

Friends of the Fitzgerald River National Park Inc.

Annual General Meeting
at the Jerdacuttup Community Hall
Saturday 12th March 2016
at 1.30pm

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 1.36pm

1. Welcome to members and guests

2. Attendance

Helen Taylor, Tracey Ross, Merle Bennett, Russell Peterkin, Louise Lodge, Liz Utting, Vicky Bilney, Leonie McMahon, John Tucker, Bernard de Bunnetat, Steve Janicke, Geraldine Janicke, Ron Richards, Rosemary Jasper, Deon Grantham, Andrew Chapman, Gil Craig, Ric Pepper, Karen Roberts, Paul Corey

3. Apologies

Susanne Dennings, Angela Sanders, Donna Higgins, Erika & Sandro Pignatti, Bill & Jane Thompson, Rodger Walker, Anne Gadsby, Libby Sandiford & Pete Dawson, Grantley Morton, Allison Lullfitz, Rob Wright, Keven Giles, Geoff & Jenny Young, Brenda Newbey, Ellen Hickman

4. Confirmation of the minutes of last year's AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the last AGM be accepted as true and correct record with the correction that in page 3 third paragraph, Ric Pepper added that loaders were donated by John & Jane Campbell and Malcolm Smith

Moved: Andy Chapman, seconded Tracey Ross, all in favour, carried

5. Business arising from minutes - NONE

6. Financial report (audit report)

Treasurer Liz Utting reported that Friends found a new auditor who better suits Friends' needs. When she got the audited financials back, the income statement of the report had non-existent things on it which were written off in the year that ended 31st December 2015. IN the statement it seems like

Friends have made a loss of nearly \$11,000, which is actually due to the write-offs and not a real financial loss.

The balance sheet shows the actual funds, including unallocated funds of around \$24,000.

Donations and historical funds for Twertup are NOT included in unallocated funds; these are allocated to a different account.

Cash and cash equivalent on balance sheet consists of members funds and grant money.

Motion: That the audit/treasurers report be accepted as true and correct record.

Moved: Liz Utting, seconded Vicky Bilney, all in favour, carried

7. Appointment of an auditor for the current financial year

Motion: That Allan Gove & Co be appointed as auditors again (was \$880 this time).

Moved: Rosey Jasper, seconded Geraldine Janicke, all in favour, carried

8. President's report

(Attached)

9. Twertup Field Studies Centre restoration report

(Attached)

Rosemary and the present members thanked Gil for her report and hard work.

10. Senior Ranger's report

Deon Grantham, the new Murray Rd ranger, presented report - written by Peter Masters

IN addition to the report it was stated that Sarah Comer's cat trapping is still for research (radio-collaring), that aerial baiting for cats still needs fine-tuning as only young cats take bait and experienced old cats are more likely to find their own food and are hence more dangerous to environment.

Electronic ticket machines have been installed in some locations in Fitz; they take credit cards (!!) but need three bars of mobile reception.

11. Appointment of returning officer

Geraldine Janicke was appointed as returning officer.

12. Election of office bearers and committee members for 2016/17

Geraldine thanked all officer bearers and committee members and declared all positions vacant.

Rosemary Jasper was re-nominated as President by Andy Chapman, no other nominations, Rosemary Jasper accepted, Vicky Bilney seconded, **Rosemary Jasper was declared president.**

Andy Chapman was happy to continue as Vice President; he was nominated by Helen Taylor, Tracey Ross seconded, no further nominations, **Andy Chapman was declared Vice-President.**

Vicky Bilney was happy to continue as Secretary; she was nominated by Rosemary Jasper, Leonie McMahon seconded, no further nominations, **Vicky Bilney was declared secretary.**

Liz Utting was happy to continue as Treasurer, Liz was nominated by Gil Craig, Steve Janicke seconded, **Liz Utting was declared treasurer**

Committee members:

Rosemary Jasper nominated **Louise Lodge**, Louise accepted, seconded by Gil Graig

Merle Bennett nominated Tracey Ross, Tracey declined

Ron Richards nominated **Bernard DeBunnetat**, Bernard accepted, Tracey seconded

Ron Richards nominated **Steven Janicke**, Steve accepted, Tracey seconded

Narpulungup News editor:

Andy Chapman nominated **Leonie McMahon**, Leonie accepted, Vicky Bilney seconded, no further nomination, Leonie was appointed.

