phil Rance, Carolyn Noel, Caitriona Young, Cathy Willis, Josh Revell, Caitriona Young, Lorraine Rath, Alwynne Buntine, Louise Clear, Marie Krause, Carol Page, Lynda Chambers, Belinda Kopietz, Pam Von Drehnen, Barrie Taylor
- 4. Minutes of Previous AGM – 17th November 2024**
 - a. Moved Artur that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Don Vincent. Carried.
 - b. Business arising – Nil
- 5. Reports – all attached in full**
 - a. **The Year in Review** – presented by Gray Ardern
 - b. **PV Rangers Report** – presented by Gray Ardern for Phil Rance
 - c. **TAG Report** – presented by Don Vincent
 - d. **Nursery Report** – presented by Gray Ardern for Josh Revell
 - e. **Treasurer's Report** – Tony Oliver

Moved Artur Muchow that the reports be received. Seconded by Sybille Ims. Carried

Other Business

Election of Committee of Management

Jan Falconer took over from the Chair and declared all committee positions vacant. Nominations were received from Arthur Muchow, Tony Oliver, Jeff Cranston, Gray Ardern, Lyn Moore, and Joy Hick. There were no further nominations and the new committee is therefore:

Artur Muchow -Secretary

Tony Oliver – Treasurer

Committee Members – Jeff Cranston, Gray Ardern, Lyn Moore and Joy Hick.

With the business of the meeting completed, Artur thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

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The Year in Review – presented by Gray Ardern

As always, we thank Ranger Team Leader Warren Murphy for allowing us to play our part in maintaining and improving our beloved Warrandyte State Park.

Thanks also to our patient, ever-willing Contact Ranger, Phil Rance. No matter how much his time and energy is stretched, he always revs up and makes time for us. You can gain some idea from his report, although it modestly underplays his role.

Thanks to Cam Beardsell for his enthusiastic dissertations on botany, ecology, local history and many other topics.

And thanks to the invaluable Colin Bromiley, whom we missed while he was on leave. We are so happy to have him back again!

Financially we are in the best position ever, as you will see from our Hon Treasurer's report.

The Nursery is literally flourishing, as you will learn from our Nursery Manager's Report, and the Thursday Activity Groups have gone from strength to strength.

Under Don's management they have gone from me deciding on the TAG as I walked to the Nursery, to an ambitious programme made a year ahead. Don's report will give some idea of the depth and scope of this year's programme.

In the past I have tended to emphasise how much FOWSP does for the Park, and how much the members do for FOWSP – but, for a change, I'd like to draw attention to what FOWSP does for its members. The benefits include:

1. An opportunity to contribute to a worthwhile enterprise,
2. A chance to learn new skills and knowledge; and to do meaningful work in Nature, with likeminded people,
3. But, above all, there are a number of what might be termed psychosocial benefits –
 - a. An opportunity to meet new people who share at least a few important values and interest – to enjoy their coming and make new friends. The conventional view is that it becomes more difficult to make new friends as we age, but that is not what I see from week to week.
 - b. Much has been spoken and written about the "Epidemic of Loneliness" – well folks, we have the antidote! Just turn up at 9.30 am on a Thursday for the good medicine!
4. Which somehow brings me to what for many is the highlight of our Thursday workdays: Morning Tea, when Sybille's inspired catering is the accompaniment for enthusiastic and freewheeling conversation.

Thanks to Lynda Chambers, our multitalented, industrious Nursery Assistant, who has a phenomenal range of abilities that she is willing to draw upon for us; and who is always calm and approachable, no matter how much pressure she is under.

Finally, I wish to thank Josh Revell, our Nursery Manager, for devotion way beyond the call of duty. For knowledge of our local flora he is unsurpassed – even professional botanists consult him!

By patient experimentation he has worked out propagation techniques for many temperamental species. I've just used the word patient – and patient is the word for his gentle, attentive approach to customers and volunteers, no matter how insistent or demanding they may be.

As I always conclude, forgive me for failing to thank the many to whom thanks are due – rest assured you are appreciated for helping to make this such a great year.

FOWSP AGM Ranger Report 2024-25

Parks Victoria Management changes

- New CEO – Lee Miezi. New Board.
- Organisational-wide restructure currently underway. Watch this space!!

