

Meeting Minutes

7.30pm Thursday 16th June
Crossover Hall



PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFORMATION

Damien moved, seconded Jeff

REPORTS

Correspondence – Bernard

- Lorraine Huddle
- Dr Mathew Bookhouse (wood identification)
- Neerim Bower Festival – invitation to be replied to by 31st August, festival 23rd October – Jeff, Keith and Bernard happy to attend. Unsure what the fee is. Group happy to pay fee up to \$50.

Bernard moved, Jeff seconded that payment be made to Neerim Bower festival organising committee.

Bernard moved, Rob seconded that correspondence be accepted.

Financial – Bernard

Expenses

- Railway historical association for Crossover 150yrs \$55
- Membership for Railway Historic Association \$20
- Sure Constructions installation of tourist signs \$1430
- Registration of domain DCSI \$50

Income

- Membership and sale of books \$80
- Closing balance operating account \$1884.82
- Payment to be made to rail trails association for membership \$40

Bernard moved, Shane seconded that financial report be accepted.

Report from special guest

Kate Hill (DELWP)

Kate's role – community partnerships, planned burning, happy to receive and discuss and work on issues.

Discussed burn in Crossover. Group interested in how the went.

3rd treatment for the burn, good coverage, erring on the side of caution now with their work, fire operations plan has to best represent the interests of the communities concerns.

It was discussed some residents not contacted individually, sign notification only. Also opening up of tracks for burns leads to rubbish dumping etc and taking fire wood. Kate feels DELWP could do better job of closing off the tracks after the burn out. Can be months after. Also concern re heritage significance – proposed development of an overlay on heritage – Kate suggested starting with Heritage Victoria to create such an overlay.

Kate will be doing a roadshow with community group so a presentation will be conducted at one of our future meetings.

Activities

Crossover 150 years celebration

- Good collection of school photographs now
- Rob Borman put on display of goldmining
- Crossover hall committee have asked for their own presentation
- No current history book on Crossover - Keith is interested in following up on this

PROJECTS

Bridge Restoration Project

Jane Clunig (Manager of sustainable development Baw Baw shire). Jane gave an overview of her role and outlined the work she has been doing in relation to bridge restoration project in conjunction with our group. Points as follows:

- Different records on bridge ownership etc
- Council has road on the maintenance list
- Council has closed the bridge – agreement still to be made between parks, council and DELWP
- Council has made a commitment to support the group and advocate for funding
- Lorraine Huddle was engaged to get heritage permit
- DELWP have to do the signing off on the application for the permit as owners of the bridge - officer in DELWP has been located that will sign
- Application for heritage permit to be completed – aiming for July

- Lorraine has been keeping her ears open for options for funding – potential grant application coming up
- DELWP may consider being project manager for restoration
- Discussion around breaking down the project in steps if needed if not able to fund entire project at once– aim for the full project initially

Bernard

- Bridge Wood Identification — Dr Matthew Bookhouse has completed this
- Outcome – fence and trestle posts redgum – Labertouche area, stringers are silver top ash – local

Tourist signs – are installed and look fantastic

- Keith has informally interviewed a few visitors at the bridge – Keith would like a new sign with more descriptive information to answer more questions about the bridge. The group has current approval for a sign which could include this information plus information regarding the bridge restoration project
- Vic Forests – grants open
- Community grants open
- Suggestion to include code QR on the sign to link to our website – another opportunity to advertise group and project (use phone to scan and get more information)

Action: Keith to follow up getting historical information for sign and liaise with Bernard then work with Carolyn to liaise with someone to design eg Helen Tilbury, Bruce Langdon or Legible signs.

Crossover Regional Park

Forest seat sign. Still need information for this. Bird lover has been identifying birds in this area which could be potential for the sign. Flora and fauna information still needs to be collated and put onto sign.

Flora and Fauna reserve Working Bee

Carolyn still 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. **Working bee planned for September – Sunday 18th 10-12:30 BBQ at Rokeby Reserve to follow for lunch.**

Issues raised – Sign needs replacing that has been broken by a tree falling - Carolyn will organise to for shire to replace this. Tree also down near picnic table

Carolyn moved for working bee, Jeff seconded.

Action: Planting day and working bee around the river

Fundraising

A handmade quilt has been donated to the group by Shane's Atkin's mother to be used for fundraising – Shane to email Bernard his mother's detail so a thankyou can be sent – Fundraiser for group. The group to consider fundraising options for the quilt.

Discussion re membership for the group. Concern was raised re the potential of the group folding. Keith reassured concerned member that this was not happening and the group was moving forward with projects. Discussion was had around encouraging other community members to get involved with the group.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mountain bikes – increase in use, in Spring will do some clean up.
- Keith and Bernard going to go and look at site after burn.
- Rudy Pavoletti – Aberfeldy area – he has mapped historical sites, his approach has been effective.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Next meeting date 18th August at Rokeby Hall