The membership thanked Andy Chapman for 7ish years of Narp News editing!!!!!!

Twertup sub committee representative:

Gil Graig was happy to continue in this role (last year this time for real), Leonie Mac Mahon nominated Gil, Merle Bennett seconded, no other nominations, confirmed

The membership thanked Gil for doing a wonderful job with the Twertup restoration.

Twertup sub committee positions:

Motion: that there be three Twertup building sub committee members including the representative

Moved Ric Pepper, seconded John Tucker

Ron Richards reported that according to the MOU with DPaW this must be anyway, i.e. the Twertup sub committee consists of the representative plus two others, so **Ric Pepper rescinded motion**

Bill Thompson nominated by Ric Pepper, seconded Steve Janicke: appointed

Ric Pepper nominated by Gil Craig, seconded Tracey Ross: appointed

Nathan McQuoid nominated by Andy Chapman moved by Andy, 2nded Rosey; Andy withdrew nomination

Rosey Jasper thanked outgoing committee members and welcomed new committee members

13. Confirmation/appointment of signatories

Motion: That **Elizabeth Margaret Karla Utting, Tracey Nicole Ross, Victoria Edith Bilney and Andrew Chapman** be signatories of all accounts. Any two to sign jointly.

Moved Rosey Jasper, seconded Geraldine Janicke, all in favour, carried

14. Setting of membership rates

Motion: That the current membership rates remain unchanged.

Moved Vicky Bilney, seconded Tracey Ross, all in favour, carried

15. Appointment of a delegate and proxy for Conservation Council of WA

Motion: that Ron Richards be appointed as delegate and Anne Gadsby as proxy. Moved Vicky Bilney, seconded Steve Janicke, all in favour, carried

16. General Business

Twertup Easter working bee

Ric Pepper: Working bee is in 2 weeks! Doors and windows, toilet pads, need workers to prepare pads and pour cement. Dingo coming Good Friday to clear pad and put in sand and compact it for tank, put trim around bottom of verandas

Hakea Trail

Andy Chapman reporting. West Beach to Quoin Head. Friends had official walk on trail; the Hakea trail is according to Andy the best thing which happened in the park for a very long time, nice path, well-planned, good views, valuable asset; maybe Friends could contribute to? What and when could we do? **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 4th to 6th April:** small team to monitor rare flora, EPA photographic stuff, step maintenance (stumps) – FFRNP invited to join, assist Sarah Barrett, assist Malcolm Grant with photo monitoring, and ongoing maintenance such as trimming branches, oiling furniture... could be ongoing and maybe also for Mamang trail if we're interested

Andy suggesting to see how we go with this lot and see what we do in the future...

Rosemary Jasper thanked everyone - Meeting closed 3.22pm

FRIENDS OF THE FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK (INC.)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 12th March 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Twertup Field Studies Centre

I will start my report with the project that is front & centre of our organisation for the time being – that being *the restoration of the Twertup Field Studies Centre*. Gil will outline in her report the progress that has been made at Twertup this year. In addition to the grants received and acquitted and the working bees held, a significant development this year has been our engagement with DPaW. We have had 3 meetings with officers of DPaW, two on-site and one in Ravensthorpe, and as we approach the final straight of this project it is quite clear that DPaW are committed to contributing in significant ways to facilitate the completion of the facility. The most heartening aspect to this is that they appreciate the special qualities of the Twertup site, and also respect the tradition of Twertup and our commitment to producing something that sits comfortably in the landscape. We appreciate this commitment and the spirit in which it is being given.

