

# Agenda

7.30pm Thursday 25th June 2015  
Rokeby Hall



## PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFORMATION

Not confirmed

## REPORTS

### Correspondence – Bernard

- Bill from rail trails
- Email correspondence with Lorrain Huddle

### Financial – Bernard

- \$50 Membership and book sale
- \$200 Baw Baw community grants received

- \$50 paid DCSI

- \$40 still to be paid to rail trails association

Operating account balance: \$1770.25

Bernard moved  
Jeff seconded

**Tarago Reservoir** - Neerim District Progress Association presented their concerns re the current state of the Tarago reservoir park. They have received tourism operator's feedback from clients that have been bitterly disappointed by the park. The park is in poor condition and unkempt. Used to be a beautiful picnic area that was used by the community. Work for the dole and greencorps have built stairs and other things in the past. The progress association wish to extend and improve the amenity for passive recreation and to improve the tourism potential. They wish to be able to promote the area. Melbourne water own the land. Parks Victoria manage a strip of land only and BBQ area. The progress association Interested doing some weed spraying and cleaning up what is there initially and see what community interest is there.

RCFG on the Parks website are the friends group for the Tarago reservoir which was a surprise to the group.

Parks feel ageing infrastructure is the main issue. Darren explained the rating system for parks and that Tarago reservoir would be a lower level of park which means lower levels of resources are funded. Also lower level of visitation.

Illegal activity going on around the Tarago dam was also raised.

It was clarified that Neerim District Progress Association could work with Parks Vic under their insurance and it did not need to develop a new "friends" group.

RCFG also encouraged the progress association to contact Paul Pearson from Melbourne Water to work in with them also particularly given the support he had given the RCFG in his previous role.

Action: RCFG would like to be kept informed of plans and progress and happy to support the Neerim District Progress Association with their improvement of the park where able.

## Activities

**Rokeby Market** – wet day, quiet. Markets will resume in September. Will need to decide what we will do re market attendance prior to next meeting.

### Public Reserve Strategy – Shane

Another meeting has occurred.

Meeting focused on enforcement.

Police can use the crimes act in regards to illegal activity in the reserve.

Parks use crown land act.

## PROJECTS

### Parks Vic Presentation

- Award to be displayed Rokeby Hall community notice board

Action: Keith to liaise with Geoff Mooney

### Bridge Restoration Project

- Meeting at shire at the bridge 4<sup>th</sup> June re application for a heritage permit. Present at meeting: Bernard Doherty, Vishal Gupta, Mathew Cripps, Carolyn Ferguson, Cr David Balfour, Jayne Cluning. Shire have agreed to pay heritage advisor for Baw Baw shire Lorraine Huddle to formulate heritage statement to assist with application for heritage permit to restore the bridge. This permit was not asked for in previous applications but may be in future.
- Bridge Wood Identification - Mathew Bookhouse from ANU wood expert – Brayden was to follow with Matthew. Have not heard from Brayden so Bernard will now follow up.
- Tourist signage – new signage to be installed at next working bee.

### **Crossover Regional Park**

- New interpretive sign – Caroline following up – to be discussed at next meeting.
- Proposal for getting the park formally gazetted to assist in bringing in regulations and protections. Much discussion between the group and Parks Vic. Complex process and would not be a priority reserve for Parks. DELWP would need to progress it. Moved by Bernard to explore this option, Jeff seconded.

Action: Bernard to contact Chris Buckingham electoral officer as an initial step.

### **OTHER**

- Mountain Bike trails in the Crossover Regional Park. Signs have been put up to let mountain bikers know to slow down prior to going onto the rail trail. Damian also going to post this message onto facebook and also information re code of conduct. Discussion re measures for protecting areas that are boggy. Damian said there are no tracks that are muddy at present. Darren proposed if this was to be a problem in future could follow up with engineering the track to avoid these issues – eg adding gravel, putting in additional drainage. Damian will also check tracks.
- Snow Train – 2015 project to work with Shire/Steam Rail Vic. Not discussed. Defer to next meeting.
- Funding Strategy
  - 2015 Keith to visit Fonterra, group members to consider how to spend the money
  - Bernard proposed at previous meeting that we need a big project for a fundraiser – a number of suggestions have been raised previously – fun run, bush dance, car show. Group to think about this. Discussion about what the group would be raising money for and need for their to be something the group aiming to raise money for.
  - Proposal for small meeting with Neerim District Progress association to discuss grants and any suggestions they may have.

Action: Bernard to liaise with the progress association.

- Old Crossover 150 years old 1st Feb 2016.

Action: Keith to setup Facebook page.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Interpretive sign on rail trail – need new content. Sign currently blank.

Action: Darren/Shane to see what flora and fauna information content would be appropriate and forward to Bernard for draft format.

- Importance raised of circulating the minutes to all members of the RCFG so they can stay in touch with what the group are doing. Minutes currently just going on website.

Action: Minutes to be circulated after each meeting.

Meeting closed 9pm.

Next meeting Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August Crossover.