

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at The Folly, Sunday 13th November 2022 at 5pm

1. **Welcome:** The Chair Artur Muchow welcomed attendees and thanked PV Ranger Phil Rance for attending.
2. **Attendees:** Artur Muchow, Lyndy Gilbert, Ken Crook, Gray Ardern, Carolyn Noel, Don Vincent, Jan Falconer, Linda Rogan, Peter Rogan, Phil Rance, Lyn Moore, Kelvin Watkins, Joy Hick, Barrie Taylor, Carol Page, Josh Revell, Cathy Willis, Chris Kay, Joan Broadberry, Leon Moore, Jan Davies, Jason Patton, Peta Cumming, Brian James.
3. **Apologies:** David Vass, Gloria Moore, Caitriona & John Young, Steve Anderson, Marie Krause, Wolfgang Krause, Diane Baird, John Baird, Lynda Chambers, Jeff Cranston, Kay Williams.
4. **Minutes of Previous AGM 14th November 2021:**
Moved Kelvin Watkins that the minutes be accepted. Seconded Lyndy Gilbert.
Carried. Business Arising – nil.
5. **Reports 2022 (see attachment):**

Parks Vic Report	- Phil Rance
Nursery Report	- Josh Revell
The Year in Review	- Gray Ardern
Treasurer's Report	- Lyndy Gilbert

Moved Lyndy Gilbert that the reports be received. Seconded Gray Ardern. Carried.
6. **Any other business:**

6.1 Election of Committee of Management

Cathy Willis took over from the Chair and declared that the number of vacancies to be 8. She asked for further nominations. There were no further nominations from the floor. The committee was re-elected and comprises:

Artur Muchow – Secretary

Lyndy Gilbert – Treasurer

Linda Rogan – Newsletter Editor

Committee members - Jeff Cranston, Gray Ardern, Lyn Moore

REPORTS 2022

Parks Victoria Report - Phil Rance

The report was well received.

Challenges in the Parks in the past year included

- illegal bike riding in the Park. PV are closing them down when they become aware of them.
- Storm events at Pound Bend caused 9 trees to fall across the river.
- Grassy Weed generation is a very big issue.

The Weed eradication program is taking place in the Pauline Toner reserve. A grant has been given to control the weeds and 3 TAGS have taken place so far to remove them.

Rabbits are being controlled by fumigation and poison carrots.

Deer are a bigger concern than rabbits. A small program to control deer is taking place in the Yanakie Block.

Nillumbik and Manningham are running a broad scale program.

Fox control is taking place in One Tree Hill and Rifle Range.

Threatened species program includes the Spider Orchid under Cam's Orchid Recovery program. 1000 plants have been grown using hand pollination and control of weeds. This is the world's largest population. The Rosella Spider Orchid is also being recovered.

Biodiversity is occurring through purchase of plants from the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Planned burning is taking place in St Andrews - Timber Reserve.

TAGS have been very valuable this year and PV is grateful for the assistance of FOWSP volunteers.

So far this year, volunteers have logged 1500 hours.

Rare, threatened and endangered species continue to be of concern.

Nursery Report - Josh Revell

Josh thanked Phil Rance for his involvement in the nursery.

Ongoing COVID measures are somewhat trying, but volunteers are still enthusiastic and working hard every Thursday.

Welcome to Lynda and Paddy, 2 new staff members.

Thanks to the committee for their support.

Committee Report - Gray Ardern

Thanks to Phil Rance for his continued support.

One advertisement was put in the Warrandyte Diary and NRM Jobs (which has 28,000 subscribers). Two new staff members were employed from a large number of applications from very highly qualified people, Lynda Chambers and Paddy Leahy. Paddy was lacking in experience, but was employed because of his excellent rapport with volunteers. He and Lynda are working well together.

This year is the best year financially. Many thanks to Linda Rogan for her amazing dedication to FOWSP and the wonderful monthly newsletter she produces. Thanks to Josh Revell for his amazing work in the nursery.

Thanks to Kelvin Watkins for his technical support. We also thank him for his contribution to the committee and we are sorry that he has stepped down from this committee role.
Thanks to Lyndy Gilbert for the morning teas.
Thanks to the TAGS and nursery volunteers for their fantastic work.

Treasurer's Report - Lyndy Gilbert

The fully audited report is available to members.

FOWSP has 263 family members as at June 2022, 15 more than last year.

Our income this year was \$90,638, nearly \$27,000 higher than last financial year.

There has been a substantial increase of grants to the value of \$9077. The Community Bank Warrandyte supplied \$5330 towards 20 new trestles to support the tables. \$500 was given to FOWSP for doing a survey on volunteering. \$3000 was awarded by DSS for First Aid Training for 2022 and 2023.

The Field Naturalists provided \$247 for 100 brochures on Native Bees.

Nursery expenses were up by \$4230 for the purchase of nets to cover the plants thus preventing their destruction by deer, kangaroos and birds.

Thanks to Pat and Mike Coupar for sharing the proceeds from the sale of their book "Wings of Change" with FOWSP.

Thanks to Ken Crook for his support with the banking and mail.

Thanks to our wonderful staff and volunteers for the continuation of the work to look after our environment. Did you know 17 trees are required to offset the CO2 from one human being!