It is perfectly obvious that this project has taken longer than any of us would have wished. There is no denying this but we have got to where we are because we have done one thing at a time as it has been possible to do it. The jobs continue to get done and the outcome is very impressive. I would like to again acknowledge the incredible contribution that Gil Craig and Ric Pepper have made. Most particularly I appreciate the steady hand that they have applied to keep the project ticking over within the organisation's capacity. So as we approach the final stage, I invite all of you to consider how you can make a contribution to move us along to completion. The possibility of once again being able to hold events at Twertup is very exciting.

This year we organised two one-day excursions – at either end of the park.

In June there was a self-drive tour at the western end of the Park, led by Nathan McQuoid and assisted by Alison Lullfitz. Nathan gave a fascinating presentation which focussed on patterns and processes in the landscape. The day was very well attended - 29 people including 8 children. The feed-back we got was very positive and personally, it was very exciting to be part of such an enthusiastic group, and to be encouraged to view the landscape in what for me, was a new way.

In August, Andy Chapman organised a walk on the Hakea trail at the eastern end of the Park, from West Beach car park to Hamersley Inlet, a distance of 14 km. By all reports it was a very successful event. Fourteen people participated and they were treated to a variety of wildlife, interesting plants and stunning views. I was away in August so really appreciate that Andy organised this event with no assistance from me.

These two events are good examples of how Friends can contribute to the Park, to our members and the community.

We have been involved in two fauna projects.

Friends has an on-going involvement with the project which aimed to relocate numbats to *Cocanarup* Reserve near Ravensthorpe. This year Tony Friend who is in charge of the numbat recovery project led a field excursion in Dryandra State Forest to train anyone interested, in recognition of numbat tracks and traces. Four members attended and they have since visited *Cocanarup* and set up cameras at some likely sites but no numbats have been 'captured' on film, yet.

In addition, during the year, Tony Friend, who also runs the dibbler recovery project, approached Friends to see if we were interested in joining the Dibbler Recovery Team as a representative community group.

The committee has accepted this invitation. The dibbler can be seen as one of the iconic species of the Park as it is the only mainland site in Australia where it occurs naturally (as opposed to being translocated). It is hoped that we can contribute to the recovery project and at the same time provide interesting involvement for members.

Our role will be fund raising by grant applications, community awareness raising and field work participation in dibbler monitoring in the Fitzgerald and possibly elsewhere. Any members who are interested in being involved with dibbler recovery, please talk to Andy or to me.

We have again published four issues of our newsletter, Narpulungup News.

Thanks to Andy our long-serving editor for producing a publication of such high quality. It is an important part of the organisation not least because our membership is so wide-spread. Andy has always managed to pull together interesting articles and to keep the membership informed.

I am grateful for the support received from the Executive and committee members

This year we held 4 committee meetings. As most of the committee this year come from the Hopetoun end of the park, we were able to hold face to-face meetings. Thanks to the committee members for your enthusiasm, and to Andy, Vicky & Liz who took on executive positions.

Membership

Currently, we have 75 financial and life members and 27 complimentary and other members.

As an organisation we have memberships of three organisations: Conservation Council of WA, the Environmental Defender's Office and Gondwana Link.

DPaW

I would like to acknowledge the DPaW staff in the park, for their co-operation when requested and also to farewell Peter May and family and welcome Deon, the new ranger based at Murray Road. We look forward to continuing a constructive relationship with local DPaW staff.

In conclusion, I would again like to acknowledge the support I have been given as President and I anticipate that 2016 will be a constructive and exciting year for the organisation.



