



Friends of Melaleuca meeting minutes

Thurs 11 August, 7pm — Board Room, Derwent Sailing Squadron, Marieville Esplanade

Welcome:

Janet opened the meeting and made acknowledgement of the needwonnee people as original custodians of the Melaleuca area.

Present:

Rob Banfield, Hilary Bennell, Andrew and Judy Boon, Marina Campbell, Chris Creese, Archie Donley, Janet, Geoff and Tony Fenton, Anne and Alan Goldizen, Greg Hodge, Rona Hollingsworth, Mel Jack, David Mitchell, Tony Osmond, Erika Shankley, Mick and Helen Statham, Janet Stephens, Alison Viner, Ann Wessing.

Apologies: David Butler, Peter and Robyn Marmion, Cathy Plowman, Barbara Willson.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Thurs 26 May 2022 passed (Hilary/Rob).

Treasurer's report: Tony's report was passed (Tony/Janet S).

Opening balance \$41, 614.17 Closing balance \$40,855.08

Only receipt: Landcare Lap Grant - \$150.00

Only payment: NRE Tas – Reimbursement of freight per *Jean Nichols* - \$909.09

Business arising from previous minutes

- Museum catalogue and eHive, FoM gmail addresses: Work in progress, led by Rona. Geoff has set up the email address friends.melaleuca@gmail.com to be given as a link on our Wildcare webpage and eHive catalogue page. He is also in the process of setting up another one for us to manage the eHive entries.
- Arts Tasmania grant Mining Trail interps: Janet tabled an email received from Jeremy Hood (Parks) stating that although PWS has given in-principle support to the proposed mining trail there is more work to be done by both FoM and PWS before the interps or any part of the mining trail on-the-ground can be approved. The concern primarily relates to increased invitation to cross the airstrip which the mining trail would involve. Further discussion with PWS required.
- Pacific Oyster outbreak in Bathurst Narrows: Peter Mooney has contacted Graham Edgar (Senior Research Fellow IMAS) and the two are working on our behalf to work out a strategy to deal with the problem. Graham is doing a diving survey and has also agreed to write an illustrated article for 'Boatwise'. Other possible means of communicating the problem to the wide range of boaties visiting the area were discussed and will require further consideration. These included articles in the internet and mainland boating media and hull cleaning recommendations prior to visiting the area.
- Transfer/fire pump: Greg has been consulting with Lawrence Clark(PWS) and between them they have designed a very portable system that is compatible with PWS gear. Lawrence has offered to buy the parts and to set it up for us at an estimated cost of \$4,320. The motion *That FoM go ahead and ask Lawrence to buy the parts and fit it up at our expense* was passed (David Mitchell/Tony Osmond).
- Claytons (from Rob Banfield):

- There has been no reply from PWS to our request to re-erect our second-hand Wiles shed at Claytons as a replacement for a flattened one of Clyde's removed several years ago. Rob to prompt Jeremy Hood. Meanwhile Rob offered to do some rust removal/protection work on the purlins of the replacement shed.
- Mt Beattie track work is half done with completion aimed to be achieved at the next working bee; 4-6 volunteers needed for the job.
- *Reemere* painting, copy to hang at Claytons – Rob & Peter Marmion to organize.
- Excess tables: To be removed by Greg Wells & PWS, Peter Marmion assisting.

General business

- Tasmanian Wilderness Guides Association is presenting a submission to Parliament about the EOI and RAA process for National Parks, 17 August. Janet to forward email from Kate Johnson to all members attending this meeting.
- PWS Zoning: Discussion with PWS planners needed to present our concerns and asking that FoM be included in any revision of Melaleuca/PDavey management plans, zoning, etc, to help resolve some anomalies such as:
 - roadway to Willsons', Willson's house & lease, old mining plant, OBP infrastructure... are all zoned 'Wilderness'(?). Has caused difficulty for proposed mining trail
 - area east of Moth Ck and north of S Coast Track is zoned 'Recreation'(?)
 - yacht turning basin where Melaleuca Inlet joins Melaleuca Lagoon is 'no motorised access'
- PWS re-supply voyage: loading *Jean Nichols* 18 October at Kettering: Janet asked for volunteers to paint and pack plywood at Wiggins Rd, Longley and to load for October freight run. Janet and Geoff to propose dates for painting and send to the following members who offered to help: Hilary, Archie, Alison, Ann, Rona, Alan, Greg, Mitch, Rob, Mel, Andrew, Chris.
- Fundraising film night idea: To feature Tony's 'A Piano's Wilderness Odyssey'. Peter to investigate venues.
- Wildcare: flyer and *Wildtimes* obtainable; Wildcare stand at Agfest 24-27 August.
- Working bee dates (early March 2023 – actual dates to be confirmed after consult with FoMI and FoTI re their working bee dates.

Any Other Business: none

Next meeting and AGM

Thursday October 6, 2022, at DSS, 5.30pm for dinner at 6 and meeting at 7.

Presentation

- 'A Piano's Wilderness Odyssey' – Tony Fenton