



Annual General Meeting

Friends of Little Dip Conservation Park
&
Robe Coastcare



July 2nd, 2023 - 3pm
Robe

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Officers:

President – Roland
Treasurer – (vacant)
Secretary – Holly

Present:

Holly Prest, Josie Doyle, Graeme Doyle, Robyn Russell, William Peden, Angela Peden, Andrew Wells, Massimo Wells, Rinaldo Wells, Angela Dal Dosso, Geoff Wells, Charles Hegedus, Malcolm Grant, Hilary Grant, John Davidson, Chris Field, Carmen Seymour, Robert Seymour, Emma Blythman, Cath Bell, Vicki Natt, Lesley Wells, Roland Wells

Apologies: Helen Hegedus, Marg Sinclair

Meeting opened: **3pm**

Acknowledgment of Country - Roland

We respectfully acknowledge the Boandik First Nations Peoples and their Elders, past, present, and emerging, who are the traditional owners of the land where we live and work.

Confirmation of previous AGM minutes: **AGREED BY ALL**

AGM Business Items

Year-end update - Roland

- Summary of prior year activities for FOLD and Robe Coastcare
 - + Meet new DEW Ranger Emma!, hear update on their work over last year.
- Preview of what is planned for next year
- Review, discussion and restatement of organizational purpose and vision
 - Friends of Little Dip
 - Robe Coastcare

Report Accepted - AGREED BY ALL

Accounts update

- Current fund balances – Josie
 - Robe Coastcare \$6,745.47
 - Friends of Little Dip \$3,204.82
- Funds committed
 - Auspost (PO Box) \$52/year

Report Accepted - AGREED BY ALL

Election of officers

- President – Roland Wells
- Secretary – Helen Hegedus
- Treasurer – Angela Dal Dosso

Resolution: Management of authorized signatories on accounts & Bendigo Bank.

Officer selection and resolution - AGREED BY ALL

Meeting closed: 4pm

Minutes prepared & certified: Roland Wells
President FOLD & Robe Coastcare
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Resolution for the management of authorised signatories on accounts held at Bendigo Bank

Resolved:

- Removal of current officers, Josie Doyle, Holly Prest as authorised signatories.
- Addition of new officers Roland Wells, President / Angela Dal Dosso, Treasurer / and Helen Hegedus, Secretary as authorised signatories.
- Keep Robyn Russell as authorised signatory.

For both accounts held at the Robe Bendigo Bank:

- 167754795 – Robe Coastcare
- 165850868 – Friends of Little Dip

AGREED BY ALL

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Resolution certified: Roland Wells, President FOLD & Robe Coastcare



Year-end Update for Annual General Meeting

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Prepared by Roland Wells, President

Summary of activities since last AGM

Working group numbers and work sessions

- Work sessions changed from monthly to weekly with great success!
- 74 number of work sessions
- 1263 documented volunteer hours
- Growing membership, with 3 or 4 new regular weekly volunteers each quarter.

Nursery

- Fixed outside seedling stands
- Replaced degraded timber on seedling stands in shade house.
- Replaced irrigation timer (thanks SE Plumbing Supplies for donating!)
- Built a couple new outside seedling stands.
- Donation of Native Potting Mix from Bunnings Mount gambier
- 1000+ new seedlings germinated from collected native seeds & cuttings.

Re-vegetation

- Lake St Clair, hundreds of new Tea Treas planted, as well as a couple trays of Skeoks
- Reveg site at Long Gully campground doing really well.
- New reveg at Old Man Lake, Gums and Stony Rise campgrounds.
- Planting also added behind track fencing throughout park.

Beach, track and campground clean-ups

- Clean-ups on almost all beaches in the park, as well as long beach.
- Clean-ups at campgrounds around busy season.

Track maintenance

- Freshwater Lake & Lake Eliza, pruning back walking and access tracks.



Track fencing and dune protection

- Fixed and installed new track and dune protection fencing throughout park. With closing off cut-corners near Long Gully dunes, Eringtons Hole beach, and the back of Matches beach (middle section).
- Closure of west beach vehicle access. Adjacent dune is already recovering. Important beach for shorebird protection.

Community Outreach

- New posters up and in community newsletter
- Community newsletter updates increased
- New website under construction
- Social accounts in process

Special projects / Community Partnerships

- Completed signage project in partnership with Kangaroo Inn Area School student, installed at Freshwater Lake and Lake Robe walking trail access points.
- Supported Wombats SA with weeding at Cullen reserve 3 times, two alongside the Wombats SA group and one with large school group.

DEW updates from Emma and Cath

- Report

Looking forward

- Continue regular work sessions on priority items.
 - Protection of wild landscape, plants, native animals.
 - Mitigation of current human impacts.
 - Re-vegetation
 - Weed control projects, in the park as well as other conservation land.
- Include bay-side areas in our regular work. Maintenance and re-planting of re-vegetation areas we've already established in the past. Work with council and others on maintenance/replacement of mitigation infrastructure (like the walkways) at first ramp.
 - Hoopers and Foxes Beach ???
- Exciting weed control grant in the pipeline, 2 year project.
 - Weed control alongside DEW and local Indigenous working crews.
 - Targeting polygala

- Engagement with Indigenous community members with regard to our work and the management of the entire landscape we work in.
 - Weed control grant is a great start to this process
 - This broader process is likely to be slow and we need to be genuinely committed in undertaking without preconditions
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- Organize specific working groups
 - Nursery crew
 - Clean-ups crew
 - Community engagement
 - Organizational admin

Review, discussion and restatement of organizational purpose and vision

Friends of Little Dip

As a member of the statewide Friends of Parks organization. We adopt some broad points related to our purpose from them:

Strongly support the protection of South Australia’s flora, fauna and heritage

Key issues:

- **Threat management** – Weeds, feral animals, negative human impacts.
- **Community Awareness** – Engage with community, increase involvement in protection of national parks.
- **Park management** – Active involvement in the development and implementation of park management plans

Robe Coastcare

Language from the Robe Coastcare Archives:

Robe Coast Care was formed in around June 2010 with the goal *“to protect our fragile coast line , the group is a non profit organisation who rely on government grants and locals to volunteer their time and labour planting shrubs , repairing wind erosion but spend most time targeting noxious weeds.”*

Language from the recent FOLD / Robe Coastcare poster:

Our wild coastal spaces are an important part of our community. They are special ecosystems supporting a wide range of native plants and wildlife. We are community volunteers, working for the preservation and conservation of these unique wild space.