*Friends of Bruny Island Quarantine Station*

*Wildcare Inc*

*Minutes 2018 Annual General Meeting*

Venue: Bruny Island Quarantine Station
 Bruny Island

Date: Saturday, 17th March 2018

Time: 11.00 am

1. President Kathy Duncombe welcomed attendees to AGM of the Friends of Bruny Island Quarantine Station Wildcare Branch
2. Attendees: Jenny Boyer, Elise Jeffrey, Harvey Gibson, Charlotte Gibson, Don Leeson, Jenny Leeson, Cindy O’Dea, Paul Shelley, Bob MacDonnell, Margaret Shackcloth, Valerie Polley, Richard Moyer, Kathy Duncombe and Peter Williams.
3. Apologies: Jeremy Hood, Scott Thornton, Pip Gowens, Michael Duncombe, Anne Thwaites, Ken Wright, David Boyer, Gerry O’Dea, Rob Banfield and David Masters.
4. Confirmation of minutes of AGM held at Quarantine Station 18th March 2017. Moved Cindy O’Dea, seconded Jenny Boyer, carried.
5. President Report - Kathy Duncombe – for Report see Appendix 1. Acceptance moved Jenny Boyer, seconded Paul Shelley - resolved.
6. Financial Report presented by Treasurer Richard Moyer. Richard reported on a very positive year for FOBIQS. In summary: opening balances $4,572, income from all sources including donations $8,252, expenditure $6,356 and balance of funds remaining $6,647. Special mention was made of the generous donation by the Janelle Payne Family of $1,437. For full report see Appendix 2. Acceptance moved Kathy Duncombe, seconded Jenny Boyer, carried.
7. Election of Committee – Jenny Boyer took the Chair as Returning Officer.
	* President – Kathy Duncombe, proposed Peter Williams, seconded Richard Moyer. Being no other nominations declared elected and Kathy Duncombe resumed the Chair.
	* Treasurer – Richard Moyer, proposed Kathy Duncombe, seconded Jenny Boyer. Being no other nominations declared elected.
	* Secretary – Cindy O’Dea, proposed Peter Williams, seconded Paul Shelley. Being no other nominations declared elected.
	* Publicity – Rob Banfield, proposed Kathy Duncombe, seconded Jenny Boyer. Being no other nominations declared elected.
	* General committee (3) – Paul Shelley and David Masters, proposed Peter Williams, seconded Richard Moyer. Elise Jeffrey, proposed Richard Moyer, seconded Kathy Duncombe. All 3 General Committee declared elected.
8. Meeting closed at 11.30 am.

**General Meeting – a brief General meeting followed with the following items discussed;**

* Science Day planned for 14th October 2018 and good prospects of a grant for $2,000 from UTAS.
* Armistice Event planned for 11th November and good progress with grant application for $5,000.
* Working Bee Tuesday 10th April 2018. List of proposed jobs to be circulated to members once determined.
* Barnes Bay Regatta Good Friday 30th March 2018.
* The sad loss of Janelle Payne, a past and very popular caretaker in a motor vehicle accident and the generous donation by her family.
* Caretakers for Winter 2018. The successful outcome of the EOI process was discussed. The availability of 3 short stints was advised to attendees and offers received to fill the times. Subject to follow-up and confirmation re diaries. Confirmed that change over remains Thursday until the alternative of Tuesday discussed with PWS.

Meeting closed at 11.45. Some members undertook a walk while others made preparations for Barnes Bay Regatta. The day was concluded by the enjoyment of a pleasant bbq lunch and the usual wonderful cakes prepared by President Kathy.

Appendix 1. President’s Report

Annual Report 2018

We started this year with a new display case to house the facsimile of the German diary and a Medal given to a return soldier for a running race whilst he was quarantined on site due to the influenza pandemic in 1919.

In May we had a great working bee with Parks around the chimney area removing trees which were in danger of falling on the structure ready for the cover to be made and in June this was placed over structure. Signage will follow in the near future.

Jenni Burdon (Parks Interpretation person) visited the site twice to assess interpretation in general and suggest ideas for Cleansing Room and Mortuary. Jenni is due to visit again at the end of the month. Already several of Jenni’s suggestions have been taken on board. One you may notice is the relocation of the Welcome sign to the entrance, and the bird sign backing on to the bushland, which I think you will all agree is much more appropriate.

Malcolm Wells continued his ‘orchid survey and we look forward to moving forward and supplying information, photos etc. in the coming year.

June we had our annual planning meeting with Parks & we presented our plans for the year ahead.

July - Tony & Petra Horwood visited the site. Tony is a descendant of Quarantine Station caretaker John Vicary Harrison who was at the station from c1907 until he died 26th December 1914. His wife Minnie a nurse, tendered her resignation at the end of February 1915 just before the German internees were sent to the station. He was buried in Barnes Bay.

September we had another great working bee with Parks managing to clear around the dam wall and under growth in the area. We also had a U3A group visit.

Ingrid Albion, Larissa Giddings and Isabella Bond re Parks Wildsc’ool programme visited and were most excited about the site and its future interaction with schools.

October we had our second Science Fun Day and it was a fantastic success with an estimate of 150-180 people turning out for the day. Many brought their picnic lunch and stayed the full 4 hours, others came, did the activities and departed. The feedback from those attending was very positive with wonderful displays by Biosecurity, Parks and Feral Cat educator remarked upon.

November’s working bee we helped Margaret clean out the inside of the barrack shed and totally cleaned out the back of the shed.

2018 unfortunately started with bad news with the death in January of Janelle Payne, one of our dedicated Volunteer Caretakers who has done two stints at the quarantine station. Typical of Janelle in lieu of flowers donations to the Quarantine Station were encouraged and we received just over $1400.

**The year ahead**  We hope to progress the painting and interpretation of the Cleansing Room and Palisade Fence. We are also hoping to be successful in our application for an Armistice Grant. This grant will enable us to create an active monument and visible tribute to the soldiers who passed through the Quarantine Station before they could truly appreciate the benefits of the Armistice 100 years ago. We hope many of the community, schools etc. will participate in a special Armistice Day. A step back in time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Secretary, Peter Williams; Treasurer Richard Moyer; Publicity Officer Rob Banfield, and committee members Paul Shelley & Dave Masters for their dedication and hard work over the past year, often behind the scenes, and all other members who have attended working bees, or supported in numerous other ways.

I would also like to thank Parks & Wildlife, Jeremy Hood, Bernard Edwards, Scott Thornton and Pip Gowen for their ongoing support over the year, and look forward to our group working with them in the coming year. Kathy Duncombe

Appendix 2. Treasurer’s Report – see separate pdf attachment.