

## THOMPSON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING – THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

1. Meeting opened 7.20pm.
2. ATTENDANCE :- Jim Coady, Michael Bloch, Ken Wade, Jeff Thomas, Ian Telfer.
3. Review of Duties/Positions.

Considering the resignation of Mick Lewis as Secretary, it was decided that Sharon Clues be approached to temporarily fill the position until the next AGM. Also, with the situation of the Treasurer, Jacqui Koerner living remotely, Jeff Thomas will assume the role of Assistant Treasurer, with Michael Bloch then becoming a regular committee member.

Kathy Wilson and Judy Attick are to be approached to resume the formation of the "Catering Sub-committee".

Also, at Friday night's gathering, an open invitation is to be given to ladies to join the committee to address the lack of representation of their gender on the committee.

4. Previous Minutes:- No minutes from the previous meeting were available.

5. Business Arising:- Nil.

6. Treasurer's Report:- Tabled. The report was discussed noting a small profit of approximately \$64 was made on the Melbourne Cup Day event, which was well attended and the bonus receipt of a large quantity of drink cans which boosted our refund income.

Hall Hire was continuing with weekly use for marshal arts and occasional hire by bird watch organisations.

Report received on the motion of Jeff Thomas, seconded by Steve Jones.

7. Environment Sub-committee Report:- A comprehensive report on matters pertaining to efforts to prevent damaging vehicular access to the northern area of the township was tabled. It included advice that Erik Dahl of NPWS is interested in attending our next committee meeting to discuss further efforts to preserve the northern area.

Discussion relating to the lack of effectiveness of attempts to eradicate Calomba Daisy along Ruskin Road occurred. It was suggested that we approach the Council to request the development of a management plan for next year to tackle the plant before the flowering stage. Steve Jones also suggested a planting programme of "Old Man Saltbush" to overpower the re-emergence of the daisy weed.

There was also the question as to whether the rehabilitation of Red Hill is feasible. Because the area was mined to provide road base for the construction of Ruskin Road it is now not in a "natural" state. While a number of acacia trees have been planted in the past, further remediation should be recommended to NPWS.

Drought Relief Funding has been doubled, giving us the opportunity to propose to the Council that we develop our car park more fully to cater for all the visitors being encouraged to come into an area with insufficient car park provision. Local fill material and transport would be involved.

8. Infrastructure and Planning Sub-committee:- Spot levels have been established in the car-park area and a basic plan produced giving rough quantities of fill required to gain the required level. A quotation for the building frame has been obtained from Sharman's and we wait for contact from a "shed" erector to be spoken to by David Cowell. A co-ordination meeting with David Cowell is required in the near future to establish our next step forward.

The further funding coming available may allow us to carry out some improvements to the facilities in the coastal strip.

9. Sausage Sizzle :- Only two more weekend set-ups remain until the break. Sufficient people are rostered for those times.

10. New Business :-

- Michael was given permission to invite Erik Dahl of NPWS to our next meeting.
- Sharon Clues advises nothing suitable available in grants at the moment.
- Nothing on the TBPA email site.

11. Any Other Business :-

- A "Coastal Ambassadors Training Program" is currently being offered by Natural Resources.

- Steve Jones suggested we encourage and assist in the organisation of a "Foreshore Development Committee" similar to the previous committee chaired by Barbara Reid.

12. Next Meeting :- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, at 7pm.

13. Meeting closed 8.40 pm.

Ian Telfer

Chairperson.