

Mossvale Park Friends Group Meeting Agenda

Held Thursday June 5th, at 11.00am in the Park.

Acknowledgement of Country –

'Our meeting is being held on the lands of the Gunaikurnai people and I wish to acknowledge them as Traditional Owners. I would also like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and Aboriginal Elders of other communities who may be here today.'

Welcome; Jeremy opened the meeting at 11.16am.

Attendees; Coral, Dick, Jeremy T, Steve L, Robert, Selina, Bryan, Jeremy C, Les, Ian, Jill with special guest John Shelling SGSC Mayor.

Apologies; Jean Carnell

Minutes of Previous Meeting April 3rd 2025

https://www.mossvalepark.com/site_files/5304/upload_files/FOMP%20Meeting%20Minutes%20April%203rd%202025.pdf?dl=1

Minutes were accepted

Business Arising from previous minutes.

We applied for a DELWP landcare and friends group grant as per correspondence outgoing. The Marinus Link grants was followed up and did not seem to be a good fit as we are not in the link corridor.

Correspondence.

In

Phillip Bohringer – several emails the last of which is

“We are just back in Adelaide after staying at Leongatha for about 10 days doing the Great Southern rail trail. The arboretum was a rest day visit n picnic. Just what the doctor ordered. It was a highlight.

Thanks for letting me know about how to identify the trees. A simple number system will help oldies like me - a low medium techno - navigate.

We had a great holiday with friends from Sydney. It's good how the rail trail network encourages regional holidays.”

Tarna Tadday. Message: Afternoon just enquiring about if you can have weddings at mossvepark. And information please Thankyou looking forward to hearing from you

Laura Bowles. Message: Hello all. I am teaching a unit for the VETDSS TAFE Gippsland class (15-18yo students) at Leongatha on recognising plants and treating weeds. I am keen to get them out of the classroom and stumbled across your lovely botanical haven. I was wondering if there would be anyone available on the 30th May for a few hours (from 10am-1pm) to come with us and assist in identification of some of the plants and discuss treating weeds with the students. We would also be happy to help plant or do some cleanup/gardening work if needed as well. My number is 0477615552 Would love to hear back from you! Kindly, Laura.

Out

DELWP smarty grants Landcare and friends group grants for 2025

Application title; Sparking curiosity in the Park

Project Summary: * We propose to spark curiosity in visitors to Mossvale Park by providing information to encourage them to engage and appreciate our environment. We aim to foster this appreciation and excitement of trees and the natural world to encourage protecting biodiversity on a grander scale. By motivating people to become an informed tree and nature champions our project will enhance knowledge and understanding of our land and environment.

Project Budget - materials, contractors

Do not include project management, capital items and equipment, or group operational costs in this section of the budget.

If you have costs in those categories, please tick them in the question above and a specific section will appear.

Category	Item	Description of item	Site ID (if relevant)	Funds requested
Publications *	Other: signs x3 *	informational signs		\$990.00

Project Management

Category	Item	Description of item	Site ID (if relevant)	Funds requested
Project management *	Project manager's salary *	a contribution to the group for work undertaken	1	\$340.00

Capital items and equipment

Category	Item	Description of item	Site ID (if relevant)	Funds requested
Other: printer and labels *	Equipment *	printer and labels	1	\$965.00

Project Grant budget check

This section checks that your budget items are within the limits for this grant.

You will be able to save the form if any of these items are over their limit, but you won't be able to submit the application until it is fixed.

Total Amount Requested * \$2,295.00
What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

Tarna Tadday advising the contact details for the shire for park booking.

Laura Bowles agreeing to a visit from her and her students Friday 30th May to the Park. Dick and Jill will attend to the students from 11.00am til 2.00pm

Phillip Bohringer re his visit to the Park

Reports –
Treasurers Report
\$859.05 in the bank

Working Bees

May - Planting, ongoing weeding.

June – Planting landcare trees in the river banks

100 dianella plants

Lomatia ilicifolia

Hazel pomaderris

Tree Reports

Given the dry season most trees survived well

The scarlet oak next to the long lagoon was removed due a large fallen branch and rot meaning it could not be pollarded or otherwise saved.

Replaced with a sequoiadendron donated by TreeX

Steve Missen report. No report however we noted that the floodway has been upgraded as per Steve's last report.

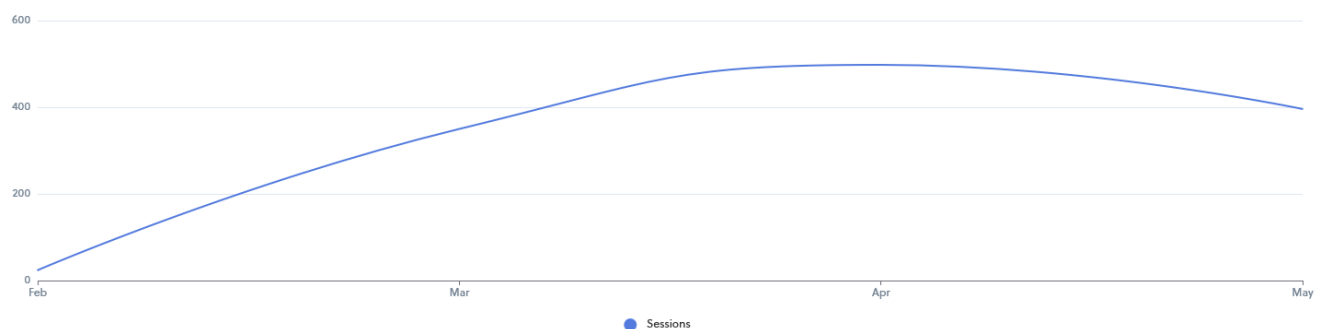
Management plan –

Mapping/Web/Sign Report

1,268 Sessions ▲ 324.08% vs. prior 3 m

26 Feb - 26 May, 2025

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Sign concept – make sure the word arboretum is included in the design

General Business

Josie the daughter of John and Cath Murphy re donating a tree in memory of her parents. I explained about the no plaques policy and she fully agreed. We can nominate the tree we would like to plant – the family would like a claret ash or something similar, and they will donate to the Landcare fund to cover the cost. We would provide acknowledgment on our website of the donation and a short history of the Murphy's and their contribution to South Gippsland.

Dick will find some trees to recommend to the family.

We would like the Shire to report on the ten most urgent trees for maintenance.

We will begin a tree audit at the next working bee (July) to augment any shire arborist assessments.

We hope that being able to flag trees that need further assessment will be helpful.

Jeremy would like the Moss era trees at Knockwood (formally the Moss nursery site above Mossvale Park) to be labelled. This would be especially useful if we did combined Mossvale Park walks and Knockwood estate visits.

Could we measure the Knockwood trees re future National Trust listing. After the next working bee we could start.

1st of March 2026 Rotary sponsored music for the people style concert in the park, with potential for a park tour. There is a large range of local musical talent in SG to draw on. Would like the concert to include a donation for the park.

John Hawker has identified a Loquat leaved Oak - *Quercus rysophylla* - from Leongatha North. Native to Mexico. We could propagate a specimen for the park.

Next Meeting AGM, July 10th 11.00am followed by lunch (venue to be decided)