



**Friends of the Escarpment Park  
(Toowoomba) Inc.**  
97/11 Donahue St, Toowoomba

# Minutes

General Meeting  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00 am, 2019

## **1 Declare a Quorum, Welcome and Open Meeting, Apologies**

Present: Bev Yates, Taryn D'Arcy, Hugh Krenske, Kay Krenske, Rob Brodribb, Ray Addison, Greg Lukes, Kaye Wood-Riley

Apologies: Monique Schijven, Geoff Sharp

## **2 Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Accepted as true record.

Moved: Hugh Krenske

Seconded: Bev Yates

## **3 Business Arising from Previous General Meeting.**

3.1 Environment Day Proposal... DDRL meeting report...Hugh

Too short a notice to get anything done

3.2 Intrepid Landcare – This group is an active group of young volunteers at the Gold Coast.

They are looking at holding a workshop to give ideas on how to engage more volunteers at the library on 23 May. They are inviting many groups. FEP will be able to send approximately 8 volunteers.

3.3 Charmaine Court name change...Taryn is following up.

3.4 Horticulture Students Cert 11...Came to Greg once but no show at Neilson Park

3.5 Grant for Notice Boards and Bench... Cannot apply under normal environment grant. Needs to be through the council. Taryn looking into it. Taryn has organised signs for the parks...double

posts, 1200 x 900.

3.6 Mistake at Redwood... Hugh suggested we go back to the original trail established in 1988. Hugh has spoken to Mark Ready. Starting weed control on 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. See Redwood Park report for more information.

3.7 Stenner St Bike Park weed control... Hugh has helped Daniel on one morning doing cut stump. Bev is unable to help at the moment due to being overwhelmed with weeds at Hancock St Park.

#### **4 Correspondence received since the previous General Meeting – inward and outward**

*Attachment 1.*

Correspondence Inward and outward accepted

Moved: Kaye Wood Riley

Seconded: Rob Brodribb

#### **5 Business arising from the Correspondence**

5.1 Commercial Operators Licence...Who holds one?

Greg holds a COL. Rob and Hugh would like to complete one.

5.2 FEP Brochure...Taryn looking for some high-resolution photos. The council has employed a photographer to do these photos. If anyone has some that might be this quality please send in to Taryn.

5.3 FEP Objectives review ... Hugh suggested they have wording that includes *Protecting Biological and Biodiversity*. This will require constitutional change. *Kaye will look into what is needed for this to happen*. Perhaps ask Bruce. If a constitutional change is to happen look into the members item.

5.4 Matters of Local Environment workshop...Hugh attended. See Redwood park report for more information

5.5 Candidates Environment Forum... Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

5.6 Duggan Park Neighbours cutting down trees... TRC lawyers involved

5.7 Watering Restrictions at Hancock St Park... The watering is been done by buckets now.

#### **6 Treasurer's Report and business arising from Treasurer's report**

Treasurers report accepted

*Attachment 2*

Moved: Ray Addison

Seconded: Greg Lukes

## 7 President's Report.

President's report FEP Dec 2019-10/3/2020

### **Escarpment Mountain bike plan**

Further meeting was held with Melinda Covey-Hansen from TRC in January. Council is arranging an EIS (June 2020 at earliest) and cultural indigenous survey. An advisory group including FEP will be established to "oversee" the project. Geoff Sharpe is going to conduct an EIS of the potential trail area in Redwood for FEP. There is no funding in 2020-2021 council budget for any trail construction.

### **Stage 3 of J.E.Duggan Park upgrades**

Various issues continue in Duggan. Neighbour removal of timber, vandalism of ropes and signs, deterioration in the surface of the main path. A meeting was held with Dominic Doyle and Daniel, from council, Josh ? and a neighbour /name. The neighbour voiced concerns that the toilet block would affect the bandicoots and ecdnas and council was going to end up turning Duggan into another Queens Pk. Dominic presented the plans for the toilet/storage block. Council has decided on the positioning and type. It will be a "pumped out tank sewerage system" located between FEPs container and the inside carpark. [Duggan Park container could go to Stenner St Bike Park.](#)

### **TRC Green Infrastructure Strategy (GIS)**

This was endorsed at the Nov 19 council meeting.

