

RCFG Agenda
7.30pm August 16th 2018
Crossover Hall

Meeting opened: 7:45pm

PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFIRMATION

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting. Minutes emailed to members and located on RCFG website <http://www.rcfg.org.au/archive.html>.

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on June 21st 2018 be accepted.

Moved: Carolyn

Seconded: Nicki

REPORTS

Correspondence

Inwards:

- Karla at the Baw Baw Shire is working with Community College Gippsland students to complete planting at Rokeby Flora and Fauna reserve Wed 22nd August – Friends group members invited to join in also.
- Victorian Friends Group meeting Sat 19th August commencing at 9:30am (Gippsland Friends Forum)
- Email correspondence from Kate Hill (DELWP) re compliance issues and gating of Pilgrim Creek Track.

Outwards: Nil

Financial

Jeff Smythe was an apology so no treasurer's report provided at this meeting.

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Projects:

1. Crossover Bridge Restoration (Bridge Committee)

- Progress update – Carolyn
 - Still looking for quotes, Tyson has sent request for quote to group who did restoration for Kilcunda bridge – This group advised deterioration has occurred with Crossover bridge, did not want to complete quote.
 - Carolyn has spoken with Lorraine Huddle who provided other contacts that may be interested in bridge restoration.
 - Concern that the current quote is high and would be difficult to source this level of funds.
 - Jeff Anderson (retired engineer) may have some ideas on how to complete the job more economically.

2. Pilgrim creek track

- Gating of Lavinia street to prevent vehicular access – Russell/Roslyn/Carolyn
 - Meeting with Parks 13th July – compliance issues not highest on Parks priority list.
 - Kate has checked ownership of Pilgrim Creek Track - section of Pilgrim Creek Track from the power easement through to rail trail/Lavinia St intersection is DELWP owned and is also maintained for fire access by DELWP.
 - We have approval to identify a fund source for a set of gates, however Kate will need to further clarify what is needed to establish a maintenance vehicles only track, rather than seasonal closure.

- DELWP will continue to upgrade the road as required for the purpose of safe fire access.
- The road is in quite good condition at the moment, however a grade and some additional drainage could be scheduled.
- The compliance issues that Russel raised in his letter remain the responsibility of Parks Vic to respond to and manage.
- David Vaskas – not the best person to contact at present, Nick Sure should be contacted (based at Erica) – Kate can put group members in touch with Nick.
- Darren Hill to attend more of the meetings, and he would be best to address and speak to any of the ongoing management issues that arise.
- o Dumped rubbish – All
 - Working bee clean up of rubbish prior to trial run.
 - Hot water service dumped at Crossover bridge end.
- o Tree/Wood removal issues – Damien/All
 - Firewood removal has been observed in local areas – Kate discussed best options for reporting these issues.
 - Posts on Facebook from community members re illegal firewood removal in local bush – not specific correspondence from RCFG.
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3. Neerim East – Crossover Forest

- o Mapping of historic features – Mapo/Paul
 - Carry to meeting where Mapo/Paul present

4. Rokeby to Crossover rail trail

- o Ideas for projects, feedback from users – trail run discussed as below.

5. Potential future Projects

- o Rokeby carpark beautification (signage, fencing, carpark edging) - Damien
 - Potential working bee activity after or at same time gates go in.
 - Logs for vehicle barriers – Rob Patricks may be able to source.
 - Bow Miles interested in running Warragul to Noojee where rail line used to run – potential filming.

Events:

****Special Topic****

· Running Event in Rokeby/Crossover reserve – Matt Veenstra (Baw Baw Runners)

- o Discuss options for a running event to raise funds for group
- o Early in the year – friends of mount worth – put trail run on to raise awareness of the park and as a celebration.
- o Would like to put on a late afternoon rail trail running event – running to the finish watching the sun set.
- o 2 – 3 different distances – mixture of mountain bike trails and rail trails
- o Event management - car parking very available
- o Lavinia street car park – start and finish point.
- o Easy navigation for runners
- o Athletics Victoria provide insurance at low rate
- o Charity event – money would go directly to RCFG
- o Saturday afternoon – not a market weekend.
- o Need extra toilets.
- o Discussion re Parks needing approval for even, also event application to council.
- o Close Pilgrim Creek track.
- o 4WD club /SES if anyone needs to be helped
- o First aid person last runner with mobile phone.
- o Mandatory gear for runners – head light
- o Entry fee was \$25 at mount worth – could charge more
- o “Run for the Crossover Bridge”, Trestle Bridge Trail run, sponsorship potential eg green grocer for fruit at the finish, coffee van, scout sausage sizzle.
- o Kids run a little bit earlier.
- o Leave no trace philosophy.

- Talk to Darren Hill Parks – ASAP (Matt).
- **Walking train tours**
 - Dates for 2018, confirm Spring dates – All
 - Need Keith and Mapo to be involved in this – email to be sent to Mapo and Keith to confirm dates.
- **Working bee's**
 - Discuss Spring working bee, determine timing
 - Time in with gate installation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Gippsland Friends Group Forum Saturday 19th August – agencies and friends groups attending.
 - Carolyn will be speaking at this event
 - Group gave feedback on her presentation
- 3000 over last quarter for people counter up to June

Next meeting: 18th Oct, Rokeby Hall

Items/Notes for next agenda:

Future meetings:

- 6th December - Neerim South hotel 7:00pm (dinner + meeting)

Meeting closed: 9:10 pm