

## Mossvale Park Friends Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 2, at approx. 11.30am in the Park after the working bee.

*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 The meeting commenced at 11.45am, the secretary led the meeting in the absence of the chair or Immediate past chair

Attendees Les Hutchinson, Steve Lovie, Steve Missen (SGSC), Richard Lester, Coral Hughes, Wayne Mc Kay and Ian Starkey.

Apologies Jean Carnell, Suzanne Wightman, Lynda Wightman

Minutes of Previous Meeting March 7<sup>th</sup> received as a true and correct record.

Business Arising from previous minutes.

- Risk assessment and first aid kits. Provided to Dick as the working bee team leader
- National trust response to our nominated trees for listing as follows

*Hi Jill, The nominations have still not been ratified as there has been some debate about the measurements and there is a hold up with another NTAV Committee. We're hoping to have it resolved soon however and we thank you for your patience. Kind Regards, Jelena*

Reports -

- Working Bees - the April working bee was cancelled due to Robert Brown's funeral being on the same day and several people from our group attending.
- Tree Reports – There are no major issues in the park with the storm leaving the park untouched unlike other areas of the Shire.
- Weeding is ongoing
- Mower has damaged the bark on the Separation Tree. We would like shire mowers to leave a bit of a gap around the trunk of our trees please.
- We will be planting another native frangipani and an *Allocasuarina torolosa*
- The English ivy and blackberry are a bit rampant in Goulds corner.

Steve Missen report

- Management plan is nearly finished
- Steve will chase up the letter of understanding
- Normal maintenance is continuing
- Some flood repair funding will be used to resheet the carpark

We have permission to list the Park with Arbnet <http://www.arbnet.org/> Which mean we need an planting and collection management plan. We will wait until the final shire management plan and work with this to inform the collection management plan. There is a template available on Arbnet so that will help.

#### Mapping/Web/Sign Report

- Website is being maintained. It is still free, we just renew the address registration each year (\$50)
- Our friends sign was nicked from the park

#### General Business

- Turning into the park from Mirboo North is dangerous. Perhaps we can contact Vicroads.
- Applied for a maintenance grant from DEECA for \$500 for insurance/office expenses/general running costs.

#### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be our first Annual General Meeting.

It will be held at the Shire Offices in Meeting room 1 on Thursday, 11 July 2024 1:00 PM

We need nominations for office bearers if possible before the meeting. Please consider contributing to our, at the moment very small group. In general we only have general meetings and all decisions are reached by consensus, so being an office bearer is not onerous.

I will send out a notice of meeting and advertise it in the newsletter and other places.

All document associated with the AGM. Including nomination forms and proxy forms will be on the Friends website under the 'Friends' tab. Follow the link <https://www.mossvalepark.com/friends/> (also you will find previous minutes and these ones, plus our risk assessment documents and links to our newsletter.