



Friends of Melaleuca meeting Minutes

Date: Thurs 8 July 2021 at DSS (5.30-6 pm for dinner before meeting)

GENERAL MEETING

Present

Rob Banfield, Andrew and Judy Boon, Chris Creese, Janet, Geoff and Tony Fenton, Greg Hodge, Melissa Jack, Peter and Claire Marmion David Mitchell, Erika Shankley, Helen and Mick Statham, Janet Stephens, Ann Wessing, Barbara Willson.

Apologies

Hilary Bennell, Imogen Burley, David Butler, Ian Marmion (Parks), Robyn Marmion, Cathie Plowman, David Ross, Nell Tyson.

Minutes of previous meeting, 12 May 2021: passed (Rob/Peter)

Treasurer's report; Tony delivered his report. Opening balance \$12,134.71. Payments \$1,000.00 Working bee freight, \$90.91 museum equipment. Receipts \$16,722.00 Wildcare grant – Mt Beattie track; \$1,000.00 donation Roaring Forties; \$300.00 Donation Lynne Davies burgees; \$180.00 Landcare LAP grant. Closing balance \$29,339.95. Roaring Forties donation to be used to make a new table for the museum – see general business. An additional \$100.00 has been donated by Zoe Magnus but this has not reached FoM account as yet. Report passed (Peter/Rob).

Business arising

- Wildcare funding model, discussions with Sharon have alerted Wildcare to the concern some groups have in accessing Wildcare funding for historic heritage projects as opposed to natural conservation ones. This concern is being considered by Wildcare. Groups are now able to directly access the Grants Hub, an Australian based organisation that lists all grants available.
- Friends of Claytons, Rob has approached Wildcare re Friends of Claytons group whose members have been inactive at Claytons in recent years. Wildcare has contacted previous FoC members all of whom are happy to dissolve their group, which has now been effectively absorbed into FoM.
- TNCF grant application for work on Mt Beattie track was successful. It is assumed that Parks will assess the project prior to next working bee in March 2022. Janet, Geoff and Rob to discuss plans with Ian Marmion to organise planning of track sections to be addresses, acquisition and movement of materials etc. The grant is conditional on Parks providing two field staff to work alongside FoM volunteers at the working bee.
- Claytons: Antill Ponds heritage shed. The Claytons precinct was never heritage listed, so after some discussion it was resolved to approach Ian Marmion seek permission to acquire the Antill Ponds shed and re-erect it at Claytons. A group consisting of Rob Banfield, Mel Jack, Peter Marmion, Greg Hodge, David Mitchell and Ann Wessing volunteered to work together to dismantle, pack and cart the Antill Ponds shed to Mel's for storage prior to transport to Claytons.

General business

- Tourism Master Plan, finally published. [https://dipwe.tas.gov.au/conservation/tasmanian-wilderness-world-heritage-area-\(twwha\)/twwha-tourism-master-plan](https://dipwe.tas.gov.au/conservation/tasmanian-wilderness-world-heritage-area-(twwha)/twwha-tourism-master-plan), Rob has looked at the plan and says that many of the comments from community consultation have been incorporated.
- Austral Archaeology report on Claytons House Plan of Management (2004) was tabled. Janet is interested to put a digitized copy on FoM Wildcare files and will discuss permission with Ian Marmion.

- Sponsorship from Roaring Forties. \$1,000.00 donation for a new table for the museum. Dave Ross has donated a pedestal. There is a possibility to strip and powder coat this. Meanwhile Janet and Geoff have been in negotiations with local company 'Think Big' to organise a nautical chart printed on the table top. Several local charts were viewed with the final decision left up to J and G. Any surplus money can go into FoM general revenue.
- Arts Tasmania grant for 2022, opens 14 August-11 Oct, Janet keen to apply for money to develop the Mining Trail with input from a Roving curator. The application would require a letter of support from Parks, probably from Jeremy Hood. Additional support from the Minerals Council was suggested.
- Bond Bay degraded shelter demolition? And thistle eradication (see Lynne and Tim for location) Joint project with Wildcare Coastal Custodians? Deferred till next meeting
- Enquiry with DPIWWE re aerial photos covering 1948 emergency runway site. David Mitchell has looked into this and found photos were taken in 1948, 1961 and 1974. A motion that FoM buy digital versions of '48 and '61 photos was passed (Peter/David).

Any Other Business

Greg Wells has a band "Black Water Band" playing at Peacock Theatre July 29th, 'Songs of the Southwest'. All welcome.

FoM cards Erika has individual and packs of cards for sale. Packs were sent to Stacey Gordon and Jennie Bryant as thank you for donating the Deny King painting of Caroline Rock and to Zoe Magnus for her \$100 donation.

Next meeting

September 23rd (AGM) at DSS.

Presentation

- Tony Fenton, recent information regarding early Port Davey charts.
- Peter Marmion, stunning recent images from the SW.