

Meeting Minutes

7.30pm Thursday 18th August
Rokeby Hall



ATTENDANCE

Present: Keith Cook, Bernard Doherty, Nicki Cann, Rob Borman, David Mapleson Damien McGoldrick.

Apologies: Jeff Smythe, Carolyn Ferguson, Kate Hill (DELWP), David Vaskas (DELWP)

PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFORMATION

David moved, seconded Rob

REPORTS

Correspondence – Bernard

- Email from Lorraine Huddle – grant program now open – Living Heritage grants
- Mary Hughes – local horse rider proposing passive recreation area
- Heritage Victoria – claiming have not received an equital from group for grant use, Bernard says he has already sent two, Bernard has asked them to check their records
- Lorraine Huddle, 22nd August John Shaw going to look at bridge (John from puffing Billy) and also Jeff Anderson (bridge engineer) – they are going to prepare quotes for restoration for the bridge.
- Draft letter from Jeff Anderson to shire re Telstra assets
- Community development grants closed– plan was to lodge grant for sign for Crossover carpark – we were not able to get the grant application completed in time
- Working bee correspondence from Carolyn Ferguson

Bernard moved, David seconded that correspondence be accepted.

Financial – Bernard

Expenses

- Payment to be made to rail trails association for membership \$40

Income

- Nil

Closing balance operating account \$1844.82

Bernard moved, Rob seconded that financial report be accepted.

Activities

Working Bee 18/9/16 – 9:00am Meet at BBQ area Rokeby Reserve

1. Track clearing – Rokeby Crossover Rail Trail– (major hangers to be dropped prior to working bee), 4Wdrive club going and SES Warragul to assist clearing.
2. Erosion repair – mountain bike trails - Mousers Track - will need some rock and perhaps the use of a bobcat or similar to fill ruts and form drainage run offs where needed. There are a few holes around the tracks that have been marked by horse riders with sticks, perhaps they could also be filled with rock.

Discussion re repair to Mousers Track. Look at options during working bee. Potentially fill sinkhole at working bee for safety purposes. Parks aware of sink hole.

Action: Keith to contact Andy and to send an email out to group list and look at options for assistance with machinery/rock for group.

3. Repair of chainmesh fence, car-park side of bridge. Someone has stolen 6 joiners. Council to provide fittings. Friends Group members can complete work.
4. Installation of Arc Weldmesh panels on Bridge Rd side of bridge to deter pedestrian access – council to provide materials. ? SES to complete this.
5. Planting around Tarago River picnic area – 250 plants – Council to coordinate.
6. Install replacement sign Rokeby Flora Reserve – Council to provide. Need two people for this job.
7. Clean signs and treat seats with Wet and Forget to remove lichen and mould. RCFG to complete.

PROJECTS

Bridge Restoration Project

Waiting for Lorraine Huddle to get heritage permit and then can consider applying for heritage grant.

Quotes to be prepared as part of this application.

Telstra line going across the bridge. Jeff Anderson advised Telstra would have had to get permission to shire.

Suggested draft letter to Helen Anstis re the Telstra assets. Group agreed for a letter to be sent.

Discussion re other potential people who could be involved in bridge quotations – suggested contact in Public Transport Victoria – Alan Spence, bridge coordinator – maintains bridges. It was agreed to pass information onto Lorraine Huddle
Bernard moved, Rob seconded

**Action: Keith to continue following up getting historical information for sign and liaise with Carolyn who will contact relevant person regarding design. Pass contact details on for Alan Spence.
Bernard to send letter to Helen Anstis re Telstra assets.**

Crossover Regional Park

Forest seat sign. Still need information for this. Flora and fauna information still needs to be collated and put onto sign.

Tyson at the shire has a brochure with relevant information.

Action: Keith following up with Peter Ware local bird watcher and Tyson from shire to get relevant information.

Flora and Fauna reserve

Not discussed as Carolyn unable to attend meeting, working bee planned for September and trees will be planted in this area.

Fundraising

A handmade quilt has been donated to the group by Shane's Atkin's mother to be used for fundraising – Shane to email Bernard his mother's detail so a thankyou can be sent – Fundraiser for group. The group to consider fundraising options for the quilt.

Further discussion required. One suggestion that quilt go to tender. Selling raffle tickets requires a permit.

East Crossover Forest - Recreation Issues

This area is reported to have an increase use of four wheel drives and motorbikes,

Complaint made to Baw Baw shire and minister by local resident – Carolyn Ferguson has received a letter.

Enforcement needs to be involved. DELWP/council do not have power in relation to this.

Discussion re proposing passive recreation only use which needs to come from a community group.

Impact

- Environmental impact
- Safety impact
- Historical sites that are being impacted

Recommendations to be concise, with background, issues to have proposed solutions

- Access,
- Restrictions
- Enforcement

Action: Hold over to next meeting to discuss further.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Next meeting date Thursday 20th October at Rokeby Hall – 7:30pm