



The Greater
Dandenong
Environment
Group Inc.

**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
JULY
2003**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, 2nd JULY 2003 AT 64
FILLMORE ROAD AT 8 PM**

PRESENT: Ian Kitchen, Judith Sise, Dorothea Kassell and Margaret Bassett.

APOLOGIES: Ingrid Currie and Danielle Gorham

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2002:

Ian proposed these be accepted and seconded by Dorothea.

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

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 nomination and Ian accepted and was elected unanimously.

Ian nominated **Judith as Secretary**. Margaret seconded the nomination and Judith accepted and was elected unanimously.

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

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

Dorothea nominated **Margaret as Public Officer**. Judith seconded the nomination and Margaret accepted and was elected unanimously.

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

A big thank you to Ian and Julie for their generosity in providing the venue for the Group's meetings and also for always providing supper.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.36 PM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2002/3

We have had a quiet year with some gains. 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 Rosewood Downs Primary, Chandler Primary, Dandenong North Primary, Lyndale Secondary, Silverton Primary and Lyndale Primary. We supported these schools by providing plants, sowing grass seeds as part of our Melbourne Water Wetlands Project and acting as a guest speaker on indigenous flora. Ian acted as a mentor to Lyndale Secondary College's Environmental Science Teacher in establishing a frog pond. The group provided plants for this. 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: Clean Up Australia Day at the Dandenong Creek Wetlands; an information centre at the Dandenong Show; attending Council Community Planting Days and supporting the Friends of Fotheringham's planting; Greening Australia's Spring Planting Festival and professional development activities; Great Australian Marsupial Night Stalk; and monitoring the bird life at the Wetlands.

The Melbourne Water's grant to grow grasses with local schools for revegetation of the Dandenong Creek Wetlands has been on hold in 2003 as the City of Greater Dandenong and Melbourne Water continue to negotiate an agreement on maintenance of the proposed Wetland development. The Group worked with local Primary and a Secondary School to grow 35 boxes of native grasses as part of this project. These grasses will be planted in National Tree Week (July 2003) in Tirhatuan Park as a special indigenous grass bed with the local Council's assistance. More grasses will sow for planting in 2004 in the Wetlands when hopefully Melbourne Water and Council will have reached a satisfactory agreement.

There is still a pressing need to attract more members to the Group. The management of the Group's web site by Julie Sims and the production of the bimonthly Newsletter by Ingrid are vital elements of the Group's drive to gain new members. Both are to be congratulated on their persistence and commitment to the group's publicity. The revamping of the Group's brochure is underway.

The Group has applied for a Greater Dandenong Council's grant for water monitoring equipment to expand the Group's commitment to the health of the Dandenong Creek Wetlands. Melbourne Water provided \$200 for the production of the group's newsletter.
Ian Kitchen 2003.

NURSERY REPORT

We have had a slow year in the nursery due to the lack of orders from the Council and the confusion over the Wetlands. Our expected move does not engender any enthusiasm to improve the garden at the nursery or to do any other improvements. We have concentrated on growing grasses for the wetlands and building up our supplies of stock plants. The closure of the NRCL may generate more orders from the council's Parks Department.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Group's aims for the creation of a better environment and a greater appreciation of the indigenous flora and fauna in 2002. It is due to you that we remain a viable group achieving our goals.

Plants in the nursery in July 2003 include:

- 11 Eucalyptus radiata @ \$2
- 12 Twiggy Daisy Bush @ \$1
- 100 Prickly Moses @ \$2
- 4 Eucalyptus @ \$3
- 14 boxes Prickly Teatrees @ \$1
- 5 Sheoaks @ 50c
- 3 boxes Redgum @ 50c
- 6 boxes crespedia @50c
- 2 boxes acacia dealbata @50c
- 6 boxes Goodnia @ 50c
- 26 boxes assorted grasses @ 50c
- 10 hakea @50c
- 8 Correa @ \$1



MINUTES OF MEETING FOLLOWING AGM BEGINNING AT 8.37 PM

CORRESPONDENCE: Field Naturalists News No. 122, Australian Plant Association Healthland Group; Australian Day Committee Minutes; Greening Australia' Membership registration and training programs, The Victorian Naturalist Vol 120, Port Phillip Bay Association Strategies Second Paper workshops registration; Council Electronic Mailing registration; Public Liability Insurance forms; Greenlink Newsletter; Grace Maglio's thank you for small grant; Council's Cultural Development Officer's request for information.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Bookmarks and postcards viewed and discussed. Ian to collate these for August's meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- ◆ Ian's visit to Dandenong North Primary went well. The group to provide water plants
- ◆ Anyone available for Schools' Tree Planting Day, 22nd July Tuesday at Tirhatuan Park 9-11am is most welcome and/or Night Stalk in Churchill National Park as part of the Great Australian Marsupial Stalk on Friday August 22nd at 5:30pm contact Judith
- ◆ Night Prowl at Little River 19th July Saturday \$20 Contact Ian
- ◆ Judith to arrange bus and biscuits/cordial to come from Council's grant for grass planting on 22nd July with schools
- ◆ Bird Survey of Wetlands Sunday 17th August 9:30 AM Meet in Basketball Stadium's carpark
- ◆ NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH, AT IAN KITCHEN'S HOME, 64 FILLMORE ROAD AT 7.30 PM.



The land was ours before we were the land's
She was our land more than a hundred years
Before we were her people.