

DPA General Meeting: Agenda

Meeting Date	August 27, 2013 8:00pm
Location	Environment Centre, Darebin Parklands
Attendees	Mark Creamer, Peter Reville, Ingrid Svenson, Sue Course, Noel Barker, Michael Mann, Annabell Dureau, Alan Tait, Rosemary Tait, Rudi Anders, Shirley Anders, Barry Amokin, Susie Rogers, Peter Williams, Maree Trentin, Cath Sloan, Carina Watson, Louise Keen,
Apologies	David Craven, Debra Nette, Meredith Schaap, Maryanne Newton

1. Welcome and acknowledgement of the traditional owners

2. Minutes from previous meeting (information night, Feb 26)

Susie , Peter R (seconder)

3. Business arising

None

4. President's report

Thank you to Peter and his team for the work in the park. Unanimous applause. Thanks to everybody who voted for the leader grant. We received \$1000 for the grant to build nest boxes for Eastern Rosellas in the parklands. Thanks particularly to Peter Reville and Michael Mann for preparing the proposal, and to Maryanne Newton who assisted Peter with the application. We have had a number of successful Park care days since our last meeting, focusing in particular on planting Kangaroo Grass on the slopes of Mt Puffalo. These have already taken and will look fantastic if we get a good spring/summer. Thanks Deb Nette for her continuing organisation of these key events. The next park care day is Sep 15. Thanks also to Charmaine for her great work with the archiving project.

5. Treasurer's report

Mark spoke for Merideth. Nearly \$7000 in the current account, plus \$1k to come from the Leader Newspaper for the grant we received. \$9k in term deposit, set aside for the feasibility study.

6. Guest speaker : Sonja Ross – How To Get Started As A Bird Watcher

Sonja gave a very interesting talk about the types of birds in the parklands and how to spot them.

7. Progress Reports

7.1. Activity plan update

Formal strategic directions document for until 2014. Working document is the Activities plan, which Mark emailed out recently.

7.2. Revegetation project

Mark noted that we must never lose sight of our main goal which is to assist the rangers in maintaining and improving the park.

7.3. Junior Rangers

Bonfire night postponed until October. End of year function in November. No catch a carp day this year.

7.4. Community events

None to report

8. Ranger's report

Peter Wiltshire presented his Ranger's report. It has been a chaotic couple of months, particularly with the two floods. Highest flow rate previously recorded was 28 kmh, yet the most recent floods flowed at 34 kmh. 70mm of rain in the upper catchment = 3 m of water in the parklands. The creek is now biologically dead, with no fish or plant life at all, although it will gradually recover.

The enterprise centre was robbed, with DCMC losing valuable tools and equipment. Then 109 kmh winds destroyed several trees.

October 11 bonfire night to go ahead as planned.

9. General business

New toilets in the park? Darebin Council has no money. They did replace the sewerage of the current toilets. The druggies are under control, for now.

10. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 26th, 8.00 – 9.30.

Meeting closed at 9.31.