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](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.
      i. It is now at the printers and should be ready for pickup before Christmas.
   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