27-08-2020 AGM Minutes

The meeting occurred as a virtual presentation through use of Zoom.

Introductions

Present: Ralph Cartwright, Ian Hill, John Arney, Peter Kahn, Dianne Townley, Basil Ellis, Helen Lewis, Neville Bethe, Michael Trainor + Tony Larkin (sound only), Gareth Donyer, Eileen Haley, Brendan Neilly (NPWS Area Manager), Adrian Johnston (NPWS)

Apologies: David Robson, Peter Donley, Mel Keith

4.10 p.m.

Welcome to County: Ian Hill

**Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM**

FOR AGM 2019 Minutes Ralph Cartwright, Moved: Ian Hill Seconded: Peter Kahn

**Receive and consider a financial statement as required by Section 26 (6) of the Act.**

Treasurers Report - Ralph Cartwright

Balance Sheet and Income Expenditure:

Current account balance is $8032.20

<https://www.friendsofroyal.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FoR-Balance-Sheet-2020.pdf>

https://www.friendsofroyal.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FoR-IncomeExpenditure-2020.pdf

Moved: Ian Hill Seconded: Peter Kahn

**Presidents Report**

Delivered by President: Ian Hill

https://www.friendsofroyal.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/23-08-2020-Presidents-Report-2020.docx

**Election of Committee members**

Ralph read through the nominations and they were all carried unanimously

* + 1. Election of President - Nomination: Ian Hill
    2. Election of Vice President - Nomination: John Arney
    3. Election of Treasurer - Nomination: Ralph Cartwright
    4. Election of Secretary - Nomination: Dave Robson
    5. Election of Ordinary Members (5 positions) -

Nominations: Neville Bethe, Peter Donley, Diane Townley

**General business**

Plan of Management: Ian Hill

Ian gave a review of current status and then outlined threats and encroachments

Brendan Neilly the new Area Manager joined the meeting and introduced himself. He has lived at Helensburgh and in the Shire. He has risen in the ranks from Field officer to now Area Manager. He worked in the Royal previously and then other locations and is now back to the Royal.

For the last 9 years he has worked mostly for NGO’s, more recently: - as a wildlife officer with NPWS, (10 months); Management Executive with the RSPCA (6 years).

In 1992 he worked as a field officer at a North Sydney National Park.

He looks forward to meeting the member of Friends of Royal

**Parks Report**

Adrian Johnston

Visitation numbers to the Parks are high for this time of year.

There has been a high demand for outdoor events organisers for Park time, permissions will be granted after assessments.

Further success stated in locating and fining operators guilty of illegal dumping.

The EPA *Regional Illegal Dumping* squad (RID) has had some successes in tracking and fining dumpers who collect unwanted goods or rubbish then dump it in the bush to avoid tip fees. Phone. RID at 131555

The “Mustang” gate key will be replaced. This key has been in service for many years, and a number of unauthorised persons now have one in their possession. Authorised persons / organisations will be given the new key before the locks are changed.

New toilets are now in service at the Main Office carpark at Audley Heights.

Yeramba Lagoon in the Georges River National Park will undergo modifications to allow saline water to inflow from the River in a bid to eradicate the fresh-water weed populations in the Lagoon.

Hazard Reductions for Illawong and Wattamolla near the camp area. see copy of notes

Garrawarra Farm to Burning Palms path closures of a weekend for path rebuild.

An action plan is to be prepared to address the asbestos issues at the Bonnie Vale Camping Area, risk mitigation reports are being finalised. The Local Member of Parliament will be issuing a press release soon.

Diane Townley gave notification of the impending closure of the bridge at Flat Rock for several months beginning Friday 4th September. The wooden bridge is to be removed and a new structure installed.

A male Koala was released near Audley.

John Arney gave an account of drownings in the National Park

Michael Trainor highlighted there were 250 encroachments into the Royal National Park circa 2010 when he was Area Manager.

Basil Ellis gave and account of Snap, Send, Solve. This is a phone application useful for reporting dumped rubbish

Meeting closed at 6.00 p.m.