



Meeting Minutes
7.30 Thursday 17th August 2017
Crossover Hall

Apologies: Keith Cook, Dianne and Glenn Orwin.

Chair: David Mapleson

Minutes: Nicki Cann

PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFIRMATION

Confirmed Bernard, seconded Jeff

REPORTS

Correspondence – Damian

- Enquiry regarding the group – Roselyn Webb
- Enquiry to the group from Jenny Lawrence who had some historic photos of the bridge – These have now been obtained by the group
- Conservation volunteers Australia - Sep 17 Bushcare Major Day Out

Financial – Bernard

Paid

Paid rail trails Australia \$40

Paid cost for draft signs \$35.96

Accounts to be paid

Nil

Operating account balance = \$1564.02

Moved Bernard, seconded David Mapleson

Activities

PROJECTS

Bridge Restoration Project

- Awaiting outcome of application to Heritage Victoria
- Paul Pearson advised the group that there are a number of grey gum trees available for use for bridge timber via Melbourne Water if the group wishes to use them. Plan is for them to be felled within approximately 3 months. Would need to be stored appropriately. Mapo will liaise with Paul. Would need to have machinery/truck to move. There would be an option for storage on Melbourne Water land.
- Carolyn has had discussions with Latrobe Valley Authority, Scott McArdle – They are interested in supporting the bridge project. This would involve a funding application. Will need to await the outcome of the heritage application before approaching them.

Bridge signs

- Circulated flora and fauna sign for final comments

Damaged sign

- Tyson has continued to follow up with Sures, they are still going to complete but have not done so yet.

FFR grant – Foundation of Regional Renewal

- Have not had any feedback re the group's application at this stage.

Crossover Regional Park Project

- Pilgrim creek track – Kate happy to follow up with Andy Gillham re gate for seasonal closure
- Damian has almost completed grant application to shire for track resurfacing - for submission 18/08/17
- Damian provided a summary of detail of application to be made
- Brief discussion with the group for final input on the grant application
- \$28 payment for extract of incorporation certificate, Damian has paid for this and group will reimburse - required as part of application.
- Bernard to approach Fonterra for additional funds
- Discussion regarding continuing to map historic features, Mapo and Paul to liaise re this. Group agreed for Kate and Fuel Management Officer to present fire management plan at next meeting – this will include discussions around heritage sites.
- Car park at Rokeby end of rail trail requires redefining, additional drainage and potentially further signage. Carolyn advised that the shire could contribute to this with some additional funds if group successful with shire grant.
- Fonterra – Bernard will follow up with Fonterra to see if they would like to contribute funds to the resurfacing of rail trail
- Shelter – Perspex has been broken in shelter – will need to be fixed. Bernard will get quote for replacement sheet.

Neerim East - Crossover Forest - Recreation Issues

- 12 horserider awareness signs are ready to be installed in strategic positions to increase awareness and safety of and for horseriders – DELWP crew will complete.
- Trailbike pilot project – Maps with data completed, feasibility reviewed, a lot of land unsuitable for trailbikes, discussions around seasonal closure and other restrictions, looking like a less viable option, information to go back to steering committee. Highlights the requirement for a higher level of compliance. Will await further feedback.
- New positions created within DELWP for part compliance and full compliance positions.

Walking train tours

- Unable to annex to 4WD Victoria for insurance purposes.
- Insurance – Bernard contacted Community Underwriting Agency for further details in relation to quote – no response from them.
- Next best quote was \$1416.25 Affinity insurance – discussion regarding high cost of insurance particularly on an ongoing basis.
- Discussed other options - Kate to talk with Andy Gillham (Parks) about any potential options
- Victorian Farmers Federation Farm trees and Landcare – may be able to link with Landcare insurance
- Walking train mid September – will set date once insurance secured.

Facebook

- Completed - Damian will send a link out to the group.

Clean up Australia Day

- No rubbish has been identified so collection of any small amounts of rubbish can be combined into the next working bee.

Working bee

- Sunday 17th September for working bee meeting at 8:30 – location to be agreed on
- Email SES to see if they wish to assist
- Provide lunch
- Scouts may also assist

Discussed jobs list as follows:

- Tack clearing
- Sign cleaning
- Rubbish pick up
- Installation of new Perspex
- Fence fixing – Downie clamp
- Whipper snipping around new trees at picnic area
- Mountain bike trails

GENERAL BUSINESS

Drouin Rotary Market – Group happy for Jeff to borrow RCFG tent for Drouin History Group in October/ November, Jeff will display a RCFG banner also.

Meeting closed 9:23pm

Next meeting date 19th October at Crossover 7:30 – meeting and AGM.