Annual General Meeting

Friends of Little Dip Conservation Park
&
Robe Coastcare

October 27th, 2026 - 10am
Lake Robe

Officers:

President – Roland Wells
Treasurer – Angela Dal Dosso
Secretary – Hilary Boucaut

Present:

Apologies: Ruth Vander Hoek and Glenn Jackway, Andrew Wells

Meeting opened:

Confirmation of previous AGM minutes:

AGM Business Items

Year-end update - Roland

- Summary of prior year activities for FOLD and Robe Coastcare - Roland
- DEW update - Cath
- Preview of whats planned for next year, big picture - Roland

Accounts update

- Current account balances @ Bendigo
  - Robe Coastcare $6,469.83
  - Friends of Little Dip CP $4,178.66
- Future notable activity
  - Funds incoming $750 (contribution for Lowries Hill Church planting)
  - Funds committed None

Election of officers

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- Secretary
- Treasurer

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Year-end Update
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Prepared by Roland Wells, President

Summary of activities since last AGM

Nursery

- 1000+ new seedlings germinated from collected native seeds & cuttings last year. We have begun to seed more foredune species to support track maintenance and reveg in close-to-coast areas.
- Had excess trees this year that have gone to members and others in the community to be planted on private property (with donations to support our work).
- Various repairs to shade cloth on shade house & fence (which has again been blown down… researching slats to replace cloth?)
- Friends of Parks grant has provided funding for a new wind protected “shade house”, Mitre10 is gathering supplies.
- Friends of Parks grant provided funding for 3 pallets of potting soil so we have good supply for this coming year.

Re-vegetation

- Lake St Clair, bulk planting has been completed with the goal to leave some open areas to have a balanced eco-system. Still will need to check on reveg, clean up guards, spot replanting, etc.
- Reveg site at Long Gully, Stoney Rise, Gums, Old Man Lake campgrounds all doing really well.
- Planting continuing to be added behind track fencing throughout park as we do maintenance. This work critical to mitigating track damage which has supported healthy vegetation in the park over the many years we have been doing this.
- Added new reveg site at Mt Benson tower, in coordination with Landscape SA (at the edges of the native vegetation reserves in the pines.
- Lowries Hill Church planting – great volunteer turn out and couple hundred trees planted at this historic church property near Mt Benson, in partnership with Mt Benson Hall committee.
- https://robefold.org/reveg has map of reveg areas.

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.
- Clean-up Australia Day @ Long Beach

Track fencing and dune protection

- Fixed and installed new track and dune protection fencing throughout park. With closing off blow-outs (cut corners) in a number of places. Lots of these with reveg to back them.

Weekly work sessions

- Alternating weekly schedule has been reported as challenging by many members. Regular
- Changing membership, a number of regular new members have been coming over the last year and some regular members not coming as often. Have several members with children and/or grand children and that's been fun to include them in our work.

Special projects / Community Partnerships

- Polygala control project with DEW and Burrandies, done a huge amount of work on the northern part of the park, as well as adjacent private and council property. The funding on this initial project is ending so we are looking to continue through additional grants.
- Bird Flu has been challenge, potential to do more here supporting ecosystems for affected species.
- FOLD picnic table installed at Lake Robe, at the site of our shared cultural meeting with Burrandies. A good base for field meetings going forward!
- Group tour of the new regulator at Lake Hawdon North, it's an amazing outcome for our area and there are opportunities to engage on projects here in the future.

Community Outreach

- Identify a weed booth with rangers, great fun!

DEW updates from Cath

- Report

Looking forward 2026 / 2027

- Continue regular work sessions and targeted projects on priority items.
  - Protection of wild landscape, plants, native animals.
  - Mitigation of current human impacts.
  - Re-vegetation areas including track maintenance support
  - Weed and pest control projects
- Continue Engagement with Indigenous community members with regard to our work and the management of the entire landscape we work in.

    - Including a monthly work day with the Burrandies indigenous ranger team in this years FOP grant application.
- Increase our admin activity on grants and community engagement. There are a number of opportunities to work with council on projects over the next year. To discuss in regular meeting.

Lower Limestone Coast District – Ranger Report (Robe area) October 2026

Once again a massive thank you to everyone's involvement in the care of our wonderful local parks and beaches – It's important to take time to reflect the group's efforts over the last year.

Friends of Little Dip volunteers should be proud of the combined efforts they have made in protecting our park's natural and cultural heritage as well as helping to care for other areas such as the tree plantings at Mount Benson Forestry Reserve and Bagdad church. Whenever I am out in the parks, I see the positive impacts made from your efforts everywhere - The rehabilitation of degraded dune areas, growing shade for visitors in the campgrounds, and creating woodland at Lake St.Clair, signs at Freshwater Lake, and cleaner beaches, just to name a few. I must also acknowledge one of the hardest tasks we have been undertaking, which is the massive weed control efforts we have gone to reduce the spread of polygala into our natural landscape – the density of the scrub we are undertaking this weed control in cannot be understated! And volunteers have continually turned up to assist with this project, even in the rain, wind and dense vegetation! Thank you We had a wonderful day with local First Nations people from Burrandies and Dave New's facilitation of the cultural sharing and learning session. We dodged showers and checked out the amazing midden at Domaschenz, and listened to the lived experience of the Local First Nations crew who generously shared some of their stories with us by the shore of Lake Robe.