CHALLENGES

- Damage to park vegetation and disturbance to soil and the river-bank through the increased frequency of illegal activities such as the construction of cubbies, bike tracks, swim spots and installation of rope swings
- Slight increase in homelessness in the park

PEST PLANT PROGRAMS

- Peri Urban Weed Management Initiative. Weed control for this program commenced within the Warrandyte-Kinglake NCR, Boomers Reserve and Fourth Hill. This program focusses on achieving a landscape approach to weed control.
- Good Neighbour Programs
 - Jumping Creek and Mt Lofty focus
- Threatened Species/Biodiversity protection – Grassy Weed control at Pauline Toner Reserve, Morrisons, One Tree Hill, The Common, Timber Reserve, Fourth Hill
- In-house weed program (including new & emerging weeds, annual weed follow up) right throughout Middle Yarra – The usual mix - Chilean, Serrated, Patto, Blackberry, Woodies, Capers spurge, Gorse, Briar, Disa, grasses at various locations

PEST ANIMAL PROGRAMS

- Rabbit control utilising shooting, ferreting and fumigation – 193 rabbits removed across WSP and YVP
- Fox control program in One Tree Hill & Rifle Range (contractor based) conducted in Dec 2024. 15 foxes removed during juvenile-Phascogale dispersal window
- Deer control program (contractor based) currently underway and running till mid-Dec. 63 removed so far.

ENVIRONMENTAL/THREATENED SPECIES PROGRAMS

- Southern Toadlet program continuation. Conducted our own in-house monitoring and management
- Continuation of programs on rare and threatened orchids – Sickie Greenhood, Rosella Spider Orchid, Wine-lipped Spider Orchid, Woodland Plumed Orchid, Mullum Bird Orchid, Bronze Bird Orchid and Emerald-lip Greenhood

FUEL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- Post-burn contractor-based fuel management conducted at Timber Reserve
- Brackenbury St section of Fourth Hill was hand-thinned of Cassinia and Burchardia - Autumn 2025
- Mulching works to take place along Tank Track and Pound Bend Rd this Dec targeting areas of dense Burchardia and Cassinia sp. Areas with high flora quality/diversity and rare species will be thinned by hand only

FOWSP related activities

- 20+ TAGs conducted this year – Don to present TAG report
- Numerous autonomous TAGs
- Approx 3,687 volunteer hours contributed last financial year
- Several hundred FOWSP grown plants installed in the park – some locally rare and threatened.
- Facebook articles and newsletter – invaluable community engagement and representation

OTHER

- Working closely with Melbourne Water to deliver their capital works programs along the Yarra River – weed control and reveg has taken place in numerous locations
- Kearney Property in Target Rd/Tikalara has come across to Parks Vic. The land is in the process of being rehabilitated.

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TAG Report for 2025

2025 has again been a full year for the Thursday Activity Group. By year end we will have conducted 51 TAGs, of which 23 were led by either Phil or Cam to many of the fenced enclosures in the WSP. We have also had some 'autonomous' TAGs to enclosures without rangers. Some of the highlights for the year:

- Pauline Toner Reserve, as usual planting *Bursaria* and improving habitat for the Eltham Copper Butterfly and orchids, with a highlight being Cam reported that surveys found ECB grubs on some of the *Bursaria* we planted three years ago;
- We've continued the grant acquittal from Melbourne Water under Artur's guidance, continuing to extend the enclosures on Pound Bend, which have been replanted due to low survival rates from wallaby and rabbit browsing. Luckily the *Banksia marginata* have survived;
- Finally seeing a Slender-tailed Dunnart under one of the houses at One Tree Hill; and
- A TAG led by Carolyn to make another artwork to beautify the concrete tank near the nursery, involving a lot of enthusiastic FOWSPers, some even with artistic talent.

Other areas regularly attended are various enclosures on Fourth Hill (of which there are seven including the Harding Road/Red Beard Fences), Longridge Farm, Rifle Range, Walert Creek, Morrisons, Chaim Court, and especially here on Pound Bend to maintain the many plantings and enclosures and undertaking woody weed removal.

We treat every plant we get from the nursery as precious, as we know the effort that has gone into their production. We have been struggling with deer and wallaby grazing and damage to our plantings, as well as the effect of the dry Autumn, so are having to provide more maintenance and watering to maintain survival rates.

