

Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Braeside Park, held at the Visitor Centre on Sunday 10 August 2014 at 2.00 pm.

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The meeting was opened by the President, Margaret Hunter at 2.00 pm.

Present: Margaret Hunter, Bev Bancroft, Tom Drenen, Mary Drenen, Graham Kilby (Dingley Village Men's Shed), Jan Holt, Peter Holt, Ian Kitchen, Judith Sise, Justine Lund, Frank Russo, Helen Russo, John Burns, Dorothea Kassell, Kylie Eklom, Ian Parsons, Bill Jackson, Kathleen Burrows, Val Christoph, Brian Pullen, Eric Mitchell, Merle Mitchell, Barry Lowe, Cr Rosemary West OAM (City of Kingston), Adrienne Fleming, Geoff Fleming, Des Lucas (Ranger in charge – Braeside Park).

Apologies: Joanne Cody, Barbara Round, Marj Seaton, Norm Seaton, Frank Archer.

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting: were passed on the **MOTION** of John Burns, **SECONDED** by Mary Drenen **CARRIED**

Presidents Report: was presented by Margaret Hunter.

Treasurer's Report: was presented by Beverley Bancroft. The Treasurer's report for 2013-2014 was passed on the **MOTION** of Beverley Bancroft, **SECONDED** by Frank Russo **CARRIED**

Appointment of Auditor: Bruce Shearer was appointed as the Auditor of the Friends of Braeside Park on the **MOTION** of Beverley Bancroft, **SECONDED** by Brian Pullen **CARRIED**

General Business:

Election of Committee for 2014-2015: The President, Margaret Hunter, vacated the chair for the election of committee members by Councillor Rosemary West OAM of the City of Kingston. The following members of the Friends were elected to the committee for 2014-2015:-

Margaret Hunter, Beverley Bancroft, Judith Sise, Frank Russo, Helen Russo, Brian Pullen, Barry Lowe.

Margaret Hunter resumed the chair following the election of the committee with positions allocated at the first committee meeting.

Life Membership award to Beverley Bancroft: Life Membership of the Friends of Braeside Park was awarded to Beverley Bancroft in recognition of her long term committee, executive and activity involvement with the Friends group since March 1991.

Des Lucas, Ranger in Charge, Braeside Park gave a short report to the meeting. Des highlighted the valuable contribution of the committee and members who attended park activities. He also told the meeting of park achievements including the development of the Racecourse trail stage one, the playground mulch spreading, the rabbit program, the artwork on the tree stumps, completion of the two million trees project, the work of the summer ranger Kylie Eklom and volunteer programs in the park. The \$3,000 grant from Parks Victoria for the 25th anniversary of the Friends group will be used for further artwork on the tree stumps in the cypress drive and interpretive work in this area of the park.

The President of the Dingley Village Men's Shed was the guest speaker and spoke to the meeting about the work of the Dingley Village Mens' Shed, resident in the former art sheds in Braeside Park. They are one of 2000 mens' sheds in Australia, and started in a backyard in Dingley Village. Their activities since moving to their current location at Braeside Park include bicycle rides and repairs, getting sheds in good condition, currently completing a amenities block with kitchen, toilets and donated computers, and welding activities among other planned and future activities. They welcome new members and are fortunate to have access to grants/support from the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. They welcome members of the friends group and the local community to become involved in their activities. This was followed by a tour of the former art sheds at Braeside, now the home of the Dingley Village Men's Shed.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3.30 pm.