

Friends of Native Wildlife Inc.

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Minutes

Committee Meeting

3 October 2016

Meeting started at 7:45pm (after viewing Tawny Frogmouth outside kitchen window)

Present: Elizabeth Walsh, Paul Foxworthy, Anne Jessel, Geoffrey Daniel, Adam Burrowes, Sally Eldridge

Apologies: Denis Young

Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Adam, Seconded: Elizabeth

Motion passed unanimously

Matters arising from previous minutes

Chocolate Bats

Chocolate Bats were investigated by Paul. The standard mould is very "Halloween" and scary, not the concept of bats we want to promote. Pricing is \$72 per 100, at 7g each.

Pricing for large chocolate frogs was also quoted at \$49.50 for 60, at 20g each.

Paul will investigate whether there are other moulds available for chocolate bats.

Action: Paul

Sighting Report Submissions on Website

The website now supports submission of basic sighting reports, but is not easy to find. The website needs its navigation reworked, as several things are becoming difficult to find.

Action: Anne and Paul

Blog

Work on blog support has started, but it is not yet ready for use.

Action: Paul and Denis

PayPal

Money in the PayPal account has been transferred to the bank account. Initial steps to add Denis to the account were taken, but PayPal requires identity confirmation, so could not be completed yet.

Action: Anne and Denis

Book selling affiliation is yet to be completed.

Action: Anne

Species List

Species List on website: not complete.

Action: Paul

Safety Forms

The draft forms related to safety and wellbeing are not complete

Action: Sally

Water Bowl Volunteers

Denis is assumed to still be awaiting warmer weather before contacting water bowl fillers.

Action: Denis

Endoscope, and Bat Box checks

The first pass of bat box checking has been completed. Adam will make the results available to the committee via Google Docs.

Action: Adam

New Bayside Volunteering Website

A request for volunteers to help with the waterbowls has not been added to the volunteering website. Sally wishes to check with Denis whether this is still needed, as he has already been contacted by some new volunteers.

Action: Sally

First Aid

Elizabeth reported that the possibility of first aid training was to be discussed at the BEFN meeting, but there was insufficient time. Elizabeth will continue to monitor this.

Action: Elizabeth

Financial Report

No financial report was presented this meeting, due to Denis' absence.

Acceptance of New Members

The meeting agreed to accept as new members all those who have applied since the last meeting.

Moved Paul. Seconded Sally.

Action Plan

The current Action Plan was discussed. It was agreed it requires editing, but the only copy is a scanned PDF. It needs conversion to text so it can be edited.

Action: Paul and Elizabeth

Ricketts Point Signage

Denis' written summary of his meeting regarding the Ricketts Point Signage Plan was discussed.

Consensus was that FoNW may like to have significant input into the content of the interpretative signage. While we need more detailed information as to specific location and size, some general thoughts were:

- Some National Parks have "do not feed the birds" signs on picnic tables which might be useful examples. Anne will see if she can find any examples online.
- Inclusion of QRcodes on the interpretive signs would permit those interested in more information than can fit on the sign to easily access it. FoNW could assist with providing the necessary web pages and QRcodes.

We look forward to further involvement in the formulation of this plan.

Action: Denis

Batting4Bayside

We currently have some SD Anabats borrowed from ARCUE. Use of these at upcoming bat nights was discussed.

Publications/Advertising

Bumper Stickers

The company that organised our new business cards suggested we might like bumper stickers as well, and provided a sample. After discussion, it was decided to not proceed with any bumper stickers at this stage.

Facebook

There was some discussion as to how we might obtain better coverage of upcoming events via Facebook. Sally now has a list of groups on Facebook that she should consider specifically notifying of any relevant upcoming event.

School Activity Information

Approaches we could take to providing schools with information on local fauna when requested were briefly discussed, specifically with a view to possibly developing some activity packs or similar suitable publication. There is probably relevant information already

available, and it may be "simply" a matter of pulling together those pieces relevant to the local area.

We will consider this and discuss during the next meeting.

Action: All

Posters

Discussion delayed to next meeting.

Purchases

Elizabeth stated that we may need to purchase more rechargeable batteries.

The current A-Frame was discussed. It is specifically designed for "working bees" which most of our events are not. It may be worth replacing it, or it might be more cost effective to have the existing one re-painted.

Adam will investigate costings.

Action: Adam

Event Planning

Bats at Long Hollow

Paul, Anne and Adam will be available. Denis may also be available.

As we already have 12 people booked for this event, it was decided not to bother with flyers and similar publicity this time.

Elizabeth notified everyone that there were no bats in the Long Hollow bat box two weekends previous (roughly 18 September).

Bats at Cheltenham Park

Paul and Anne will be available. Others may or may not be at this stage.

We do not have anyone booked for this yet, but as it is not until the end of November this is not surprising.

We need to re-assess publicity near the end of October. Any flyer should include a QRCode for easier registration. This should apply to all flyers from now on.

Action: Anne and Paul

Frog Watch

Anne, Paul and Adam will manage Frog Watch while Elizabeth is away.

We will use the new Frog Census app for submissions. Anne will contact Melbourne Water to ask how we manage group submissions from different people using different mobile phones.

Action: Anne

Other Events

Wild in Bayside

Elizabeth is looking for a speaker for our February 2017 Wild in Bayside. The speaker she tentatively lined up months ago will not be available.

Once a speaker and tentative date has been decided, Elizabeth will contact Council to confirm availability of the hall.

Action: Elizabeth

2017

Events and dates for the first part of 2017 were discussed, so we can include them in the next Banksia Bulletin. The following was tentatively decided:

Summer By The Sea

Rakali and indigenous history, similar to last year. Date to be decided in collaboration with the SBTS organisers, but most likely second or third week in January.

Microbats at Dendy Park

Saturday 11 February

[added after the meeting - 8.00pm (sunset 8.23pm)]

Waterbugs

26 February at 10am

Possibly Pobblebonk Park or Basterfield Park

Elizabeth will check whether water bugs can be found at one of these places before the final decision is made.

Action: Elizabeth

Foreshore Bird Walk

March 25 or 26

Rakali

Friday 7 April

[added after meeting - sunset at 6.05pm]

Hand Overs

There was discussion about what equipment will be needed for events while Elizabeth is away, and arrangements made for that equipment to be available when and where needed.

Other Business

Geoffrey mentioned he recently came across mention of a group "CVGT" who offers free printing to non-profits. They may also have small grants available around March to May. Geoffrey will follow up to obtain further information.

Action: Geoffrey

Date of Next Meeting

12 December, 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 10:30pm, after many entertaining interruptions from noisy possums