

Friends of Deal Island Annual General Meeting  
27 OCTOBER 2018 / Ross Memorial Hall 12 Bridge St. Ross

#### ATTENDEES

Bob & Penny Tyson, Christian Bell, Jo Widdowson, Dallas & Shirley Baker, Shirley Fish Jennifer Tudehope Ron & Glenda Fehlberg, Phillipa Foster and Sharon Smith.

APOLOGIES: Gill Thomas, Michael & Sally Simco, Erica Shankley, David & Wendy Milne, Damien Morgan, Helen & Mick Statham, Dr Helen Tyzack, Alison & Angus Moore, Marilyn Pauley, Wayne Dick (Ranger in Charge Furneaux Island Field Centre), Jayne Cooper (Parks & Reserves Manager PWS.)

Bob Tyson welcomed us all to the meeting and introduced Jo Widdowson, who with her husband and son had been caretaking on Deal at the time of our last working bee. Jo has kindly agreed to accept management of the FoDI Facebook Page which has been serving the group since 2012 and to act as the group electronic operator. Her work is already paying off.

He also introduced Sharon Smith, the CEO for Wildcare, and thanked her for making time available to come along.

General discussion on the venue, which we agreed worked well. This led onto discussion around the geographic challenge that Deal Island presents. Travel expenses present a huge challenge for working bees.

Bob acknowledged the remarkable and generous contribution Trauti Reynolds (who passed away recently) made to many parts of Tasmania, especially Deal Island. She and David Reynolds contributed vast amounts of time and energy on many Tasmanian offshore islands and together worked hard to preserve the natural values of the places they loved. Trauti will be greatly missed by many. Our condolences to David.

Bob Tyson then presented the Presidents Report, apologising for the 18 month break between AGMs. (Copy attached).

It was noted that several grant applications have been submitted but no significant wins to date, and some still in the pipeline.

An application has been made to Wildcare to fund a shared space with Friends of Tasman & Maatsuyker at the 2019 Wooden Boat Festival in February. (Note that this application and one for \$2000 towards working bee travel costs were both approved at the Wildcare Board meeting on 9th November.)

The 2017 Spring working bee was hindered by lack of an operational vehicle, most particularly for arrival and departure movement of gear. However in true FoDI spirit and assistance from the caretaker all the gear was moved up to the house.

The February 2018 working bee was very successful, although the grub found chewing tunnels in the Ragwort stems was not the hoped for introduced control species. However, early days yet and we still hope the ragwort flea beetle to be slowly building up to a big enough population to be a successful control agent in future.

There have been a couple of awards for our volunteers. In late 2017 Bob and Penny were finalists in the Environmental category of the Community Achievement awards. In May this year Dallas was a finalist in the Tasmanian Volunteer Awards. He was recognised for his work with the Lachlan Volunteer Fire Brigade and for his efforts in the preservation and conservation of the Deal Island lighthouse, the first time anyone has been recognised in two separate categories of these awards. Congratulations to you all for your hard work and untiring efforts in difficult times.

Bob read out an email from Wayne Dick "Unfortunately like Jayne I will be unable to attend Saturdays meeting but would like to pass on my appreciation to the group for another sterling year of achievements on Deal.

2019 is certainly looking very positive for Deal with PWS proposing to undertake a significant maintenance program on the island.

Thank you for your efforts over the past year, and I look forward to building on the groups achievements with natural heritage values on the island. I hope the AGM goes well"

Bob advised there is the possibility of PWS funding for the replacement of asbestos roofing on the houses. PWS Heritage Officer, Mike Nash is also seeking funds for work on the lighthouse, this is great news and we have our fingers crossed.

MOVE: Bob Tyson: That the Presidents Report be accepted.  
Seconded by Phillipa

Treasurer's Report (attached)

Phillipa presented the (very brief) Treasurer's Report, there has been minimal movement due to lack of funds.

Transport costs are our major expense at around \$7,500 per working bee. Various ideas and possible sources of funding were canvassed In answer to a question about the possible use of the airstrip to fly volunteers in for working bees, Bob advised that he had discussed this option with Wayne. His advice is that Caretaker changeovers and working bees will still be by boat.

Dallas Baker proposed a position of Vice President be created. There was general discussion around whether a Vice President was needed. Ron & Christian both advised that other Friends groups had 1 sometimes 2 VP's and their role was simply to step in if the President was away. It was agreed to include this position.

Election of Office Bearers. Sharon Smith agreed to conduct the elections.

President: Bob Tyson  
Proposed by Jennifer Tudehope.  
Seconded by Phillipa.  
Accepted

Vice President: Dallas Baker:  
Proposed by Shirley Baker.  
Seconded by Christian Bell.  
Accepted.

Secretary: Phillipa Foster  
Proposed by Penny Tyson,  
Seconded by Shirley Fish.  
Accepted,

Treasurer: Jo Widdowson  
Proposed by Phillipa Foster  
Seconded by Penny Tyson.  
Accepted

Jo Widdowson will continue to monitor and update the Facebook pages.  
All office bearers elected unopposed.

12:45. Meeting closed for lunch.  
General meeting to follow.