

# **Friends of Melaleuca 2016 AGM and General Meeting**

*Date: 22 Sept 2016 at DSS*

*Dinner 6pm*

Janet opened the meeting at 7pm.

Attendance as for general meeting (below).

## AGM

Minutes of last year's AGM 22 September – (Sally, Erika) accepted.

Janet read the President's report for the year (see attached) – (Helen, Sally) accepted

Tony delivered the Treasurer's report – (Janet, Erika) accepted

Sally Salier conducted the election of office bearers

President – Janet Fenton (Erika Shankley, Mary King) re-elected

Secretary – Helen Statham (Janet Fenton, Bob Tyson) re-elected

Treasurer – Tony Fenton (Will Oliver, Bob Tyson) re-elected

Social secretary – Peter Marmion (Erika Shankley, Will Oliver) re-elected

Sally Salier gave a talk about Wildcare.

Sally thanked FoM for our email urging members of our group to make sure they are members of Wildcare. Wildcare has 93 official branches and 7,000 members of whom 1,000 are active, with an estimated value of \$6,000,000 in kind contribution per annum. All branches are automatically incorporated through the Wildcare incorporation. The Board of Management is working hard to facilitate co-operation between itself and the branches.

AGM closed at 7.30.

## GENERAL MEETING

### *Present*

Andrew Boon, Jeanette Collin, Chris Creese, Janet, Geoff and Tony Fenton, Marianne Gee, Mary King, Qug McKendrick King, Ian Marmion (PWS), William Oliver, Sally Salier, Erika Shankley, Mick and Helen Statham, Janet and Simon Stephens, Penny and Bob Tyson, Robyn and Roger Walker.

### *Apologies*

Judy Boon, Marg Crannery, Will Forsyth, Mark Holdsworth, Robyn and Peter Marmion, Barbara Willson, Stephen Anstee and Heidi Krajewskky

### *Previous meeting*

Minutes of meeting, 19 July 2016 were passed (Erika Shankley, Geoff Fenton)

### *Treasurer's Report*

Tony delivered the Treasurer's report (Erika Shankley, Helen Statham) - passed

### *General business*

Congratulations to Marina Campbell who was awarded the 2016 Tasmanian Volunteering award – Environment and Conservation.

Update from Ian Marmion on recent happenings at Melaleuca

- Gear unloaded from *Jean Nichols*, and rubbish, gas cylinders uploaded in preparation for this season.
- Old wooden OBP nest boxes being replaced to reduce spread of beak and feather disease
- Refurbished water facility at Watering Bay
- Installed proper boot washing facility at Troedel Shelter to reduce spread of phytophthora fungus and chytrid frog disease.
- Dinghies at New River Lagoon have been replaced and those at the Narrows being replaced soon, also PFDs and new oars.
- Mooring near Melaleuca –PWS intend facilities at Deep Water Landing to be upgraded for yachties. Chris Creese and Andrew Boon asked about possible upgrading of Deny's mooring near the lagoon and Ian recommended they communicate with the PWS Regional Manager on this issue.

Working bee 2017

- Proposed dates March Sat 4<sup>th</sup> – Sat 11 (or Thurs 2 to Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> ?) (Note, the Wooden Boat Festival is on 10-12 Feb; FoMI working bee is in March as well, and the LWE is 11,12 13 March).
- Purchased timber for First Camp completion and shipped on *Jean Nichols*.
- Need to apply for Wildcare grant for working bee and advertise for expressions of interest.

Clothing

- Get Real will embroider our FoM badges onto clothing for \$8.80 per badge. We can take own clothing along to them any time, and/or take in a bulk lot of vests and distribute them to volunteers at working bees. They also have other work clothing items for sale. Janet and Geoff were wearing theirs and they looked very attractive and eye catching.
- Wildcare vests are currently out of stock, but Sally said some are on order.

Museum

- Panels – development and design is well underway.
- PWS Field officers have had weather and health delays preventing them getting to Melaleuca to install tank-stand and finish path. Hopefully they can do this early in the season.
- Display cases: Quotes from Associated Plastics, Channel Mens Shed, plus shelving, paint, fuel for shipping came to \$3404, less than the original TCF grant \$4372 paid to our account in Feb. Janet has completed an alteration form for TCF grant and Wildcare will reimburse TCF the difference. Geoff showed us the 3D drawings of the display cases.
- We may need a mini working bee to paint plinths and to cover books. (Have purchased plastic and stamps). Robyn and Roger volunteered. Anyone else?

- Preparation of museum building needed before installing displays: floor in first room to be repainted, cupboard and shelves re-modelled and skylight trim.
- Janet has bought display folders of interesting extra info for the museum bookshelf. Volunteers wanted to prepare display folders. Qug volunteered to do flora.
- Ten objects exhibition by Arts Tasmania, Launceston – 19 May. Melissa Smith has requested to borrow an item from our museum for display.
- Museum launch –late May/early June 2017. Janet has inquired about hire of rooms at TMAG outside normal operating hours. All 3 rooms have projection and sound capabilities. Hire prices inc gst:  
 Royal Society Room seats 80 , cost \$525  
 Member Lounge seats 25 and 40 Standing , cost \$700  
 Central Gallery seats 120 – 150 with direct line of sight and 250 standing, \$2100.  
 We discussed these prices and ruled them out on cost basis. A suggestion to use DSS was considered worth investigating.

#### Nomination

Friends of Claytons nominated FoM for the Tas Community Achievement Awards, Ricoh Environment Award. (email 12 August). FoMI has been selected as a semi-finalist.

#### Summer caretakers

PWS summer caretaker roster starts next week with Debbie and Craig Searle. FoM has not yet been sent the roster details although Ian thought most positions have been filled.

#### Still in limbo

- Nomenclature proposals
- Film from Ian Volpe (Craig's seat).

#### Any Other Business

Janet Stephens reported that she had recently been to an OHA reunion and learned that a former music teacher there, Gwladys Morris, had been engaged to Crichley Parker at the time of his death. Janet Fenton elaborated and said that a scrap-book album with letters, notes and pictures by Gwladys is held in the State Library of Victoria. Mick and Helen Statham will investigate the possibility of obtaining a facsimile for the museum.

#### *Next meeting*

May 2016 –probably 4th Tuesday at DSS

#### *Presentation*

Qug showed pictures of Lagoon Ice Art from a trip in winter 2007 when parts of Melaleuca Lagoon iced over. Pictures and talk were fascinating, Thanks very much Qug.

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