Rosemary Joy Jasper

12th March 2016

AGM, Jerdacuttup Community Hall **Twertup Report**

Working bees & contractors

2015 February Sign-off stonemason contract; finalise ceiling plans and install rafters.

May Cleaning walls

June Fitting of windows & doors

October Albany Allway Roofing installed ceilings & vertical in-fill

October Seal walls and paint window and door frames

Sept-Nov Painting of windows and doors in Ravensthorpe

2016 January Glazing of doors in Ravensthorpe

February Glazing of windows in Albany

February The following contractors have been invited to quote on installing 12V lights.

CONTRACTOR	CONTACT PERSON
Eden Traders (Ravensthorpe)	Rodney Chapman
Jerramungup Electrical	John Usher
12Volt World (Albany)	Simon Stone
Albany Solar	Neil Howitt

Meetings with DPaW

September 2015

Six Friends members and seven senior staff of the Albany office met to discuss future management of the Field Studies Centre. An overnight stay and a walk to 'Horrie and Dorrie' the next day, set the tone for the meeting which included (i) fire management, (ii) signage and safety, (iii) Twertup track access, (iv) walk trails, and (v) user groups. We were very pleased that, in most aspects, DPaW staff were accommodating of our wishes and were willing to find common ground for management of the site.

January 2016

Ric Pepper and I met with Peter Hartley and Peter Masters to formulate a work program for the Twertup environs over the next year, including toilets, showers, picnic and cooking area, lighting, new water tank for fire-fighting and walk trails. DPaW is looking at ways to assist with funding and providing workers to facilitate these projects, and have applied for a team as part of the 'Remote Regions Conservation & Parks Program'.

February 2016

Michael Phillips (Senior Visitor Risk Management Officer) visited Twertup to provide his assessment of VRM issues associated with the quarry and cliffs. He discussed appropriate signage, providing look-outs where there is an "obvious edge" and to use pathways to lead people away from the overhangs. Overall we were pleased with his pragmatic stance and that we won't need to have 'risk' signs disturbing the views.

Grants

The following grant was acquitted at the end of 2015:

- **Great Southern Community Chest Fund 2014** - \$20,000 for installation of ceilings, vertical in-fill and glass.

On-going grant:

- **Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife** - \$20,000 for materials, equipment and volunteer travel, to be acquitted by June 2016;

Recent successful grant application:

- **State NRM Program Community Action Grant 2015** - \$30,000 for a 'universal' toilet and boot-cleaning station. The request, as part of this application, for a shower block and barbecue/cooktop was not funded.

Current grant application:

- **Great Southern Community Chest Fund 2016** - \$27,000 for concreting of verandahs and lighting.

TABLE 1 - Material and 'in-kind' contributions for the restoration of the Twertup Field Studies Centre between Jan-Dec 2015.

ITEM	No. working bees	No. individuals	HRS	KM	Labour ¹	Travel ²	Material	TOTAL
Project Management		2	95		\$ 2,835			\$ 2,835
Working bees	12	23	1064	10173	\$ 31,905	\$ 6,104		\$38,009
<u>Material donation:</u>								
Metroof Albany (ceiling materials)							\$ 403	\$ 403
Bluescope Albany (ceiling materials)							\$ 120	\$ 120
Bunnings Albany (paint & equipment)							\$ 412	\$ 412
Albany Allway Roofing (ceiling materials)							\$ 958	\$ 958
TOTAL 2015		23	1158	10,173	\$ 34,740	\$ 6,104	\$ 1,893	\$42,737
GRAND TOTAL 2010-2015		61	5226	56,990	\$ 148,524	\$33,806	\$33,432	\$215,761

¹ Volunteer Labour value in 2015 = \$30/hr

² Mileage value = car \$0.60/km; truck \$1.50/km

TABLE 2 – Cost of restoration of the Twertup Field Studies Centre (to 31/12/2015)