The effort is not decreasing, and this year we have lost some of our regulars, offset to some degree by some young and enthusiastic newcomers. Nevertheless, every task is energetically attacked.

Thanks to Josh for his guidance and, to both Josh and Linda for keeping us supplied with appropriately selected plants for our planting expeditions. Thanks to Robyn and Dave for coordinating TAGs in my winter absence.

Much appreciation to Phil for his coordination and leading of the TAGs to the Parks enclosures, with interesting background information, and plant identification. Thanks also to Cam for his outings and chats, especially sharing his incredible knowledge of Warrandyte State Park, its diverse natural environment and the complex relationships between plants and animals.

Also thanks to Sybille with Kay's assistance, for the delicious morning teas provided throughout the year.

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Nursery Manager's Report – presented by Gray Ardern for Josh Revell

1. Plants Propagated

a. Plants donated to Park – National Tree Day	500
b. TAGs	200
c. Parks Victoria	550
d. All	Approx 5,500
e. Large Orders	
i. Melbourne Water for stream frontage programme	
ii. Manningham Council over 2,000 plants	

2. Threatened Species

a. Glycine latrobiana	50 plants for Nillumbik
b. Pomoderris vacciniifolia	250 plants
c. Acacia stictophylla	400 plants
d. Pimelia linifolia ssp linifolia	

- The total number of plants produced was 47,438.
- Sales do not reflect this number as there are always losses due to watering, cockatoo and animal grazing, and disease.
- Volunteers are also invited to take plants in return for their time and effort

3. Volunteers

- There are great and consistent numbers of volunteers
- There is a good broad base of knowledgeable volunteers
- We miss those long-term volunteers who through various reasons are unable to attend and wish them well
- We note the passing of Ben Gotlib earlier this year. Ben was a member for over 35 years and ran the "I Spy" segment of the newsletter for many years.
- The friendship and camaraderie among the volunteer group creates a great atmosphere on Thursday mornings (except when Collingwood wins)

4. Thanks

As always my sincere thanks go to the Rangers and the Committee for all their support, to Lynda for her very able assistance, and to all the volunteers for their continued enthusiasm.

Friends of Warrandyte State Park INC – ABN 94 170 156 655

Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2025

Presented by Treasurer Tony Oliver to the AGM 16th November 2025

Your Committee members submit the financial report of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc (FOWSP) for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of the activities occurred during the year.

Sales

Plant sales improved from \$68.7K to \$79,7K in the financial year 2024/25. This was largely volume (and mix) and the full effect of the price increase effected in 2023/24. No price increase executed in 2024/25.

Where did we get our sales from?

• The biggies (MW, MCC) – eft/invoice	\$43.1K	56%
• Tap and Go	\$29,4K	38%
• Cash – Nursery	\$ 3.5K	5%
• Market trailer	\$ 0.7K	1%
• Interest – up from \$1,9k to \$5.3K		
• Grants – Lions Warrandyte for rehabilitation at Nilja		

The increase in membership reflects a reversion to the previous accounting practices and does not reflect any major changes in membership

Enormous thanks for two very generous donations from Carol Page and Joy Hick.

Expenses

Overall expenses – all sources – increased from \$59.4K to \$63.4K – 6.7%

Some of the highlights

- We paid people
- Soil -four deliveries against three the previous year
- Tubes and tags \$2,275
- Work on upgrading the sprinkler water system
- Effect of the river pump replacement in 2023/24
- Focus on resolving some issues with LSL provision – on-going, but nearing resolution
- The two assets on the asset register (Environmental Education Centre and the igloos) are now fully depreciated

Operating result

The operating result was a surplus of \$21,011. Prior year result was a surplus of \$21.162.

Assets

The total nett assets at 30 June 25 were \$152,256.

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FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK INC

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc. (FOWSP) for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Principal Activities

FOWSP is a volunteer group of around 160 families, with a mutual interest in the conservation and rehabilitation of native bushland in the Warrandyte State Park. Formed in 1982, FOWSP is believed to be one of the largest and most active "Friends" groups in the state.

The aim of our group is to foster awareness of the natural values of the Park and to assist the Rangers in the care and protection of both the State Park and the Warrandyte-Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve. Our Group also runs an indigenous plant nursery in the Pound Bend area of the Park. We also provide information on indigenous plants, weeds and various aspects of bushland conservation to the local community.

