

# Friends of Native Wildlife Inc.

## Minutes

### Committee Meeting

### 16 November 2015

Meeting started at 7:42pm

**Present:** Elizabeth Walsh, Paul Foxworthy, Denis Young, Anne Jessel, Geoffrey Daniel  
(plus a family of Tawny Frogmouths watching through the window)

#### Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Elizabeth, Seconded: Paul  
Motion passed unanimously

#### Matters arising from previous minutes

##### List of tasks not completed

Waterbowls: in progress, but not yet complete

**Action: Denis and Elizabeth**

Chocolate Bats: not yet investigated.

**Action: Paul**

Fulham prison building of bat boxes: Geoffrey has been discussing with them the sourcing of materials and other logistics. Details still under negotiation.

**Action: Geoffrey**

Initial booking of AGM venue has been made, but paperwork not yet confirmed.

**Action: Anne**

Design of bat box documents, for website. Awaiting proof reading.

**Action: Geoffrey and Elizabeth**

#### Other matters arising from previous minutes

No other matters arising.

#### Financial Report

Available bank balance is unchanged since last meeting: \$428.90

Petty cash: \$170.50

## Items held over from last meeting

### **Bowerbird**

Paul presented results of his research into Bowerbird, summarising advantages and disadvantages. After discussion, it was decided not to pursue registration of any formal project, but rather to informally encourage members to use Bowerbird when they have a photo of wildlife.

### **Rare Plants**

Council is establishing an area within Sandringham Golf Course for propagation of rare plants. Elizabeth is monitoring progress, and offering to assist with tasks such as watering.

### **Liaison with other groups**

Since our last meeting, the Friends Network has independently taken steps to facilitate liaison. The decision was to take no action at this stage, but to see whether the steps being taken by the Friends Network will achieve our aims.

## AGM planning

Hall booking to be confirmed.

**Action: Anne**

Newsletters to be sent early December and late January..

**Action: Anne and Paul**

Would like to be included in Leader newspaper. Need to investigate how we can ensure this.

**Action: Geoffrey**

## Activities for 2016

After a review of the notes from the August Planning meeting, the following were decided for the first few months of 2016.

### **Rakali**

Discuss with DELWP (formerly DEPI) the practicality of us running two Rakali watch evenings as part of the Summer by the Sea program during January.

Also tentatively run watches 12 Feb and 4 Mar 2016.

**Action: Elizabeth, Geoffrey, Denis**

### **Birds**

It was decided we would aim for one or more bird walks during 2016. Each walk should take roughly 1-1.5 hours. Possible locations include Ricketts Point and foreshore, Cheltenham Park.

Tentatively 5 April for the first walk.

## **Bats**

Long Hollow was decided as a good location for another microbat event, however planning will be delayed until the ordered Anabat Walkabouts arrive.

## **Insurance**

Elizabeth will speak to her insurance provider about any options we may have.

**Action: Elizabeth**

## **Grants for 2016**

After discussion of potential grant sources and requirements, it was decided that we need to narrow and better define how we could best utilise grant money.

**Action: Everyone**

## **Scout and School group liaison**

After a brief discussion of the possibilities it was decided to delay any action until the future of the EnviroKids program has been settled.

## **Using EventBrite/Mailchimp**

A document summarising how to complete some common tasks would be useful.

**Action: Anne**

## **Bat call analysis**

A bat call analysis sprint, where multiple people come together to concentrate on a job, was suggested as a way to get more bat calls analysed. This has been tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of 12 December.

## **Wildlife observations management**

A low-effort method of managing basic sighting reports on the website was decided as an interim measure until we can implement the desired full-function version.

**Action: Paul**

## **Articles**

Elizabeth is discussing with members such as Lewis Hiller whether they can provide articles for the Banksia Bulletin.

Denis agreed to investigate managing a blog on the current website. Paul to set it up.

**Action: Paul and Denis**

## Library of wildlife photos

Consideration to be given to Flickr and similar services. Given the late hour, further discussion was postponed.

**Action: Future discussion**

## Other Business

No other business.

## Date of Next Meeting

18 January 2016.

Meeting closed 10:10pm