

Minutes – Annual General Meeting
Friends of Pitt Water Orielton Lagoon Wildcare group
10 am Saturday 15 August 2015
At the PWS office, Seven Mile Beach

Opened at 10:11 with Sally Salier

1. **Present:** Sally Salier, Alena Hrasky, Sue Drakes, Paul Gray
2. **Apologies:** Kaylene Allen, Peter Vertigan, Eric Woehler, John Bastick, Margie Jenkin, Vishnu Prahalad, Georgie Davis

3. Presidents report

Sandy Leighton had provided a report of the activities of the group during her time as president in the past year.

"1. NRM South Naturally Inspired Grants Project completed and final report submitted to NRM South (see Project Completion Report for details). Over \$9,000 in kind was provided by FoPWOL and PWS, exceeding our anticipated outputs! All works contributed to protecting the Ramsar values of PWOL.

Special thanks to Carol Markby, PWS for her outstanding support of the group and our activities. Also to Eric Woehler and Vishnu Pralahad for generously supporting our Saltmarsh & Birds event that was extremely well attended. Thanks also to the weed contractors Anthony Davidson and Karen Bennett for their hard work and enthusiasm.

2. Sorell Council Linkages made with Paul Gray, NRM Facilitator at Council. Hopefully the group will continue to strengthen this relationship.

3. Members Thanks for all your efforts over the year and I hope that you will continue to support the group and improve the values of PWOL. It needs all the help we can give as it is constantly under threat from surrounding urban sprawl including stormwater, rubbish, weeds and inappropriate access.

4. My Resignation: I have resigned from the role of convenor. I am currently working as Biosecurity Officer (Medfly eradication) with DAFWA in Carnarvon WA on a three year contract. After over a decade working on all things weeds, it's great to be back working with insects!!!

I wish the group all the best for the future and look forward to rejoining you when I return from my WA job in early 2018."

4. Treasury report

\$469 remaining in the Naturally Inspired Grant funding. NRM S has verbally agreed that we can use these remaining funds for similar work.

In total remaining funds \$2,850

This statement was provided by Carol Pacey, Wildcare book-keeper.

5. Election of officers:

President: Alena Hrasky elected
Treasurer -: John Bastick
Secretary (acting) – Sue Drake until a local volunteer offers to assume the role

6. Monitoring activities in the area

NRM S, Sorell Council and Parks will be monitoring storm water quality at two sites along Montague St.for

- Suspended solids
- Dissolved solids
- Tot Nitrogen
- Phosphorus and
- pH

Local persons would be welcome to be involved in this – contact Paul Gray
Email: Paul.Gray@sorell.tas.gov.au Ph 0407 858 548

PWS would require any monitoring project in the nature reserve to have clear outcomes relevant to the future of the reserve.

7. Woody Island weed removal – a good news story

PSW staff joined with contractors to work on removing weeds from Woody Island 8/7/15. Alena showed some photos from the day; what a great day! She was happy to report that there are no mature weed species on the island, in fact no seedlings either at this stage. Spring may see a few sprouts. Follow up winter 2017

½ day on Barren Island– completed the work on half the island, following up on previous work. Alena to check when the other half of the island can be weeded (winter 2016?).

8. Planning for the year ahead

Sorell Causeway – DIER responsibility for verge – covered under an old agreement. Paul working with DIER on continuing the work on the boxthorn, fennel, etc on the Causeway

Grant opportunities– for other major boxthorn infestations.
Susie islet. – early June 2016 Alena to organise and pick a date

Area between Causeway and Orierton golf course. Bone seed and box thorn.

Banksia [This related to CVA](#)– able to mulch. Alena to send contact to Paul – he'll get a quote from them.

[Council is preparing a Community tool trailer for groups doing environmental projects to use at no cost](#)

Volunteer activity

Planting at Mienna Park. Paul will supply the plants [autumn](#) 2016
Weeding from causeway to Mienna Park. Paul will inspect the area and report back. 13 September

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Around west from yacht club to causeway Midway Point – Paul to check next week - 8 November

9. Safety Issues

Working Bee Attendance Form including next of kin info to be completed by all attending activities, including meetings. Alena to email to Sue so that she has copy for future activities.

Need qualified first aider in attendance at all working bees

Form 6 – list of working bees planned for the next 12 months

Tools – PWS has stock for FoPWOL group

Also, Sorell has a community trailer for volunteers includes first aid pack. Book with Paul

10. Any other business

World Wetlands Day 2016 will be a joint event with Clarence and Sorell Councils (funding from both Councils) Probably the same sort of event as 2015, in early Feb. We will use the event to inspire locals with how special the place is – and to join our group.

3 or 4 corporate days. Paul coordinating with CVA, yet to determine where they will work

Paul working with Inghams on their water front land where there is a big boxthorn infestation and some replanting required.

We thank Alena (PWS) and Paul (Sorell Council) for facilitating the activities of our group

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