A meeting was held 3<sup>rd</sup> March with Josie Raftery (Principal Planner Infrastructure and Environment Strategic Planning and Economic Development) and Kaori Vanbaalen (strategic environmental planner) from TRC to try and determine where FEP fits into the strategy. The meeting confirmed the gulf between strategic planning and operational management regarding the management of bushland reserves. I felt Josie was an ally

Arising from the GIS FEP will be represented by Hugh krenske at a workshop led by Dr Darren Fielder and his team from Redleaf. Matters of local environmental significance (MLES) project work in mapping the region's MLES through legislative framework and strategic guidance. This mapping will involve mapping local wildlife corridors including aquatic corridors and areas for rehabilitation. There will also be a focus on identifying landscape biodiversity values such as large tracts of vegetation, urban bushland, species richness and diversity, ecosystem uniqueness and climate change adaptation and refugia.

### **Meeting with Kerry Shine**

A brief meeting was held at KS request to meet community groups. I agreed to supply him with a list of important issues.

- Escarpment Mountain bike plan
- Environment centre
- Council's consultative and engagement process

**Communication with Mark Ready regarding watering restrictions and Hancock St park.** Neighbours had complained that FEP volunteers were watering outside the council designated times. Council will change the formal address of Hancock Pk so at least watering can occur on a Thursday which is the current working day of the group. The hours will remain the same as for all private consumers.

**Committee membership**

Monique Schijven unfortunately has resigned from the committee due to other commitments. [Letter to be sent to Monique thanking her for her contribution on the committee...Kaye](#)

**8 Park Coordinators Reports**

***Hancock St Park***

Hullo Kaye, As requested a short report on Hancock Park –

All of our new plants are thriving especially with the recent rain (approx.. 160 mls.) Our main task now is to tackle the green Panic which has sprung up again. We are setting up a frog habitat and would welcome any suggestions. [Kay could support Bev with frog habitat set up.](#)  
Bev Yates

***Nielsen Pk coordinator's report March 2020***

Work continues twice a month concentrating on regrowth in the southern section. Members of A Rocha ( a christian conservation group) have joined once a month since January. A Rocha wishes to become an FEP member.

Roger Jaensch has set up two bird monitoring areas in Nielsen Pk. One survey has been completed.

Some minor revegetation has occurred beside the Tarlington St extension after the rain.

Signs have been supplied from council to deter the boys building bike trails. So far not completely successful. [Grant money to be pursued...Taryn will suggest a grant if she finds one.](#)

I am exploring the options for some plant identification plaques as a education activity. A Rocha may be able to contribute.

## ***Redwood Park Report***

Attached

### **9 General Business**

9.1 The passing of Neil McKilligan...Kaye to send a card and send out invitation to members of FEP to attend the funeral.

9.2 Banners for Parks when working... Everyone interested however Greg was thinking of a triangular banner that points to where work is occurring. Options to be sourced.

9.3 EIS...Geoff Sharpe

Wild Net data base... Rob to ask Roger.

9.4 FEP Objectives review ... Hugh suggested they have wording that includes *Protecting Biological and Biodiversity*. This will require constitutional change. *Kaye will look into what is needed for this to happen*. Perhaps ask Bruce. If a constitutional change is to happen look into the members item.

9.5 Matters of Local Environment workshop...Hugh attended. See Redwood park report for more information

9.6 TEABAG... Hugh responded to channel 7 item re: FEP having influence on the burning strategy of the council.

Teabag hasn't referred to FEP in a public space yet. Hugh has not been accepted as a member of Teabag.

9.7 Duggan Park vandalism... Max regards the workmanship as the problem now, not the vandalism. Council has recognised this and attempting to restore.

9.8 Ramsay St Nursery cessation of volunteer work propagating local native plants. ....Two petitions to be presented to council. Louise Noble (Mulberry Project) has presented an electronic petition. Rob Brodribb is the primary petitioner of a paper petition to be presented to the mayor on 17th march.

### **10 Next meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> June

### **11 Close meeting**

11.53 am

**FEP Secretary**

Kaye Wood-Riley

**FEP President**

Rob Brodribb