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## **MINUTES OF BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2019**

**Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House**

**Present:** Jessica Gerger, Ferdi Saliba, Karin Saliba, Graeme Blore, Reg Ayton, Linda Roberts, Gerard Morel, Dominique Wisniewski, Simon Egan, Joshua Gomez, Jack Nunn, Alex Schlotzer, Jacob, Anne Beevers, Leah and Renee

**Apologies:** Natalie Everett, Jodie Williams, Glenda Kueng

**Meeting opened 7:05 pm.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>            President, Jessica Gerger, opened the meeting, welcomed members and apologies were noted.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of previous meeting</b>            Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 were accepted by the group.  <b>Moved:</b> Alex <b>Seconded:</b> Linda</p>	
<p><b>3. Actions from previous minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share 25<sup>th</sup> of May BCC planting on the FOKC Facebook page (Jessica) – completed.</li> <li>Look into water tank trailer (Linda) – Linda and Gerard have been looking into the tank and will continue to do so. In the meantime, Simon cleaned out both pumps and made some alterations so that they can run more efficiently. Both pumps can be used for upcoming events, such as NTD.</li> <li>Follow up with Wurundjeri Council for NTD ceremonies (Alex) – The Wurundjeri Council will confirm two weeks before the event and an elder or two will be present for the Welcome to Country and the Smoking Ceremony.</li> <li>Send email with school site details (Jessica) – completed</li> <li>Email Gerard regarding removal of bin in the creek in Cairnlea (Natalie) – Natalie was absent from the meeting.</li> <li>Create laminated sheet with instructions on how to open an event (Jodie) – Jodie was absent from the meeting.</li> <li>Find out if Love Your Station Day mural has been graffiti proofed – Jessica confirmed that it was graffiti proofed.</li> </ol>	<p>Linda/Gerard - water tank trailer</p> <p>Natalie - email Gerard regarding removal of bin in creek in Cairnlea.</p> <p>Jodie – laminated sheet with instructions on how to open an event</p>
<p><b>4. Treasurer’s Report</b>            The bank account currently holds \$26,700, \$2,800 of which is general funds, the rest is grant money including a grant for the Truganina project.</p>	

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<p><b>5. Brainstorming for National Tree Day (Sunday, 28th of July)</b></p> <p>The following has been planned for the day: Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony (to be confirmed), planting, entertainment by the Sunshine Street Band, and a BBQ provided by council.</p> <p>Jessica asked the group for ideas, such as other entertainment, kids' activities (such as a litter scavenger hunt).</p> <p>There was some discussion on how to conduct the event better compared to last year's event, especially regarding the quality of the planting. Since this year's NTD will be held on the other side of the creek at a smaller site, it should be easier to control and direct people. Simon suggested a planting "university" near the front of the site where people could learn how to plant before moving on.</p> <p>Gerard will check if a water watch activity can be provided by Melbourne Water. Jessica will contact AMES to see if there are any volunteers interested in attending and possibly providing music. Jessica will organise flyers and has collected names for those available to letterbox drop. Dominique suggested that there be a planned litter picking up activity.</p>	
<p><b>6. Upcoming events</b></p> <p>a. Sunday, 16th of June, 10am-12pm – Fraser St Railway Bridge planting, 113 Fraser St, Sunshine          Josh has been the organiser for this event; he has worked with Rosie to prepare the site and will be bringing the trailer and plants.          Jessica will bring food, Linda will bring tea and coffee, and Ferdi and Karin will bring the pumps.          Dominique will be unable to attend, but will pass on sign-in sheets to Alex to bring with him to the event.</p> <p>b. Saturday, 29th of June, 1.30pm – 7pm – Campfires and Science along the Kororoit Creek, Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House          Jack has been organising this event. He said that the event was made public recently and an Eventbrite site was organised to track the numbers of those who would like to attend. There is a cap on the numbers, and that was reached within 24 hours of posting the event. There is now a waiting list. Jack surveyed some of the people who are attending, and it seems that the presence of an aboriginal elder was the main reason for their interest in attending.          A planting will take place at the old St Paul's Primary School planting site near the Fraser St planting. The plants will be provided by the Women's prison who have been raising them from seedlings.          Other activities that will take place on the day: DNA species testing, viewing specimen samples under microscopes and projecting the view under the microscope onto a screen, using a drone to take a video of the creek and vegetation in its current state (to be compared with a video of the same area at a later date), a talk with an Aboriginal Elder, and a chat around a campfire. FOKC members do not have to sign up on the Eventbrite site to attend the event.</p> <p>c. Sunday, 30th of June, 11.30am – 12.30pm – Love Your Station Day, Sunshine Station, City Place          Ferdi raised the issue of a missing tree near the underpass on the East side the railway tracks of Sunshine Station. He has reported it to council, but there has been no action so far. Everyone is encouraged to also report it to council, in an effort to escalate the issue.</p>	

