



Meeting Minutes
7:30 Thursday 15th February 2018
Crossover Hall

PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFORMATION

Bernard moved, Roslyn seconded.

REPORTS

Correspondence

- Taxation department – withdrawn our application as deductible gift recipient. Need to reapply via Register of Environmental Groups then they advise the tax office accordingly as to the success of the application
- Heritage grants information sent to the group from Leanne Kahn (Baw Baw Shire) –
(Applications for Round 3 of the Victorian Government's competitive community heritage grants program are now open and close on 13 April 2018.
Eligible applicants may apply for an amount between \$20,000 and \$200,000 per project, to fund conservation works to 'at risk' places and objects included on the Victorian Heritage Register)
- Email sent by Bernard encouraging engagement from local police officer (Neerim South)

Financial – Bernard

Paid

\$1056 legible signs
\$7371.54 Paul Murphy contractor
\$56.90 Consumer affairs
\$443.16 Landcare insurance

Incoming

\$10 membership
\$50 book sales
\$4832 Baw Baw Shire Community Grant

\$5785.65 transfer from fixed term to operating account

Balance \$3314.07 operating account

Bernard moved, Mapo seconded.

Accounts to be paid

Nil

PROJECTS

Crossover Bridge Restoration

- Bernard has submitted grant application to Heritage Victoria – applied for \$200,000 grant to cover sourcing of the wood and site preparation. Closing date for application 13th April
- Concerns expressed re need for other group members to read application and to contribute to application as last agreed action was to form Crossover Bridge Restoration Working Group
- Group agreed that setting up a working group would be valuable. Kate (DELWP) has had some initial discussion re this. Would include DELWP, Parks, RCFG (Bernard, Kate - DELWP, Mapo, Carolyn Ferguson - shire, Damien, also liaising with Latrobe Valley Authority who have shown some initial interest in supporting the project.
- Group acknowledged the effort that Bernard has put into the bridge project and that the working group would contribute to this good work.

Actions:

- Bernard to send copy of receipt of application to Kate (DELWP)
- Kate to call Heritage Vic and enquire re process of adding additional information/possibly amending application
- Bernard to circulate application that has been submitted
- Kate to organise date/time for initial Crossover Bridge Restoration Working Group meeting – will aim for mid week afternoon meeting at Shire offices in Trafalgar

Pilgrim creek track

- Identified to need full resurfacing by DELWP including cambering it correctly for drainage. Not currently providing safe access even if gates go up. Can still put seasonal closure. Classify as fire track which will allow maintenance/improvements. Improvements can be completed under reducing bushfire risk funding. On the district action plan. Kate will look at when this would possibly be completed. One gate would need to be at bottom of Pilgrim Creek Track next to the rail trail. Another gate at bridge end. Suggestions of potential Gate at Livinia street. Increased monitoring suggested for rubbish when track closed off.
- 5 tyres and old fireworks box picked up from Pilgrim Creek track by Carolyn and Tyson today.

Action:

- Kate to advise RCFG of potential time frame

Minor Capital Works Grant

- Rail trail work has been completed.
- Additional signs have been installed.
- Suggestion of working bee for in kind hours to build hours for grant.
- Brief discussion re importance of minuting expenditure and that group would have a better understanding of in kind contribution next time around.

Neerim East - Crossover Forrest

- Trail bike project
Roger Pitt putting together funding submission. Pilot program – Proposal for ? 2-4 years to decide whether project successful or not, exclusively for trail bikes, tracks for slow and technical use, 1 km buffer for public/private interface, 40km of trail
- Mapping of historical features important for group particularly in relation to this project to ensure preservation

Action:

- Mapo and Paul to meet in Autumn to complete mapping
- Mapo to call Roger Pitt with the possibility of obtaining a copy of the map that will be part of the proposal or viewing the map

Rokeby to Crossover Rail Trail

- Weed management – blackberries an issue at present. Carolyn has spoken with Jed (DELWP) who is happy to provide after hours help, shire can provide chemical. Group agrees to small number of people completing this job after work mid week – Jodie (Kate's husband), Mapo can complete
- Parks crew has cleaned up after severe winds. Further clearing up needed.
- Shelter Perspex repair – to be completed at working bee
- Promotional signs – A3 signs along the track – Corflute
- Talk about linking rail trail information to face book page
- Shane advised group they had seen a powerful owl while on rail trail
- Illegal track reported by local – Parks and DELWP dealing with this
- Rubbish has been noted along the trail that requires removal as part of next working bee
- Another illegal track has been noticed by group member on northern side of the rail trail (at Rokeby end) before the start of pilgrim creek track.
- Fence on trail in front of bridge was damaged now repaired.

Action:

- Bernard to send around design for Corflute sign design.

Potential future projects

- Rokeby carpark beatification – defer to next meeting.

EVENTS**Walking train tours**

- Keith, Mapo and Paul to come up with dates

Action:

- Mapo to email dates to group.

Working Bee

- Sunday preferred date – date to be decided

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Jackson's gully rubbish found by group member, 4 lots of rubbish, took to transfer station – took photos including photos of identification with rubbish to shire – Advised that we need to leave rubbish in the bush to allow the appropriate person to investigate and follow up. They are unable to do anything if rubbish removed even with photos.
Carolyn confirmed this as Shire process and provided a recent example of identification and follow up including significant monetary fine.

Meeting closed 9:15pm

Next meeting

Thursday 19th April Rokeby Hall 7:30pm