

## DPA General Meeting: Minutes

Meeting Date	February 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 8:00 pm
Location	Environment Centre, Darebin Parklands
Attendees	Mark Creamer, Peter Reville, Michael Mann, Diane Dawson, Cath Sloan, Barry Arnstein, Sue Course, Deb Nette, Justine McDonough, Ian McMaster, Louise Keene, Peter Williams, Claire Dunlop, John Dunlop, Neridan Weller, Jan Borkowski, Eve Recht, A Dureau. Peter Wiltshire, Susie Rodgers. <i>Non Members: Paul Prentice, Paul Sheel, Mark McCann, Tim Curri</i>
Apologies	Meredith Schaap, Ingrid Svendsen, Aaltje and Peter Harvey, David Craven

### 1. Welcome and acknowledgement of the traditional owners

Mark Creamer

### 2. Apologies

Merideth Schaape, Ingrid Svenson, Altra and Peter Harvey, David Craven

### 3. Ranger's report

Peter Wiltshire gave a brief report. Of particular importance is the new sink hole appearing along the shared trail towards the railway bridge. Works to fix it will take place in November. It will involve moving large amounts of soil from the hillside that is breaking away to around the south and south west corners of the park. There may also be an opportunity to continue the cycle path from the corner of Parklands and Yarana, down Yarana Road to Wingrove.

### 4. Minutes from previous meeting (information night, Nov 26)

Moved Mark Creamer, Seconded Peter Williams

### 5. Business arising:

#### 5.1: Adoption of new rules

Approval has been received from Consumer Affairs Victoria for adoption of the model rules which were accepted by the membership at the November meeting.

### 6. President's report

Mark noted that the new "Rules of Association" adopted in November require some minor modifications to the way we

conduct our business, particularly around membership, but the Committee has adopted new procedures accordingly. He noted that we will formally appoint a Membership Secretary at the AGM in May, but that Peter Williams has kindly agreed to take on the role in the meantime. Mark discussed the use of MailChimp to send out member emails, and foreshadowed a small fee increase (\$5 per year for each category) to be put to the members at the AGM. He noted that the current DPA Action Plan expires at the end of 2014 and asked anyone interested in helping to develop the new plan to contact the Committee. Mark informed the meeting of a proposed collaboration with Grand Wash Auto carwash in Darebin Road to grow seedlings for the parklands.

## **7. Treasurer's report**

Meredith Schaap sent her apologies, but provided the financial situation to the meeting in writing. We have \$7495 in the statement account and \$11,260 in term deposits.

## **8. Guest speaker : Tim Curmi – “Fishy Business”**

Tim Curni gave an excellent talk on the types of fish found in the Darebin creek, Yarra river and Merri creek. This was a great talk!!!!

## **9. Progress Reports**

### **9.1. Activity plan update**

Mark Creamer thanked Louise and Charmaine for the archiving project, and also thanked Museum Victoria for their support.

### **9.2. Revegetation project**

Ian reported that the Thursday morning weeding group is yet to start for the year. Lots of great work was completed in the grassland areas last year. Deb's hill looking good, on the other side of the lookout. Ranger Pete noted that the main priorities are: Mt Puffalo, wildflowers into the slope. Next year Snake grass South. Has to burn the park this year, including the slope below Rockbears Grove.

### **9.3. Junior Rangers**

Hot weather and lack of rain has necessitated postponement of the camp out – it is too dry for the bonfire. Picnic races is the next event (April 6<sup>th</sup>). Fish day (the old “Catch a Carp) later in the year (November); Tim Curni will attend.

### **9.4. Community events**

This coming Sunday is Clean Up Australia. 9.30 till 12, meet at the Rangers Hut. Park care day on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**10. General business**

Sue Course: Queried the development at 32 Rockbeare Grove – potentially a 3 story set of flats?

Future meetings will commence at 7.30 instead of 8.00.

**11. Next meeting: AGM - Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 – 9.30.**

Meeting closed at 9.28 pm