



Meeting Minutes
7:30pm Thursday 16th February 2017
Crossover Hall

Chair : Carolyn Ferguson

Minutes: Nicki Cann

PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFORMATION

Carolyn moved, Jeff confirmed, seconded Damian

REPORTS

Correspondence – Damian

- Planned burn information distributed – Crossover, School Road
- Neerim Star Newsletter – Potential communication tool for RCFG, Damian has hand delivered to Rokeby community.

Financial – Bernard

Paid

\$55.80 consumer affairs renewal of incorporation fee

Accounts to be paid

\$30 DCSI

\$75 Crossover hall hire

Operating account balance = \$1789.02

Moved Bernard, seconded Shane

Activities

PROJECTS

Bridge Restoration Project

Heritage advisor Lorraine Huddle is preparing an application for heritage permit for bridge restoration.

Application dependent on new documentation.

Awaiting new quote from John Sure for cost to repair bridge.

Suggestion to form a small working group to work on bridge project once the permit is obtained.

Bridge signs

Carolyn has followed up damaged sign – has emailed Sure Contracts to reinstall and move further from road.

Historical sign

Carolyn has updated wording. Keith does not agree with some of the wording but group requires feedback regarding preferred wording. Bernard to send information to Damian and then circulate to the group.

Crossover Regional Park Project

Forest seat interpretative sign - Peter Ware and Keith have provided some information to Carolyn for Forest Seat sign. Bernard also following up on this.

Pilgrim creek track

Suggestion by Parks - Pilgrim Creek Track – fire access track – suggestion to for joint shire and Parks – gates to block off access to 4WD – accessible to farmers, emergency track. Top and bottom gates, grade and rock
Municipal fire management committee– rebuild track, DELWP can donate machinery, Carolyn to go back to – officer Tony Pernelli ? any consultation process required with 4WD.
Winter closure, can provide key if farmers need.

Neerim East - Crossover Forest - Recreation Issues

This area is reported to have an increase of four wheel drives and motor bikes. Increase in erosion of tracks, dangerous for horse riders. Complaints from local residents have prompted calls for this area to be zoned for passive use.

Gunns Road area – promote historical side of things to get management of area improved. Property owner cleared some of heritage area. Discussion re potential track closures, select tracks that could be closed, western boundary highly eroded, meeting onsite soon to discuss potential track closures, may be too late but proposal for next year.

Discussion regarding promoting the area for history and horse riding.

Crossover regional heritage reserve proposed – talk to Richard Wadsworth.

Gunn road in need of repair. Carolyn to find out what the proposal for this road is.

Actions:

Gunns Rd area - Identify easy to close tracks to motorized vehicles short term – on site meeting in 4 weeks to look at options for tracks – find date for this

Organise History weekend – Mapo had one recently for 4WD - very successful

Friends Group write to Lillian Ambrosia to request that the Gunns RD area be changed to passive use, Buln Buln East Community Association to write supporting letter - template letter – Mary and Cat to put some ideas together and circulate prior to next meeting.

Richard Wadsworth – David Vaskess to follow up with Richard Wadsworth regarding having the status of the Gunns Rd section of forest changed to Historical / Passive use area.

Fundraising – Mapo was going to talk to Noojee Historical society – site booked – last Sunday in March, Sunday 26th Noojee, silent auction proposed for quilt, Keith currently has quilt.

Noojee market stall – booked for Sunday 26th Feb.

Jeff Smythe to call in to see Carolyn and Tyson to determine what photos are needed, extra brochures needed

Facebook

Damian has setup page, closed group.

Walking train tours

Carried to next meeting when Mapo present. Bernard has submitted 3 applications for insurance quotes – insure 247, sports underwriter Australia, local insurance provider.

Proposal of community forum

Agreed for next meeting to encourage community members to attend and raise any ideas, concerns. Advertise in the local paper and develop flyer. Damian following up.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Clean up Australia Day. Some rubbish has been located off Gunn Rd. Clean up Australia Day Sunday 5th March. Group agreed to look at an alternative weekend to clean up rubbish in forest. If you see any rubbish please take a photo and note location and forward information to Carolyn. Date to be agreed on in consultation with Mapo.
- Suggestion to include bridge in RCFG logo. Carry discussion to further meetings.

- Early March planned burn proposed by DELWP – high priority asset protection burn. DELWP now have secondary name – Forest Fire Management.
- Mary attended meeting at Noojee. Decline in horse riders in Neerim East, increase in trail bike riders. Looking at possible signage to alert trail bike riders that horse riders are in this area, quiet bridle trails now being damaged by trail bikes.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Next meeting date 20th April Rokeby Hall.