

## Mossvale Park Friends Group Meeting Minutes

Held Thursday February 6th, 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: Steve Lovie opened the meeting at 11.15am

Attendees: Steve Missen, Rianna, Dick, Jeremy Tuxen, Coral, Jill

Apologies; Jeremy Curtis

Minutes of Previous Meeting December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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Minutes accepted but noting Dick Lester was an apology for this meeting.

Business Arising from previous minutes.

Correspondence.

- RHS magazine
- Bank statement
- Ellerside nursery, complaining about Landcare and not concentrating on exotic trees, because rivers look better with willows. I replied that natives and rivers are the responsible and environmentally appropriate management to maintain river health. We value our exotics and our planting practices in the park aside from the river banks are non-indigenous species. I referred him to our management plan on the website. Several more missives about the plane trees he had grown from seed collected in the park without permission. He wanted us to get the shire to purchase them from his nursery. On behalf of the friends group I agreed to take this request to this meeting.

The meeting agreed not to plant any more plane trees at this time, noting that with all the species and hybrids of plane in the park the seeds are likely to be crosses and not appropriate for an arboretum. The shire is free to source plants from wherever they want.

- National trust, elm and Californian plane listing details
- ARBnet re member survey

Reports -

Working Bees January and February working bees 4-6 regular people weeding and ivy and sucker removal.

Tree Reports -

- The scarlet oak in the group to the right of the long lagoon (looking west from the carpark)



The oak lost a limb and it looks like the tree will need to be removed. Steve M will check with Dave Bateman to see if it can be pollarded.

- Grey poplar suckers on the bank of the river on the access road to the Forrester pavilion have fallen and some have been removed.
- Elm sucker control
- Liquidamber silhouette has been vandalised and could be pollarded.
- Magnolia that went all floppy has be reshaped.
- An American Paw Paw has died and one of the maples in the row with the purple circle in the photo above is dying.

Steve Missen report

Description	24/25 Draft Revised Unit Price	25/26 Draft Revised Unit Price
Mossvale Park Event - Commercial (market / event that makes profit)	560.65	1,500.00
Mossvale Park Event - Non Commercial (free community event).	0.00	0.00

Mossvale Park Event - Commercial - Electricity	112.15	115.00
Mossvale Park Event - Non Commercial - Electricity	56.05	58.00
Mossvale Park Event - Commercial - Parking Area Behind Sound Shell	224.35	231.00
Mossvale Park Event - Non Commercial - Parking Area Behind Sound Shell	112.15	116.00
Mossvale Park Event - Commercial - Sound Shell (fit out of sides)	448.50	462.00
Mossvale Park Event - Non Commercial - Sound Shell (fit out of sides)	224.30	231.00
Mossvale Park Event - Commercial (market / event that makes profit) - Bond		500.00
Mossvale Park - Event Wedding Funeral		1,000.00

- Fees and charges for the 25-26 budget that has not been adopted yet
- There is some flood damage funding to fix the scouring on spillway on Mossvale park road that occurred after the last flood.
- The poor drainage around the cork oak due to washed gravel was also noted.
- Need to follow up with the national trust about plaques for the three recently listed trees.

Management plan – the plan is with council and the new NT trees need to be added.

#### Mapping/Web/Sign Report

Sign concept was shown to the meeting. It was agreed the new sign was better than the old but required better design. Jill to do this and report back to the next meeting.

Treasurers report – We are solvent with \$839.05 in the bank including a \$30 donation

General Business The ag pipe from the old causeway is still on the river side and needs to be removed.

Meeting closed 11.59am

Next Meeting after the working bee on April 3<sup>rd</sup> @11.00am