ITEM	Year	Detail	Income (ex. GST)	Expenses (ex. GST)
GSDC - Single Purpose Grant	2009	Building plans & specifications	\$4,000	
FaHCSIA 1-BXYMMM	2009	Volunteers travel	\$2,500	
Community Action Grant CAG09-00457	2010	Master Development Plan & Labour	\$12,000	
GSDC - R4R Small grant	2011	Steel frame	\$7,000	

Environmental Community Grant 2009	2011	Steel frame	\$30,000	
State NRM Grant No.12074	2012	Builder, materials & equipment	\$40,000	
Environmental Community Grant 2012	2012	Builder/stonemason	\$30,000	
Community Action Grant CAG12-00196	2012	Twertup Track	\$14,330	
Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife - 12.41	2012	Materials & equipment	\$20,000	
Great Southern Community Chest Fund 2015	2015	Ceilings & glass	\$20,000	
CASH GRANTS TOTAL			\$179,830	
CASH TWERTUP DONATIONS			\$14,916	
CASH EXPENDITURE to December 2015				\$162,826
In-kind labour & travel	2010-2015	Project Management		\$14,630
In-kind labour	2010	Twertup Master Plan		\$3,252
In-kind labour	2010	Twertup Historical Documentary DVD		\$5,614
In-kind labour & travel	2010-2015	Working bees		\$155,638
In-kind labour	2012-2013	DEC/DPaW labour		\$3,195
In-kind material donations	2010-2015			\$33,432
TOTAL IN-KIND				\$215,762
GRAND TOTAL				\$378,588

A huge thanks to the 23 volunteers who laboured this year, especially Ric Pepper, Ron Richards, Rosemary Jasper, Warren Stevens and me (all of whom individually volunteered more than 100 hours during 2015). Ron and Rosey also kindly provided space in Ravensthorpe for painting and glazing of doors and windows. Similarly, Keith Sillitoe has organised the glazing of windows in Albany. Thanks to DPaW staff of the Albany district, particularly Peter Hartley, Greg Mair and Peter Masters, for their constructive input this year.

So what remains to be done?

INSIDE:

1. *door jambs, hang windows and doors – Ron
2. *install 3x fixed panes of glass
3. *external metal trim – Ric
4. *paint remaining window frames, plus touch-up doors & windows
5. clean and seal floors
6. pantry shelving
7. archives room bench – ?Nathan providing wood
8. install kitchen sink and make (or find second-hand) cupboard
9. provide water at kitchen sink – Ric
10. lights – Ric
11. furniture
12. repair wood stove – Keven

OUTSIDE:

13. *new 'universal' toilet a) *concrete pad and footings – Ric, DPaW (State NRM funds)
 - b) metal frame construction
 - c) spongolite cladding
14. *revamp old toilet and add shower cubicle a) *concrete pad and footings – Ric
 - b) metal frame re-arrangement
 - c) spongolite cladding
 - d) outside sink
15. *new 54kL water tank for fire –fighting a) bobcat to clear pad area – DPaW (PMasters)
 - * b) clean-up and compact sand pad – Ric
 - c) construct concrete tank – Ric, DPaW 'Remote Regions CPP'
 - d) plumb external sink near toilets - Ric
16. landscape bbq area with bobcat – DPaW (PMasters)
17. build bbq and cooktop – Gil, DPaW (PMasters)
18. verandahs – Nathan and Alison
19. remove rubble around building
20. delineate paths around quarry and cliffs - DPaW 'Remote Regions CPP', Bernard (Green Army, GreenSkills Albany)
21. boot cleaning station – Gil, DPaW (State NRM funds)
22. walk trails – Gil, Nathan (inc. Noongars), DPaW 'Remote Regions CPP', Bernard (GreenSkills Albany, Green Army)
23. delineate car parking area - DPaW 'Remote regions CPP'
24. signage (words/ design) at entrance/quarry, map of precinct & walk trail head.

If you would like to oversee any of the above jobs, please contact me. A working bee is planned for *Easter (25-28 March), so we hope to see you there!

**Gillian Craig
12/3/2016**