

Meeting Minutes

7.30pm Thursday 19th August 2015
Rokeby Hall



PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFORMATION

Jeff moved, seconded Bernard

REPORTS

Correspondence – Bernard

- Email from Andy Gillam re regional Parks being gazetted:
 - This has come up before
 - It would not change management of park at all
 - Would take several years at best to be completed
 - Would not be a priority for DELWP
 - Andy gave suggestions for contacts to follow up if we wanted to pursue
- Australian charities and not for profit report sent in by Bernard in August

Bernard moved, Rob seconded

Financial – Bernard

- No activity since last meeting
- Operating account balance: \$1770.25
- Crossover school hire charge \$50 invoice requires paying

Bernard moved, Jeff seconded

Activities

Rokeby Market - Discussion around RCFG attendance at Rokeby market. Has mainly fallen to 2 group members for each market in recent months. Decided to give the Rokeby market a break. Decided to just target a couple of events or markets for the year to promote our group and activities at.

PROJECTS

Parks Vic Presentation

- Award to be displayed Rokeby Hall community notice board

Action: Keith still to liaise with Geoff Mooney

Bridge Restoration Project

- Jane Clunig from the shire trying to organise for heritage advisor to obtain permit to restore the bridge. Shire would need to pay for getting new quotes for Bridge Restoration. This proposal has gone to the council briefing. Need to look at Baw Baw shire website and see if this matter is on the agenda for next council meeting. Need representatives to attend this meeting. Carolyn Ferguson suggested emailing counsellors with information re the bridge.
- Bridge Wood Identification - Bernard will now follow up. Needs hole saw.
- Tourist signage – new signage to be installed at next working bee.

Crossover Regional Park

- Forest seat sign – awaiting feedback from Darren – Keith to contact Parks to get some content, Carolyn able to provide the text.
- New interpretive sign – This was actually the brown tourist sign previously incorrectly named on minutes. Carolyn has put in a formal request for this. Council has not acted on this. Another request to be made after council meeting decision re bridge for the brown tourist signs.
- New proposed sign 1800 x 900 – project sign. Bernard to put together a draft. Sign would be to direct people to RCFG website and bridge project. It was suggested that this could be paid for with money from Fonterra.

Flora and Fauna reserve

Carolyn looking at applying for Melbourne Water funding to beautify picnic area including planting out areas similar to that completed by the group at the Bridge at Crossover. A spring working bee to be discussed at next meeting. It was also raised that there are a number of branches down in the picnic area which the shire will organise to have cleared.

Actions: Discuss working bee next meeting, Carolyn to organise clearing of fallen branches

OTHER

- Snow Train – 2015 project to work with Shire/Steam Rail Vic. Keith has discussed this with someone in the industry and they do not feel they would have time to include a visit to Rokeby/Crossover area as part of this activity. Most just want to ride on a steam train.
- Funding Strategy - Keith to email Fonterra. Group needs to organise how money to be used, potentially to fund sign for bridge project (Just off Bloomfields Road).
 - 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. Other proposals - a navigational day, scouts, mud run. Raise money for a charity and a proportion for the group. Bernard going to contact the local triathlon club about this proposal.
- At last meeting it was proposed for a small meeting with Neerim District Progress association to discuss grants and any suggestions they may have. Action has changed – Keith and Bernard will now go to one of their meetings as visitors instead.

Action: Bernard and Keith to attend Neerim District Progress Association meeting.

- Old Crossover 150 years old 1st Feb 2016.

Action: Keith to setup Facebook page in the next 2 weeks.
Keith also to organise a bridge facebook page.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Meeting closed 9pm.

Next meeting Thursday 15th October Rokeby.