The successful FOP grant for a variety of items and projects was a great outcome and I wish to acknowledge everyone's contribution towards it. Special mention for Hillary for her exemplary organisation administering the grant spent and keeping everyone on track doing their part. And of course, now we have a beautiful picnic table by Lake Robe under the shady Melaleuca's for everyone to enjoy, and which recognises the contribution of FoLD volunteers make in caring for our wild spaces over the years.

Staffing We finally have an ongoing OPS2 ranger in place – hopefully most of you have now met Connor Lamont. He has moved locally from the Southend Depot so already has knowledge of the parks and local issues. Welcome Connor!

Bird Flu. The year has been challenging with the arrival of Bird Flu to our shores and local wildlife. It has been devastating for some of our species, particularly the local Crested Tern population, however, I have recently seen healthy flocks of 100-200 locally, which gives me hope for the coming breeding season. The wave of Bird Flu put tremendous pressure on regional park staff which has set our work program back but we are getting back on track now. Its been a great help having FoLD volunteers continue to progress local conservation efforts during this busy time, offering your empathy and support.

Rosterfy I hope that everyone has registered as a volunteer on the Department's Rosterfy online system now. Its important to ensure volunteers are registered so we have an emergency contact for you whilst working in the field, for insurance purposes, and is a great tool for keeping track of hours without putting this burdon on one of the office bearers. Please contact me if you still need to register, or I think there is a QR code in the nursery shed that will take you to the Rosterfy link. Currently still only website based (not on the app).

Summer/School Holidays 25-26 Visitation numbers seem to have stabilised since the Covid period and last year total car count was 33,326 for the park. Visitor behaviour has much improved also with the vast majority of people wanting to enjoy the park respectfully. Traffic counter data is still recorded every month, with another huge thanks to Malcolm who regularly checks them. Data summary below.

Weeds The FOLD grassroots grant (from LCLB) has been a fantastic opportunity to tackle polygala infestations around Stony Rise track, Gums campsite, and on private land and council owned land adjacent to the park. The final report has been accepted with thanks and a well done from the LCLB, and we have good working relationships with the Burrandies group and LCLB staff. Everyone seems very keen to see this work continue which is a fantastic outcome for our local bushland.

Feral animal control. Fox baiting program continues in Spring for protection of our nesting shorebirds. We are also trialling the use of Eradicat (manufactured cat baits) to reduce cat predation on wildlife also._Glenn Jackway (retired Southend Ranger) assisted us this year to trap cats in LDCP during the winter – two cats caught this time including a large 5.5kg male!

Wildlife

- Hooded Plover nesting season is underway. We currently have chicks at Little Dip Beach North, a nest with 3 eggs on Long Beach. The main West Beach pair lost their chicks to a dog attack a couple of weeks ago.
- Swamp Antechinus trail cameras were installed with help from FoLD along the edge of Lake Eliza over autumn. We think we got 1 image with a swamp antechinus, however the wombats were regular destroyers of the nets, so we didn’t leave the cameras out for a year this time. We will look to install them at a suitable location again this summer before the breeding season. The camera trapping program is aiming to collect records of Swamp Antechinus (Vulnerable), and best time to record images is during Autumn when they are moving around for mating (males die off in winter after mating).
- The clearing of 400Hectares of swamp paperbark has been completed out at Lake Hawdon North and the regulator will operate as intended for the first time this summer (last summer they drained the lake so the rest of the tea tree could be removed
- The fish survey permits have come through, and one of our local ecologists is actually chasing up a fyke net. Time got away this year due to the Bird Flu event, but I hope we can get some fish surveys happening in the new year.

Prepared by Cath Bell
22 October 2026

LITTLE DIP CONSERVATION PARK - ANNUAL TRAFFIC COUNTER DATA

Month	Year 2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	no data^	12176	18340	13821	16957	14758	11976
February	2393	5100	5721	7889	16189	7033	4984
March	5103	5825	7615	7702	7960	9191	6366
April	7711	2034^	10497	8,555	9,678	4,995	7206
May	2115	2001	3530	3259	1,283	3,886	2849
June	2755	3943	3616	3224	3512	4056	2974
July	2032	3465	3444	2767	2754	2974	2358
August	2250	2351	3991	2410	2621	3003	2553
September	2761	3503	3859	4001	6273	4586	2477
October	n/c	6758	6671	6685	4989	7248	6199
November	9007	5602	5443	11796	7328	5,169	5688
December	8132	8263	9593	12239	18610	12,493	11022
TOTAL*	46278	61021	82320	84348	98154	79391	66652

Annual Vehicle Count	**23139**	**30510.5**	**41160**	**42174**	**49077**	**39695.5**	**33326**

Annual visitation (pax)	62475.3	82378.35	111132	113869.8	132507.9	107177.85	89980.2

*Total Vehicle count data: needs to be divided by 2 (1 entry 1 exit) - See Annual vehicle count figures

Annual visitation = TOTAL/2 (1 entry 1 exit per vehicle) *2.7 ave persons per vehicle ^Covid Easter

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General business

Operations and administration items

- Feedback from members is alternating days Tue/Sun is challenging. Proposing to move to weekly Tuesday morning meeting with afternoon and/or weekend sessions as needed.

