

RCFG Meeting minutes

7:30pm Thursday 18th February 2016

Crossover Hall

Meeting opened 7:45pm

Chair: Keith Cook

Minutes: Damien McGoldrick

PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFIRMATION:

Moved Jeff, seconded Shane

REPORTS:

Correspondence – Bernard

- Invitation from Collins & Co CPA's for members to attend conference on not for profit groups Thurs 17th March. \$120 p/p.
- DELWP notification of planned burn at Crossover

Financial – Bernard

- Cheque account balance: \$3359.82

Moved Shane, seconded Jeff

ACTIVITIES:

Working Bee

- Keith and Carolyn were only attendees
- Achieved a lot including tidying up of Rokeby Flora and Fauna picnic area and cleaning of signs on Rokeby/Crossover trail
- Suggestion made to plan the next working bee on national tree day (July 31st) with the focus on planting out Rokeby Flora and Fauna picnic area.

PROJECTS:

Bridge Restoration Project

- Baw Baw Shire – Road Closure. Email read from Jayne Cluning (Baw Baw Shire) informing the group that official closure (change of ownership from council to DELWP) of the bridge has been initially rejected by DELWP. Jayne Cluning to continue working with DELWP to resolve issue.
- Bridge wood identification – Still awaiting a reply from Matthew Bookhouse (ANU). Bernard has sent a reminder recently but has received no response.

- Tourist signage – All 8 signs are up and there was positive feedback from the group about them. Shane and Bernard have noted an increase in Bridge/Rail trail visitors
- Tyson has recently sprayed both car parks and around the bridge

Crossover 150 Years Celebration

- There has been a good response to the ‘Old Crossover’ facebook page with several hundred followers as far reaching as Europe.
- The day will split in two with a 10am start at Crossover Hall. The hall is to be decorated with old photo’s and Rob from the prospecting group has volunteered to do a display. A bbq lunch will be held at the hall (12pm) followed by a combined vehicle/walking tour (1pm) of areas of historical significance around Crossover to be led by Keith.

As Bernard is away that weekend a \$500 cheque has been supplied to Keith for catering and sundry costs.

Moved Bernard, seconded Jeff

Actions:

- Send photos to Carolyn for printing – Keith
- Contact Aaron to see if Scouts are interested in helping with cooking. Use hall committee as a backup. – Keith
- Organise council bbq and enquire about event application – Carolyn
- Volunteers for hall setup to be confirmed – Bernard

Crossover Regional Park

- Forest seat sign – No update

Flora and Fauna Reserve

- No update on Melbourne water funding for planting out picnic area. Carolyn to follow up.

OTHER

- How to encourage more members to attend meetings – Shane suggested meeting attendance is currently ok and that it’s better to maintain small core group that attends meetings. Focus should be placed on generating projects that get more members involved in working bee’s etc. Executive group to bring any ideas to next meeting. Bernard has sent Damien RCFG flyer to distribute to regular users of Flora Fauna reserve.
- Funding – There were several suggestions for events that could be held in Rokeby/Crossover reserve, namely:
 - Park run (normally held in Warragul) could do a special run on the rail trail

- Little Aths
- Walking groups
- 1000 paws walk
- Cross countries

It was agreed these events would be good for generating exposure to the area but would not help to generate funds for the group. Further ideas requested for fund raising.

- Neerim District Progress Association meeting – no update

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Meeting Closed: 9:15pm

Next Meeting: Rokeby 21st April