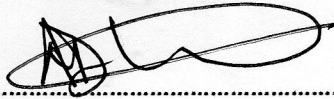
Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.
Interest earned improved due to larger sums on deposit and higher interest rates being offered.

Operating result

The operating result was a surplus of \$21,011. Prior year result was a surplus of \$21,162.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



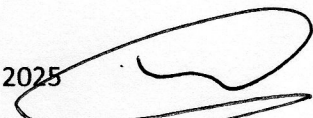
Dated this

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day of

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2025



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME		
Membership subscriptions	4,164	2,824
Plant sales	76,725	68,669
Donations	2,399	3,041
Parks & Council grants	547	3,618
Book sales	20	66
Royalties	31	38
Interest	5,293	1,932
Other receipts	459	923
	<u>89,633</u>	<u>81,111</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Audit	300	300
Depreciation hothouse/education centre	-	2,388
Wages (including accrued tax liability)	32,615	33,687
Provision for Long Service Leave (new)	5,786	1,242
Superannuation	4,756	2,497
Nursery related expenses	7,292	5,206
Repairs & maintenance expense	5,548	8,664
Catering	2,726	1,392
Insurance	924	1,545
OHS	2,107	1,620
Bank fees	1	2
Subscriptions / books	200	-
Postage and Printing	-	222
Gifts	-	381
Administrative expenses	1,751	803
Miscellaneous	1,111	
Nursery equipment	3,505	
	<u>68,622</u>	<u>59,949</u>
Net surplus (Deficit)	21,011	21,162
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>131,225</u>	<u>110,062</u>
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>152,236</u>	<u>131,225</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	159,563	132,766
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	159,563	132,766
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Buildings Note 1H	0	0
Plant and Equipment	0	0
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	159,563	132,766
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade creditors		
Employee benefits Note 1B	7,027	1,242
Accrued audit fee	300	300
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,327	1,542
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,327	1,542
NET ASSETS	152,236	131,225
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Retained surplus	152,236	131,225
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	152,236	131,225

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act Victoria. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Income tax

FOWSP is an incorporated entity and is endorsed by the ATO to access the following tax concessions: GST concession, FBT rebate and Income Tax exemption. FOWSP is not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts.

(b) Employee benefits

Includes an accrual of \$7,027 provided for employee long service leave covering employees future payments.

(c) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(e) Revenue and Other Income

Membership subscriptions are recognised when received from the member.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

FOWSP is not currently registered for GST and all expenses are inclusive of GST.

(g) Comparatives

Comparative figures conform to presentation for the current year.

(h) Fixed Assets

The hothouse has been depreciated over its anticipated life of 10 years. The Education Centre was depreciated from 1/7/2014 and although presumed to have a significant life, \$7,700 of its cost relates to relocation which has no real carry forward value and the centre itself would have little resale value and therefore has now been written off.

(i) Trade Creditors

There are no material outstanding debts at 30/6/2025 according to company officers.

Note 2 Winding up

In accordance with the Association constitution, in the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the FOWSP, the assets of FOWSP shall be transferred to some other organisation having similar objects to FOWSP.

(j) Unrecorded cash outlays

Some minor items of expenditure have been paid out of cash sales and the net amount then banked. These expense items are unrecorded.

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STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 4:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc. as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date and meets the ethical requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2012 and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and not for profit commision act 2012.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:


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Dated this *fourteenth* day of *October*

2025



FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK INC

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK INC.

Report on the Financial Report

I 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 2025, and for the year ended, the income and expenditure statement, notes to the statements and the statement of members to 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 had determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commision Act 2012.

The committee is also responsible for developing and maintaining adequate internal controls to minimise the risk of errors or fraud.

Auditor's responsibility

I have conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and have performed an audit sufficient, in my opinion, to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. I have examined supporting evidence relating to these reports and reviewed some elements of internal control and conclude that I have a reasonable basis for my opinion.

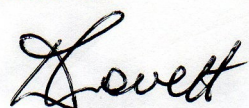
Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2025 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 2012.

The report complies with Division 60 of the Australian charities and not for profits Commision Regulations 2022. The Report also meets the ethical requirements of the Code.

David R. Lovett CPA
Auditor

Dated this



22nd

day of

6

September

2025