Nursery items

- Work crew for“Warm House” construction.
- Seeding / cuttings of fore dune species – regular meetings or targeted effort?

Council Engagement

- Coastal track destruction.
  - Landscape SA reached out re: reveg. Inspected site with members, inspected site with Burrandies and Dave New (Landscape SA).
  - Ruth is proposing a group to lobby council, resolve funding/administrative failures to clean-up so we can do reveg (they would need to approve).

Grants and Funding

- FOP grant is in process. FOP has approved sponsorship based on pre-proposal and final application will be filed by Nov 4. Includes Burrandies work crew days, 18v toolkit, cat traps.
- Megan Keller – Bendigo Bank Robe

- Have met with Rob from Fend For The Flora · Conservation Contractor. They have been working at Cullen Reserve and indicated he would help write grants (for which he could then contract for).
- Grant committee to meet regularly?

Projects

- Last couple signs need to go in @ Freshwater Lake. Regular work day?
- GIS / mapping interest – check out https://robefold.org/reveg

Community Outreach & Social

- Anyone keen to help with updates, photos and socials?

Any other items?

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

Officers:

President – Roland Wells
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Secretary – Helen Hegedus

Present: Roland, Angela, Andrew, Hilary, Malcolm, Robyn, Holly, Josie, John, Cath, Lesley, Geoff, Jim,(by phone), Andrew

Apologies: Helen & Charlie Hegedus, Steve Dunn, Robert Seymour, Ruth Vander Hoek, Judy Smith

Meeting opened: 5**pm**

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

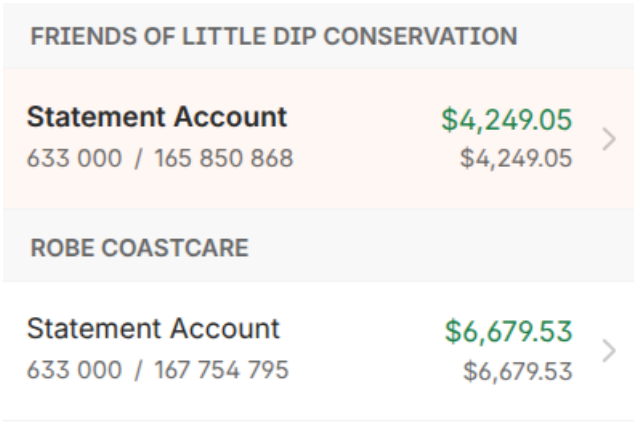
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- Current account balances
- Funds committed



Reports Accepted - AGREED BY ALL

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Election of officers - *AGREED BY ALL*

Next AGM scheduled- ***AGREED BY ALL***

- Thurs 27 August 2026

Meeting closed: 6pm

Minutes prepared & certified: Roland Wells
President FOLD & Robe Coastcare
August 28th, 2025

Resolution for the management of authorised signatories on accounts held at Bendigo Bank

Resolved:

Removal of prior Secretary Helen Hegedus.
Addition of new officer Hilary Boucaut, Secretary as authorised signatories.

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

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- Regular donation of potting mix from Bunnings Mount Gambier

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Walk maintenance

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

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- Walking the Seasons project collaboration with Landscape SA, Robe & Kingston Primary Schools & Uncle Doug (Burrandies)
  - Community session, 6 sessions with children, including a working session with FOLD
- Signage at Freshwater Lake has been redone by DEW, we're put in a couple of them and there are a couple more to complete!
- Chainsaw training via DEW for 4 FOLD members completed.

Community Outreach

- Activity here has reduced, need to organize some help with this!
- New website is up and running. There's lots of things we can do with this… as interest from group & time allows.

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  - Weed control projects, in the park as well as other conservation land (Cullen reserve)
- Council has asked if we might be able to support Foxes beach with reveg once they have fixed up. Not sure if they have a long-term plan engineered yet but I've indicated we would be happy to help.

- Council is looking to do a walking track along the drain out towards the Woakwine Conservation park. Potential to support that work with conservation corridors, signage, etc.
- Continue Engagement with Indigenous community members with regard to our work and the management of the entire landscape we work in.
    - Weed control grant has been a great start to this.
    - Look for future opportunities (drain walk signage, more weed control, etc) to continue this work.

- Looking for members interested in getting involved with admin
    - Communicating with membership about activities
    - Broader community engagement & recruiting
    - Grants?