

FRIENDS OF THE BOX IRONBARK FORESTS (MOUNT ALEXANDER REGION, INC)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 12 2024

MINUTES

Acknowledgment of Country was delivered by Asha Bannon

Present: Anne Parbury, Lori Arthur, Robin and Brian Rebbechi, Lynette Amaterstein, Marie Jones, Bernard Slattery, Bronwyn Silver, Asha Bannon, Frances Cincotta, Jo Matthews, Sarah Day, Melissa Borthman, Jeremy Holland, Jonathon and Erica Bader, Mez Woodward, Ken Killeen, Heather Armstrong, Diane Thompson, Keppel Cassidy, Lyn Rule, Mike Rule, Deirdre Slattery, Pam Joseph, Peter Turner, Jill Williams, Jennie Walker, Mark Dunne, Jan Dunne, Harley Parker, Darryl Fleay, Kaye Fleay, Anna Senior, Brooke Sykes, Jane Rusden, Frances Howe, Lou Lorback, Dave Dickson, Vicki Hain, Claire Nixon, Chris Timewell, Gary Cazalet, David Walters, Glenys Moors, Jennifer Price, Alex Panneli, Chris Johnston, Jennifer Rolland, Euan Moore, Geraldine Harris, Susan Smith, Alison Radford.

Guest Speaker: Geoff Park delivered his presentation before the formal meeting: *Woodland birds in central Victoria – historical observations, current status and future prospects.*

Apologies: Cassia Read, Barb Guerin, Lionel Jenkins, Nev Cooper

Minutes of the 2023 AGM were accepted [Moved Bernard Slattery, Seconded Lynette Amaterstein]

President's report was delivered by Marie Jones. She referred members to a summary text of FOBIF's activities from our Responding to Country publication, as follows:

'It is always a privilege to acknowledge the incredible FOBIF committee – this year these eleven committed people have brought with them a range of skills and interests that have kept us true to our aims and to our members over the year.

'Our regular thought provoking committee meetings, our healthy financial situation, our wonderful books scattered far and wide, the walks with their great reputation supported by the informative and well followed website all guide us in the broader advocacy work that we do. On your extra handout tonight there is an overview of our activities since we started in 1988 taken from *Responding to Country* showing the evolution from when Doug Ralph first started this "Friends" conversation until now.

'As we all know in these high-tech and challenging environmental times, there appears to be one certain thing in this world - and that is change! And tonight is no exception ...

'With things being the way they are, some of us thought it was an ideal time for a new approach in looking to this future and so there will be some current members nominating

along with some new nominations for the committee – and there's always a place around the table if you would like to put your hand up too.'

Treasurer's report was tabled by Lynette Amaterstein, who spoke briefly to the document:

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ABN 40 489 904 108 A0037461H

Income and Expenditure Statement for the Financial Period

1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023
Income		
Membership	1200	1358.95
Donations	1360	1610.00
Contributions		
Grants		
Vic Gully Group	500.00	500.00
SALES		
Greeting cards	221.18	1805.00
20 Walks on Mt Alexander	2917.30	4451.61
Pea book	1826.63	1399.95
Wattle Book	2166.52	1364.87
Moss Book	2661.77	1568.20
Eucalypt Guide	2751.07	2295.96
Responding to Country	709.36	1802.23
Sanger Book (Vagabond)	0.00	10.00
Photo Exhibition	0.00	2190.00
Misc income	99.70	1092.34
Total	16413.53	21449.11
Expenditure		
Administration (postage/copying/stationery)	865.73	801.47
Advertising	58.95	40.00
Contributions	1000.00	0.00
Public liability insurance	0.00	823.94
Computer/ Website	1576.49	546.00
Printing Pea Book	0.00	3247.20
Printing Wattle Book	3564.00	3103.10
Printing Moss Book	2576.20	3489.20
Printing Eucalypt book	0.00	3668.50
Printing 20 Walks Mt Alexander book	4422.00	3466.10
Printing Responding to Country	0.00	3383.60
Printing	0.00	166.39
Photos	18.00	431.62
Framing	12.00	915.60

Mounts	0.00	377.60
Art Exhibition	0.00	190.00
Room Hire	92.06	108.00
Miscellaneous	173.92	1159.87
Consumer Affairs Vic	63.60	61.20
Vic Gully Project	127.00	150.00
Total	14549.95	36027.36

Bendigo Bank Account

Statement at 1.7.2023	10,897.62	Carried forward	10,897.62
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Statement as at 30.6.2023	10,897.62	plus Income	16,413.53
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Sub Total	27,311.15
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Minus Expenditure	14,549.95
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Balance at 30.6.2024	12,761.20
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Cash flow and transactions recorded in the accounts balance with the bank's monthly and end of year statements. Lynette Amaterstein (Treasurer)

Report accepted: moved Lynette Amaterstein, seconded Harley Parker

Motions

Motion 1:

'That this meeting confirm the annual FOBIF membership fee remain at \$10 per individual and \$15 per family'. *Moved: Marie Jones Seconded Bernard Slattery*

Motion 2:

'That the FOBIF Committee for 2024-2025 consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and seven ordinary members.

Moved Marie Jones Seconded Bernard Slattery

Both motions were accepted without dissent.

Election of FOBIF committee 2024-5

Secretary/Public Officer Bernard Slattery declared all committee positions vacant, and called for nominations for members 2024-5.

The following were nominated in due form:

President: Christine Henderson was elected unopposed

Secretary: Lisa Hall was elected unopposed

The following were elected as ordinary committee members: Asha Bannon, Gen Blades, Frances Cincotta, Karl Just, Jo Matthews, Cassia Read, Sarah Day.

The positions of treasurer and vice president are currently unfilled.

President Elect Christine Henderson then closed the meeting; after which she paid tribute to retiring committee members and office holders, to whom small presentations were made.

Bernard Slattery

Retiring secretary