

Friends of Kurth Kiln General Meeting 9 December 2017 at Kurth Kiln

1. **Start:** 10:15, chaired by the President, Craig
 - a. Present: Craig, Bev, Alfred, Ursula, Glen, Jan, Laurence, Meredith, Joe, Val, Michael, Jasper, Carmel
 - b. Apologies: Henriëtte, Ron, Eve, Matthew
2. **Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the November meeting were accepted as is. Moved by Ursula and Jasper, carried unanimous.
3. **Correspondence:**
 - a. October Senior Event. Yarra Ranges Council was happy to promote the activities of businesses and community groups supporting senior residents.
 - i. This year Yarra Ranges printed and distributed 5000 copies of the local festival booklet as well as listing on social media and their website.
 - ii. Yarra Ranges Council are keen to hear any feedback via a very short survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YRCSeniorsFestival2017>
 - b. Our Yarra Ranges Small Grants - 17/18 October application for part-funding the 2018 Calendar was approved at \$1000.00.
 - i. Judy Parker proof-read the Calendar
 - ii. It is now at the Printers and should be ready for pickup before Christmas
 - c. The Melbourne Water Community Support Grant application was approved at \$1100.00 for a preprint of the revised Kurth Kiln pamphlets.
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 - d. The Friends Group has been invited to participate at the special Australia Day Market on Sunday 28 in Gembrook.
 - i. An appropriated display/activity will be organised..
4. **FINANCIAL**
 - a. The Bendigo Bank Balance is still \$8983.84.
 - i. Payment due for the 2018 Calendar project later this month will be \$1,982.92
 - ii. Payment due later this month for the Pamphlet reprint will be \$1,684.94
5. **General Business**
 - a. Maintenance
 - i. Joe reported that lights were left on in the caretakers hut.
 - (1) One window was unscrewed and left open. No damage was detected
 - ii. The locking bar had not been fitted to the Big Shed door
 - iii. In the light of these small instances happening lately, it was discussed if a monitoring camera should be installed. Jasper will check out the cost etc. of a system.
 - b. Maintenance jobs requiring Parks Victoria attention:
 - i. The spouting on the Big Shed roof is still blocked. In the recent downpour, overflow flooded the open area and entered the shed.
 - (1) The gutter on the north side needs cleaning out
 - ii. The dead tree near the steps leading up to the huts needs to be removed. In a strong wind it could fall over and damage the Picket Fence and the Laundry Building
 - iii. A dead tree at the back of the shed near the waterwheel is dangerous and could fall on the waterwheel and the Heritage Fencing
 - iv. It was agreed that an official Email should be sent to the Gembrook Office to that effect.
 - c. The Parks Victoria grass cutting contractor now seems to come every 2 month to Kurth Kiln.
 - i. Glen and Michael have been keeping the grass cut and tidy
 - d. 2018 Heritage Festival
 - i. Attending the Environmental Festival at Monbulk, Henriette and Ursula invited Helen Pilcher and the Friends the Friends of Belgrave Park to come to the Kurth Kurth Heritage Festival on Sunday 8 April to demonstrate the making of shopping bags out of T Shirts.
 - ii. Also invited were the EPI group to bring their display to the Festival.

- iii. Alfred and Ursula attended Glenn Brooks MacMillan's Southern Ranges Environment Alliance Meeting on 28 November at the Gembrook Hotel, where also the 2018 Kurth Kiln Heritage Festival was discussed:
 - (1) Glenn will be attending for the SREA group
 - (2) Merle Mathisen, from the Gembrook Park Group, will bring her Ivy project
 - (3) Sam will bring the Yarra Ranges display
- iv. Val will officially invite representatives from Cardinia and Yarra Ranges Shires to the Heritage Festival
- v. Gazebos
 - (1) Glen has repaired one of our gazebos, that gives the group two covers again
 - (2) It was mentioned that the Bendigo Bank and Shire of Yarra Ranges do loan out gazebos for short periods
- vi. As Ian Vaskess' band is unable to come, it has been suggested to ask the Willy Wagtails, who played at the festival two years ago, to come again.
 - (1) Joe and Craig will look into engaging them again.
- e. Laurence spoke about the Government Prescribed Burning policy.
 - i. Two proposed burns in Kurth Kiln Regional Park have recently been cancelled.
 - ii. It was suggested that a thank-you card be sent to Parks Victoria and DELWP for the cancellations.
- f. Alfred mentioned that the Upper Yarra U3A Astronomy group will hold an end-of-the-year Christmas Meeting at Kurth Kiln on Thursday 14 December, starting at 11am

6. MEETING CLOSED at 11.00

- a. A group did maintenance at the Caretakers Hut,
- b. Another group went with Meredith to take some photos of re-vegetation areas for an December Newsletter re-vegetation article
- c. Everyone joined in a special Christmas BBQ Lunch, with sausages, salads, sweets and Bon Bons
- d. Our next General Meeting will be on Saturday 13 January 2018, at Kurth Kiln.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your Committee of Management

