



The Greater
Dandenong
Environment
Group Inc.

**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
JULY
2002**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY 2002 AT 64
FILLMORE ROAD AT 8 PM**

PRESENT: Ian Kitchen, Judith Sise, Dorothea Kassell and Danielle Gorham.

APOLOGIES: Margaret Matthews

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2001:

Ian proposed these be accepted and seconded by Dorothea

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Accepted as presented by Judith and seconded by Danielle

PLANT NURSERY REPORT: Presented by Ian and accepted by Judith and seconded by Dorothea

TREASURER'S REPORT: As presented accepted by Judith and seconded by Ian
These reports are attached.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Dorothea nominated **Ian as President**. Judith seconded the notion and Ian accepted and was elected unanimously.

Dorothea nominated **Judith as Secretary**. Danielle seconded the notion and Judith accepted and was elected unanimously.

Ian nominated **Dorothea as Treasurer**. Judith seconded the notion and Dorothea accepted and was elected unanimously.

Judith nominated **Ian as Plant Nursery Manager**. Dorothea seconded the notion and Ian accepted and was elected unanimously.

Judith nominated **Danielle as Public Officer**. Dorothea seconded the notion and Danielle accepted and was elected unanimously.

Ian nominated **Ingrid as Publicity Officer**. Judith seconded and Ingrid was elected unanimously.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 PM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2002

This has been a very interesting year for the group. We have continued growing indigenous plants at the Nursery while expanding our involvement with the community.

We monitored the bird population on the Dandenong Creek Wetlands regularly over the year. We have continued our association with several schools including Rosewoods Downs Primary, Harrisfield Primary, Heatherdale Secondary and Lyndale Primary. We supported these schools by providing plants. The group members have supported Lyndale Primary through several educational activities including the Environment Day and Night Prowl.

The Group has been involved in educational activities to the wider community. These included: Australia Day stall; Clean Up Australia Day at Tirhaturan Park; Planting at Pearcedale Conservation Park; attending Council Community Planting Days; Greening Australia's Spring Planting Festival and professional development activities; Great Australian Marsupial Night Stalk; Snapshots of Dandenong Federation Project; Talks on animal monitoring and biodiversity in local schools.

The group obtained a grant under the Federal Government's Year of the Volunteer System and used the money to obtain a new BBQ, chairs, tables and esky. Members also received Certificates of Appreciation from the Honourable Christine Campbell, Minister of Community services for their contributions to the environment as part of the Year of the Volunteer 2001.

The Group submitted a summary of 2001 to be recorded in the Dandenong Historical Society's *Snapshots of Dandenong*, a Federation Project.

The Group also so successfully applied for a grant from Melbourne Water to grow grasses with local schools for revegetation of the Dandenong Creek Wetlands and to produce a bimonthly newsletter.

2001 was a busy year with much achieved. The group met and decided on Future Directions, which affirmed and expanded the Group's aims and philosophy to education by increasing awareness of environment issues within and beyond our community and to grow and to plant local indigenous flora within the community. There is a pressing need to attract more members to the Group and so information stalls at the Australian Day Celebrations, Dandenong Show are important. The establishment and management of the Group's web site by Julie Sims and the bimonthly Newsletter produced by Ingrid are vital elements of the Group's drive to gain new members

The Group has applied for a grant from the Great Dandenong Council for producing a video for educational purposes in 2002. An other interesting direction for the group. *Ian Kitchen 2002.*

NURSERY REPORT

The Council placed no firm orders for 2002 but the group continued to grow seeds and take cuttings.

Plants in the nursery in July 2002 include:

6 Eucalyptus radiatus @ \$2	8 boxes of carex @ \$20 box
21 Twiggy Daisy Bush @ \$1	10 boxes of juncus @ \$25 box
10 Prickly Moses @ \$2	10 large Redgum @ \$2
4 Eucalyptus @ \$3	
10 Prickly Teatrees @ \$2	
10 Sheoaks @ 50c	
25 Redgum @ 65c	
15 Blackwoods @ \$3	
20 Teatree @ \$1	

MINUTES OF MEETING FOLLOWING AGM BEGINNING AT 8.25 PM

CORRESPONDENCE: IN Field Naturalists News No. 111, Department of NRE Envirofund; Lyndale Newsletter; New Haven Bird Sanctuary; Australian Plant Association Healthland Group; Australian Day Committee Minutes; Cheque from Melbourne Water for Grants; Call from Wonthaggi on nesting boxes
OUT Expressions of Interests to Schools to be part of Grant Project; Councillor D. Wilson

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Newsletter names still to be decided (Margaret B had a lovely long list);
Certificates for Year of Volunteer given out and some still to post;
Night Stalk is arranged from August 23rd, Friday; Dandenong Show Committee contacted and letter prepared to request contact with organisation willing to provide space free to group; still trying to contact Christina, Greater Dandenong Open Space and Planning Department.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- ◆ Congratulations to Ingrid on Newsletter, which is getting better and better. Small suggestions for dysfunctional photocopier person, Ingrid could you please number the pages. Everyone note next Newsletter deadline **AUGUST 26th**.
- ◆ Anyone available for Schools' Tree Planting Day, 26th July Friday and/or Night Stalk in Churchill National Park as part of the Great Australian Marsupial Stalk on Friday August 23rd at 5 contact Judith
- ◆ Thank you to the wonderful group members, Ian, Danielle, Margaret, Ingrid and Joanne, who supported Judith and students at Lyndale Primary on Environment Day. Students and teachers and Police Constable Melinda learnt heaps and enjoyed the activities immensely.
- ◆ Council Grant will be available July 12th at 12 noon and members can attend the Council Meeting to ratify the grants on Monday 22nd July.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7TH, AT IAN KITCHEN'S HOME, 64 FILLMORE ROAD AT 7.30 PM.



Just as every conviction begins as a whim so does every emancipator serve his apprenticeship as a crank. A fanatic is a great leader who is just entering the room.