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Well we snuck it in!

AGM 1.30pm Sunday 11 July 2021

In a very fortunate piece of non-covidness we were able to meet on the block just before our current lockdown. On a pleasant winter's day 23 members and 3 guests sat around the BBQ fires for lunch and a chat before the formal meeting began. Draft Minutes of the meeting will be sent out with papers for the next AGM but in summary...

Chair Anne Marantelli welcomed all to the meeting and noted 30 apologies. The record of last year's electronic AGM was noted (there were no formal Minutes). Kevin presented his Financial Report, noting that the Co-operative had broken "square" to within a few cents last year. We currently have cash in Cheque and Term Deposit accounts of \$42,955. Our block and its buildings have been valued at \$78,000.

Formal motions were passed to:

- Accept the Financial Report; and,
- Set the levies for 2021/2 at their current levels (\$20/year or \$80/5years)



Anne welcomes members, John on her right, Kevin on her left (Photo Jasper Harris)



Most of the attendees (Photo Jasper Harris)

Four Directors had nominated by the due date and time for the four vacancies and were duly re-elected for 2 year terms:

- John Sherwood,
- Kevin Sparrow,
- Colin Magilton; and,
- Peter Goy.

That concluded the AGM and a General Meeting followed.

A different AGM model?

At the General Meeting yours truly raised the question of adapting future AGMs to take advantage of one positive covid outcome – the use of technology such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

A hybrid meeting model where some attend in person (as now) and others attend remotely via Zoom would allow greater member involvement in the AGM. The distance between the block and many members means travel for the AGM is not a feasible option for them. We don't have good enough wifi reception on the block. This means we would have an AGM in Warrnambool and then meet on the block socially the next day.

The meeting recommended the Board develop this concept further with a view to implementing it in 2022.

A BBQ makeover

The General Meeting also suggested it was time to replace the BBQs – now 30 years old. The Board will work on this.



*Our 30 year old BBQs are to be replaced
(Photo Jasper Harris)*

After the meetings concluded we went for a stroll through the blockand I took some photos....



Lots of fungi as expected during winter.



A garden of mosses and fungi – a delightful microecosystem.



This conical hole is a characteristic sign of bandicoots according to an expert member.



We were excited to spot this sleepy Koala near the end of the walk.

Your Leadership Team

At our first Board meeting since the AGM (20 July) we elected office bearers for the coming year. All existing people agreed to continue in their roles:

- Chair - Anne Marantelli
- Deputy Chair - Geoff Rollinson
- Secretary - John Sherwood
- Minute Secretary - Peter Goy
- Treasurer- Kevin Sparrow

All were elected unopposed.

Working Bee Saturday 4 September

At the Board meeting the date for our next working bee was set. We will start at 10am and all are welcome. Bring a lunch (BBQ if you prefer). Other useful things will be:

- Weeding tools
- Gum boots (the block can be wet in places).
- A chain saw and safety gear if you are a skilled operator.
- Bush saw
- Bucket

We will weed the BBQ area (damn lawn daisies!), check boundaries for fallen branches, clean the shed, slash the BBQ area and access roads (but NOT the tracks – we don't want to slash orchids). Since spring will be springing we will also do a wander looking for flowers.

If you need directions to the block email/phone me (John S.)

A Resignation from the Board

Recently Paul Hartrick decided to step down from the Board for personal reasons. The Board has reluctantly accepted his resignation. Anne paid tribute to Paul's excellent contribution over his multiple terms as a Board member. Paul has indicated his strong practical skills and environmental management expertise will still be available for Kurri Kurri.

The board will look to fill the casual vacancy Paul created.

2021/22 Levies Due

Included with this hard copy Newsletter is your Levy Notice. If you get the Newsletter electronically Kevin will email it shortly.

Audio Moth Species List

I have attached the 26 most common species heard during the project. The full report is on our website. A few new records for the block of birds and amphibians – a great outcome.

Appendix 1 List of species detected at Judith's Swamp ranked by number of detections

Species	Common name	Detection Rank
<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	Australian Magpie	1
<i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>	Grey Fantail	2
<i>Crinia signifera</i>	Common Eastern Froglet	3
<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>	Superb Fairy-wren	4
<i>Litoria ewingii</i>	Southern Brown Tree Frog	5
<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	Australian Golden Whistler	6
<i>Cormobates leucophaea</i>	White-throated Treecreeper	7
<i>Limnodynastes peronii</i>	Striped Marsh Frog	8
<i>Limnodynastes dumerilii</i>	Eastern Banjo Frog	9
<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	Australian Raven	10
<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	11
<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	Grey Shrikethrush	12
<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>	Australian Reed-Warbler	13
<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Willie Wagtail	14
<i>Zoothera lunulata</i>	Bassian Thrush	15
<i>Limnodynastes tasmaniensis</i>	Spotted Marsh-Frog	16
<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	Little Corella	17
<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>	Eastern Yellow Robin	18
<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i>	Long-billed Corella	19
<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>	Noisy Miner	20
<i>Pachycephala rufogularis</i>	Red-lored Whistler	21
<i>Lichenostomus chrysops</i>	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	22
<i>Platycercus eximius</i>	Eastern Rosella	23
<i>Acanthiza pusilla</i>	Brown thornbill	24
<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	Magpie-lark	25
<i>Anas superciliosa</i> standing together to stop extinctions	Pacific Black Duck	26