<p>d. Sunday, 14th of July, 10am-12pm – Cairnlea Planting, 29 Gurnung Drive, Cairnlea Graeme has suggested another potential planting site in Cairnlea – along the creek in front of 15 Gurnung Drive. Gerard said that it is a good idea, however it is on Council land, so we will need permission from Council first. This proposed site is contrary to the land in front of 29 Gurnung Drive, which is a small patch of Melbourne Water land. Linda said she would chase up with Tracey to find out if a planting at 15 Gurnung Drive would be possible.</p> <p>e. Friday, 19th of July – Ford Planting This planting will take place at the Bug Rug (the mega Schools site located on along the creek).</p> <p>f. Friday, 26th of July – Ford Planting This planting will aim to fill in last year’s planting at the Lizard Lounge. Both Ford planting events will have between 40-100 people working all day.</p> <p>g. Sunday, 28th of July, 10am-12pm – National Tree Day, 27 Fraser Street, Sunshine</p> <p>h. Every Monday, 9.30am – 11.30am - Boomerang Bag Making, Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House</p>	<p>Linda – ask Tracey from BCC if a planting at 15 Gurnung Drive, Cairnlea would be possible</p>
<p><b>Jacob</b> Jacob is a local resident from Sunshine. He is organising the Sunshine Silos Projection Festival to be held on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2019. The event is being funded by ‘Pick my project’, a community grants initiative organised by the Victorian State Government in 2018. The plan is to have food trucks, live music and projections onto the Sunshine silos at JR Parsons Reserve. Jacob was asking if the FOKC would be interested in having a presence at the festival – such as marquee or a booth to promote the FOKC to festival attendees. Everyone was happy to agree to that. Jacob will keep in touch with the FOKC as the date of the festival draws nearer.</p>	
<p><b>7. Other Business</b></p> <p>a. Melbourne Water report A corporate volunteer planting at Proximity Drive, originally planned for Broad Spectrum who have failed to get back to Melbourne Water, will now go ahead for another company – Nation Partners. Gerard has been in touch with David Sornig, author of Blue Lake; a book about the history of a small area to the west of central Melbourne that was formerly a swamp. Gerard thought David could be an interesting speaker to have at this year’s AGM. Update on Davitt Drive: there are plans for next year to remove some exotic trees in the area and replace them with native trees and vegetation.</p>	
<p>b. School sites A planting with Caroline Chisolm Catholic College is planned for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of June. Jessica and Linda will attend the planting, which will be held at the Bug Rug. A planting with St Theresa’s Primary School is planned for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of June at the Rippon St entry to the creek (just off Fraser St). Plantings with Mother of God Primary School and Our Lady’s Primary School are still being organised.</p>	
<p>c. Public forums about the creek Alex has been in talks with the Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House (KCNH) executive, who are looking to have an environmental focussed event held at the house. There is the idea to have public forums at the house where locals can attend to hear local experts talk about the creek and related topics. The Sunshine Historical Society is a potential group to help organise these events, along with the FOKC and BCC. No details have been organised yet, but Alex is happy to work with the KCNH to organise the events.</p>	

<p>d. Anti-Toxic Waste Alliance Dominique attended a meeting for the recently formed Anti-Toxic Waste Alliance (A-TWA). The alliance was formed to lobby the State Government to act on the illegal dumping and storage of toxic waste in Victoria. The alliance is formed of community organisations in the Northern and Western suburbs of Melbourne, since recent fires fuelled by toxic waste have severally affected waterways and parklands in those areas. The meeting was to discuss the planned submission to be submitted to the Government and final logistics to set up the group (e.g. Facebook page, logo etc.).</p>	
<p>e. Sub groups <u>Annie's Garden</u> Melbourne Water is spending some money on the west steep side of Annie's Garden to remove old guards and spray weeds. <u>Davitt Drive</u> Ferdie reported weed infestations (prickly pears and box thorns). <u>Mid-week working group</u> The working group is active again.</p>	
<p>f. Reminder to complete 2019-20 membership forms</p>	
<p><b>8. Any other business</b> Jessica asked for any other BCC grant ideas. Currently the grant is being applied to pay for a sign at Bug Rug, a voucher for Western Plains flora and new mattocks.</p>	
<p><b>9. Next meeting – 7pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of August at the Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House</b></p>	

Meeting closed 8:35 pm