

# Friends of Melaleuca General Meeting 24th May 2018

*Date: 24 May at DSS*

*Dinner 6pm*

Janet opened the meeting at 7.03pm.

## *Present*

Stephen Anstee and Heidi Krajewsky, Patti Burbury and Will Forsyth, Marina Campbell, Jeanette Collin, Chris Creese, Janet, Geoff and Tony Fenton, Marinanne Gee, Reg Grundy, Rona Hollingsworth, Melissa Jack, Ian Marmion (Parks), Peter and Robyn Marmion, David Ross, Erika Shankley, Mick and Helen Statham, Penny and Bob Tyson,

## *Apologies*

David Butler and Cathie Plowman, Marg Cranney, Pip Gowen, Mark Holdsworth, Mary King, Will Oliver, Jenny Scott, Sally and Michael Simco, Margaret Waller, Barbara Willson.

## *Previous meeting*

Minutes of meeting, 20 September 2017 were passed (M Statham/M Campbell).

## *Treasurer's Report*

Tony delivered the Treasurer's report highlighting a few issues with the Wildcare bookkeeping such as \$2,000 grant for working bee flights not on our books yet and a \$700 mystery payment "Creditors 2017". Bob Tyson offered to follow up these discrepancies with the new bookkeeper Alex. There have been donations of \$1,935 in memory of Jim Poynter, photographer, lover of the Southwest and early volunteer firewatcher at Port Davey, who died recently.

Opening balance \$17, 278.79, closing balance \$11, 987.95. After rectification balance expected to be \$14,687.95.

Report passed (Tony Fenton/Peter Marmion).

## *General business*

- Thanks to Robbie and Sam Poynter for donations in memory of Jim. Helen to write letter of thanks on behalf of FoM.
- MHOoT conference Swansea May 23rd. Organized by John Wadsley, MMT, at the Swansea Courtroom and Council Chambers with 50 attendees. Erika gave a brief report of this most interesting and successful gathering.
- Wildcare. Bob Tyson reported on the Wildcare AGM from March.
  - Appointed Co-chair Andrew Smith is retiring and has been replaced by Sam Cuff.
  - A replacement CEO will soon be appointed from a strong field of applicants.
  - New Bookkeeper is Alex Wise
  - New Facilitator Kim Willing
  - Gift fund: Bob (Chair), Will Fletcher, Rosemary Gales, Nick Mooney
- NRM South , biosecurity grant. There is approximately \$1,200 left over from monies spent on providing boot wash stations for Maria and Tasman Islands. It will be spent on providing information regarding the Port Davey/Bathurst Harbour Marine Reserve for visitors arriving at Port Davey by boat. Work in progress with Ian Marmion and Pip Gowen helping FoM.
- Museum display folders. Peter Marmion is working on a bushwalking and boating one.

- Remote area first aid. There was a discussion about the possibility of Wildcare or NEM offering a course to volunteers. Rob Moreton of Moreton Group Medical Services was suggested as a possible provider.
- Museum stools.
  - Four wooden stools en route to the Forest Lagoon Camp were housed briefly in the museum this season. They were found to be excellent for viewing and general use. Peter Marmion offered to speak with Par Avion regarding the possibility of the company providing some for permanent use in the museum.
  - Panels and other material added this summer have completed the displays. The whole project has been a wonderful success. Congratulations to all those involved.
- Working bee 2018: Thanks to participants. A wide range of jobs were completed. Some articles are already available on the Wildcare website and an in depth report is in preparation.
- Presentations:
  - Photos from working bee: Geoff (with photos from the group)
  - Shed rebuild: Mick
  - PWS burn-off: Geoff
  - Jim Poynter: Janet
  - Beautiful Firetail and Ground Parrot videos: Mick.

### *Next meeting*

26<sup>th</sup> July 2018: actual date to be determined.

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