

## Friends of Melaleuca meeting minutes

*Date: 5.30 pm Thurs 26 July 2018 at DSS*

*6pm Dinner 7pm Meeting*

### GENERAL MEETING

*Present:* Claire Benn, Andrew Boon, Chris Creese, Janet, Geoff and Tony Fenton, Marianne Gee, Rona Hollingsworth, Tristan Hore, Melissa Jack, Ian Marmion, David Mitchell, Jenny Scott, Erika Shankley, Georgie, Helen and Mick Statham, Penny and Bob Tyson, Barbara Willson.

*Apologies:* Rob and Leanne Banfield, Alan Campbell, Jeanette Collin, Marg Cranney, Will Forsyth, Pip Gowen, Jenny and Reg Grundy, Dave Ross, Peter Williams

*Previous meeting, 24 May 2018*

Minutes accepted with 2 spelling corrections (H Statham/T Fenton).

### *Treasurer's report*

Tony reported that the anomalies from the last meeting had been corrected. Closing balance. \$16,555.44. Report passed (J Fenton/B Willson).

### *Business arising from the last meeting*

Remote area first aid training. Mick reported that this would cost \$300 per person for a class minimum of 5. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved to say to Pip Gowen that we will call for members to volunteer to join a class if one is arranged. We would need to ensure that our representative(s) are people who would attend our working bee. FoM member David Mitchell already has this qualification.

### *General business*

- Janet conveyed our condolences to Barbara Willson on the death of her son David and to David Reynolds on the death of his wife Trauti. Janet also tabled facsimiles of two of Trauti's magnificent albums she had prepared two following a FoM working bee. The originals of these are in the state archives. David Reynolds has had copies printed for the different Wildcare groups. Our 2 albums cost \$435. It was resolved to pay for these out of our general funds and obtain a quote for a second copy so that one could be kept in Hobart and the other in the DKHM.
- FoM current membership 118 - welcome new members
- New Wildcare CEO Sharon Smith was welcomed in her absence. Bob Tyson gave a brief resume of Sharon's background, primarily in banking and Landcare. She is employed on a 60% basis.
- Thank you to Roaring 40s for their donation to fund the digitizing, printing and spiral binding of the Claytons first visitors' book. One copy will be placed in the Claytons house, one spare and the original will be archived.
- Airfares for next season's volunteer caretakers — Janet reported that Pip Gowen is concerned that these have not been budgeted for. There was a lengthy discussion but no resolution. One option is for FoM to apply for Wildcare grants but this might limit access to funds for our own working bee and other requirements. There was further

discussion on possible ways for FoM to fundraise, with comparisons drawn from other Wildcare groups. Janet offered to investigate the use of some DKHM photos to make cards for sale at Par Avion.

It was also suggested that FoM write to Jason Jacobi emphasising the importance of the caretakers at Melaleuca.

- Beach Couture exhibition MMT currently on display until 20 Sept at Maritime Museum of Tasmania was recommended for view. It primarily showcases fashion made from debris collected from beaches.
- NRM grant to Wildcare for biosecurity: There was lengthy discussion on how best to inform boating people about the marine reserve in the Bathurst Channel area. It was suggested that PWS needs to ensure that info gets onto the Marine Charts. One current idea is to use the biosecurity funds to put up small signs at frequently used landing points such as Bramble Cove, the waterfall, Spain Bay and Schooner Cove. Alternatives included navigational aids on paper and digital charts and the use of AIS (the Automatic Identification System). It was resolved that Ian, Andrew, Janet and Geoff collectively investigate the best options.  
A new cruising guide on SW Tas is in preparation by Ian Johnston.
- LAP (Landcare assistance package) grant: Tony will deal with this over summer if reminded.
- Stools for museum – work in progress. Peter Marmion has asked Luuk Veldkamp to discuss with Par Avion.
- Museum display folders - winter work!
- Working bee 2018 – several more pictures from Chris Creese were shown. Janet has completed reports to PWS and Wildcare.
- FoM's proposals for Place Names Tasmania – Janet showed pictures of our previously suggested names for 8 features in the Melaleuca area. Janet will investigate if there are still delays due to the dual nomenclature system.
- Jim Poynter story on Wildcare FoM news page – Janet to write.

### *Presentation*

***New book, Old maps:*** Tony Fenton gave an illustrated talk about the chapter he and Peter Marmion wrote about historic Southwest maps for this new book, *Mapping Van Diemen's Land and the Great Beyond* (Royal Society of Tasmania).

### *Next meeting*

Date – Thurs 20th September (AGM), Venue – DSS