

## **Mossvale Park Friends Group Meeting Minutes 31/10/2024**

Thursday October 31st, 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 9.13am and welcomed the attendees

Attendees; Coral Hughes, Suzanne Wightman, Jean Carnell, Steve Lovie, Jeremy Tuxen, Jeremy Curtis, Jill Vella.

**Apologies;** Wayne Mc Kay, Marg Lynn and Dick Lester.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024.** There was no general meeting held after the AGM in July 2024 although general business was discussed and minuted.

(link to May meeting minutes

[https://www.mossvalepark.com/site\\_files/5304/upload\\_files/Mossvale%20Park%20Friends%20Group%20Meeting%20Minutes%20May%202024.pdf?dl=1](https://www.mossvalepark.com/site_files/5304/upload_files/Mossvale%20Park%20Friends%20Group%20Meeting%20Minutes%20May%202024.pdf?dl=1) )

Minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

**Business Arising from previous minutes.** Everything has been attended to.

**New members for approval** (as per our model rules) a= associate member

Joan Michael

Jared Lovie

Raeleigh Perry

Deb Lovie

Rohan Michael

Paul Michael

Ashleigh Michael

Tannah Lovie a

Jaxon Lovie a

Jeremy Tuxen

Jan Leslie

Marg Lynn a

These new members were accepted and welcomed. Moved Jill seconded Jeremy C.

**Correspondence.**

RHSV insurance certificate 16/7/2024

Mossvale Park Management plan from Steve Missen for review

Google re Mossvale Park on Google maps, edit accepted

Application to the Australian Charities and Not for profits commission for registration as a charity

Letter of registration from the ACNC

FOMP Living collection management plan for comment

ARBnet accreditation application

ARBnet accreditation as a level 2 arboretum

Shire of south Gippsland letter of understanding signed

WGCMA \$500 grant for group maintenance

Letter of application to join the South Gippsland Landcare network

Letter of acceptance from the SGLN

Correspondence to add Mossvale Park to the SGLN fund projects page. We are now able to accept tax deductible donations

Endorsement by the tax office for: •Income tax exemption •FBT rebate, which was addressed to the park and delivered to Les.

## **Reports -**

**Treasurer's Report;** Coral tabled our latest bank statement and noted we had \$834.45 in the bank.

**Working Bees;** Dick was an apology for the meeting so the working bee report is held over until Dec.

## **Tree Reports**

Robert Stephens noted in an email that , 'I went to the park after the flood had receded last week (probably 2-3 days after the river went back inside its banks) and noticed that the three or four trees at the entrance including the cork oak were still sitting in water. The ground level on the sound shell side appears to be too high to allow the water to drain away, and it's possible that flooding events are scouring the soil away from these trees area over time, creating a sump. Not sure how long the trees can survive with saturated roots and sitting water but I think someone with expertise should have a look.'

We will raise this matter with Steve Missen and see what can be done. Gravel from the road washes onto the area above the trees in the floods so may have changed the drainage.

Tree labels. The purchase of a laser engraver and some aluminium business card sized blanks from Temu was discussed. This could be a cost effective way of labelling all our plants.

**Steve Missen report;** Steve was not present at the meeting so no report was tabled.

## **Management plan –**

From Robert Stephens 'in the section of the history of the park, the Shire of "Mirboo North" gets a couple of mentions. It's actually the Shire of Mirboo. (it was based in Mirboo North)'

This information will be passed onto the shire for correction.

**Mapping/Webb/Sign Report.** The website is up to date, with a request for a downloadable membership form with a donation link as well.

**Sign concept,** in progress.

Next Meeting Christmas party Dec 5<sup>th</sup> (first Thursday) at 11.00am after the working bee to have a bring to share bbq lunch.