

FRIENDS OF THE ESCARPMENT PARKS (TOOWOOMBA) Inc.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of Friends of The Escarpment Parks (Toowoomba) Inc. was held on Saturday 18th August 2018 from 10.03AM to 12.35PM on Level 3 Toowoomba Regional Library in Herries Street Toowoomba.

Meeting was declared open at 10.03AM by President Hugh Krenske.

1. Members Present:

Hugh Krenske (President), Kay Krenske (Vice President), Bruce Titter (Secretary), Ray Addison (Treasurer), Eunice Addison (Other Member), Greg Lukes (Newsletter Editor), Coral Sharrock, Lisa Sutton, Al Young, Rod Hobbson (Visitor) Shannon Wallis (Visitor) and Patrick Webster (Guest Speaker).

Apologies:

Rob Brodribb, Wendy Briggs and Kevin Briese.

Guest Speaker:

Patrick Webster gave a very interesting "Powerpoint" presentation on Black-Breasted Button Quail birds in the different areas of Queensland including Redwood Park.

Hugh Krenske thanked Patrick Webster for the great presentation on behalf of all present.

A Morning Tea break was taken prior to official Annual General Meeting proceedings with 10 FEP Members.

5. Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Copies of 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting with further copies handed out at the meeting.

Bruce Titter reviewed the main points included in the Minutes and spoke about the following items in more detail:

Constitution.

Bruce Titter advised at 2017 A.G.M. that the Committee would review our Constitution and present an amended Constitution to be accepted or rejected as one Motion instead of a number of potential Motions of amendments.

Changes made to our rules at recent A.G.M's were within the constitution guidelines.

Bruce Titter and Ray Addison fully reviewed our Constitution in late 2017 and early 2018. Office of Fair Trading was contacted for advice. After discussions with them the Committee decided to adjust our procedures to fully conform to our existing Constitution.

Memorandum of Understanding between FEP and Toowoomba Regional Council.

Bruce Titter advised that he and Rob Brodribb developed and reviewed the agreement with council.

M.O.U. was finally signed 10th July 2018.

Motion moved to accept A.G.M. Minutes as a true record was made by Bruce Titter, seconded by Kay Krenske and carried unanimously.

3. President's Report for 2017-2018 year's activities.

President's Report was circulated just prior to its presentation.

Hugh Krenske felt very disappointed that FEP could not attract new volunteers despite its promotion in recent times.

Also, the lack of general media coverage of Environment work and Environmental events in the local area.

Highlights of President's Report is as follows:

- Hugh Krenske thanked the efforts of Committee, Parkcare Coordinators, Volunteers and our Newsletter Editor.
- Hugh Krenske summarised the projects worked on in each of the 10 local parks.
- **Open Day at Duggan Park.**

An Open day was held in April 2018 and Greg Spearitt revised his book on "Plants of Duggan Park" which was launched at the Open day.

The event was successful and supported by a number of groups including Toowoomba Bird Observers, Toowoomba Field Naturalists, Crow's Nest Community Nursery, Toowoomba Regional Council, Darling Downs Environment Council and Protect Group.

Despite a number of approaches to media groups the only promotion that we received was our paid Advertisement in the Toowoomba Chronicle.

- **Memorandum of Understanding between FEP and Council.**

As part of the M.O.U., each park has to develop an Annual Action Plan and maintain records of the work done, the participants involved and the Herbicide usage. Council has to negotiate with FEP on their activities to develop Management Plans for each park.

- **Grants.**

FEP received several Grants from Toowoomba Regional Council over the year to assist with different projects.

Full Report attached.

President's Report was accepted on a Motion by Hugh Krenske, seconded by Bruce Titter and carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report for 2017-2018.

Report was presented by treasurer, Ray Addison.

Friends of the Escarpment Parks (Toowoomba) Inc. Income and Expenses for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2018

ORDINARY INCOME	2016/2017	2017/2018
Membership	\$710.00	\$770.00
Donations	\$370.00	\$250.00
Community Grant	\$ 10.87	\$178.95
Bank Interest	\$197.91	\$162.12
Clothing	\$210.00	\$ 12.00
T.R.C. Catering/ACDC Licences	\$327.02	NIL
Misc.		\$ 0.50
Everyone's Environmental Grant	\$14,000.00	\$3,964.00
T.R.C. Grants	\$ 2,720.00	\$15,555.60
Gambling Community Benefit Grant	\$ 790.00	NIL
Donations for Plant Book		\$458.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,335.80	\$21,351.17
ORDINARY EXPENDITURE		
Government & Association Fees	\$247.40	\$138.25
Admin.	\$225.73	\$1,434.44
Tools & Equipment	\$2,697.78	\$5,374.81
Catering	\$432.72	\$325.94
Clothing	\$892.60	NIL
Everyone's Environmental Grant	\$15,290.38	\$6,815.00
Duggan Park Book Grant		\$2,318.00
Duggan Park Open Day/Book Launch		\$1,510.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$19,786.61	\$17,916.44
OPERATING SURPLUS	- \$450.81	+\$3,434.73

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2018

ASSETS	2016/2017	2017/2018
Current assets		
Cash at Bank	\$11,521.92	\$14,956.65
Term Deposit	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$18,521.92	\$21,956.65

NET ASSETS	\$18,972.73
TOTAL EQUITY	\$18,972.73

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Balance as at 1 st July 2017	\$11,972.73	\$11,521.92
Balance of Income over Expenses	-\$ 450.81	+\$ 3,434.73

Balance as at 30th June 2018	\$11,521.92	\$14,956.65
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Comments.

Ray Addison advised that FEP has total assets of approximately \$50,000.

Membership number at the beginning of July 2018 was 86, however 11 were deleted due to lapsed Membership and some were longstanding Members.

T.R.C. Grants totalled \$15,555.60 this year to assist with different projects, however some funds were returned to council due to the drought conditions for weed treatment at Eaglenest camp area.

Treasurer's full Report attached with audited Financial Statements.

Treasurer's Report was accepted on a Motion by Ray Addison, seconded by Kay Krenske and carried unanimously.

5. Election of a new Committee for 2018- 2019.

Greg Lukes assumed the position of Chairperson and the existing Committee dissolved; with completed Nomination Forms for positions submitted to the meeting.

It was mentioned that Rob Brodribb would nominate for President next year and Kaye Wood-Riley as Secretary.

Election results were as follows:

President: Hugh Krenske

Nominated by Bruce Titter, seconded by Al Young and re-elected unopposed.

Vice President: No nomination so position left vacant.

Secretary: Bruce Titter

Nominated by Hugh Krenske, seconded by Kay Krenske and re-elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Ray Addison

Nominated by Bruce Titter, seconded by Coral Sharrock and elected unopposed.

Safety Representative: No nomination so position left vacant.

Nomination Forms attached.

Greg Lukes will continue as Newsletter Editor in a non-committee position.

6. Appointment of Auditor if required.

Not required.

7. General Items.

No general items submitted.

Annual General Meeting Closed at 12.35PM

It was decided that the next General Committee Meeting will be held on Friday 23rd November 2018 at 1PM.

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Bruce Titter
Secretary