

## **FODI AGM 14/03/2021**

Man O' Ross Hotel, (Antler room), Ross

Start: 10:40

### **PRESENT:**

Jo Widdowson, Bob and Penny Tyson, Stewart Dudgeon, Brian O'Burn, Graham Bailey, Petita Ablett, Damien Morgan, Christine Bowman, Colleen and Ron Fehlberg, Alison and Angus Moore, Wendy Milne, Di Masters, Shirley Fish, Margot Foster, Phillipa Foster.  
(Total attendees, 18)

### **APOLOGIES:**

Jayne Cooper, Rose Grant, David Milne, David Masters, David Butler, Cathy Plowman, Bruce and Kate Franckombe, Erica Shankley, Chris Sedovic.

Jo Widdowson opened the meeting, followed by a round the table introduction of attendees, then a rundown of recent events on the island.

### **CURRENT SITUATION ON DEAL ISLAND**

Jane Cooper was to be a guest speaker, however she is unable to attend this meeting .  
No report due to COVID 19.

The caretaker program is on hold due to Covid, however there are plans to change the current program to align more closely with other other programs. i.e. Maatsuyker Island.

FODI will not be applying for any more grant money this year as we have received \$200,000 over the past 12-18 months.

Replacement of the solar batteries has been completed.

New furniture including washing machine and TV have gone into the caretakers house.

The old truck has been removed.

Painting the inside of the lighthouse continues.

Engineers are assessing the jetty, road erosion etc

### **GENERAL UPDATE**

JW	Continued on the shift of focus on the renewed partnership agreement with PWS. This includes a clear format in line with contemporary business practices for working bees and WHS requirements. Team Leaders must now be familiar with WHS practices and the use of PPE for all future working bees.
GB	Asked about the success of the ragwort beetle introduction

PT	Confirmed that the introduction of a beetle and a moth have had no certain outcome. The Weed Plan document is an active thing and needs to be progressively updated after each working bee.
AM	Showed the necklace made by Janine Coombes, originally made for the wooden boat festival (cancelled due to Covid). Should it be raffled?
General	Discussion regarding artist in residence program. Include in working bee? Also include collection of plants/bugs etc. with appropriate permits.
PT	Pointed out the need to work with Tas herbarium and continue to accumulate and share information.
JW	Access to the lighthouse is now only allowed by permit.
BT	FODI focus is for weed control, ground stabilisation and also for the museum. Other Activities will require a permit.

## FINANCIALS

BT	Wooden Boat Festival cancelled so no funds raised. WBF has been a major fundraiser in the past.
JW	Income from Merchandise is slow but steady, particularly the wraps. These funds have been used to purchase a new breadmaker for the visitors house (through Gumtree); a new blind for the visitors bathroom and replacement of other worn blinds in the visitors house.
	General discussion around visitors house, maintenance requirements, needs etc.
JW	Working Bee costs around \$5K, (\$8K by boat). Logistics are very changed by the use of aircraft with strict weight restrictions. Barnboughe-Flinders has 500KG limit, and Flinders-Deal has a 350KG limit. Therefore provisioning must be very carefully considered

## SOCIAL MEDIA

JW	Facebook now has 448, up from 166 in October 2018. Instagram has 132, from zero, October 2018. Wildcare Membership is around 145. need to encourage posting of images and information.
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## ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

BT	Resigning as President having been active since FODI inception. Bob is happy to continue to be involved and to assist with grants bids etc.
SD	Huge thanks to both Bob and Penny for their incredible contribution and generosity regarding Deal Island and the Friends group.

BT	Nominated Jo Widdowson as President
AM	Seconded
JW	Nominated Phillipa and Margot Foster as Secretary
BT	Seconded
RF	Nominated Stuart Dudgeon as Treasurer
DM	Seconded
JW	Congratulations to all Office Bearers

## **FUTURE GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

JW	Merchandise; the wildcare shop is aiming for a minimum purchase of \$10 and we need more ideas and resources which would best be addressed by a sub-committee.
	Sub committee volunteers: Alison Moore, Di Masters, Phillipa Foster
JW	Grant applications will be confirmed in the next financial year or beyond
JW	Working Bees will require a pro forma which needs to be created with PWS

**Lunches were served at 12:15 and the meeting closed at 12:30**