**Friends of Garden Island Creek Inc**

**Meeting Minutes**

**3 March, 2024, 6-7.30 pm**

**Kelsie’s - 58 Brittains Road**

**Attendees: Angela, Kelsie, Therese, Ros, Simon, Peter, Dannielle, Laura, Brad**

**Apologies: Mick**

**Chair:**  **Therese Minute taker: Angela**

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| **Welcome and introductions** |
| **Endorsement of the Minutes of the previous meeting: Angela endorsed, Therese seconded****Treasurer’s report:** Money left from grant around 4K.**Correspondence:** Landcare emails forwarded. Note grant opportunities and other activities in these emails. Letter re incorporation fee sent to Kelsie. **Membership:** Ros – paid memberships. Kelsie and Angela – check if paid. |
| **Ongoing business updates**1. **GIS erosion management** –
* Community members met with council officers at the end of November. See Angela’s notes and council report on the meeting that were emailed.
* Where we’re up to. Angela met with Malcolm Johnson this morning. He is very keen to work with us. Our group has done more than any other community group and shows perseverance!
* In future we need to work with council.
* Council has committed to creating an access way in conjunction with Parks.
* Erosion mitigation will need more consideration, especially in relation to ongoing maintenance and associated costs. The council and Parks have to come to an agreement where council takes on a lease type arrangement and is responsible for the site.
* Council are interested in exploring nature-based mitigation rather than hard barriers eg large sand bags. They encouraged us to look into this and put forward ideas.
* Funding through grants is still the most likely way forward.
* Using tree debris and other natural barriers is also a good idea as some residents are already doing.
* Angela will report back to Malcolm about what was discussed at this meeting. Malcolm would like to come to one of our meetings in the future.

Simon raised the issue of the ownership of the walkway between 32 and 34 (not sure if these numbers are correct). It is still listed as owned by the person who did the subdivision who has since died, Mrs Lowe. Councils traditionally take over these types of walkways. Angela told Malcolm about it and he said he’d look into it. Regardless of who ‘owns’, it the issue of beach access is the same as FOGIC has come up against with the main access at the turning circle. Parks and Council are responsible and together do something about it but will need to be made aware and have pressure put on them. It could be raised in conjunction with the main access way. In the meantime community solutions are the only option. **Letter box drop.** We need to update the whole community about this issue. Letterbox drop suggested. Angela to send some words to Kelsie. Laura will design the letter. Brad will do the letter box drop. Plan to get this out by the end of March. **Council need to feel pressure –** encourage letter writing and meetings.**Community awareness –** how to lobby council and Parks. This is the evidence and this is the direction to go in. **Shared responsibility –** Malcolm talked about community chipping in for costs as happens in other communities across Australia.If there is shared contributions, we are more likely to get funding.1. **Community activities ideas for this year:**
* **Foxglove weeding** – Ros and Allison.
* **Tree planting** - Therese. In future = spring. Community approach. Can see it’s working. Wait till spring. Too dry.
* **Slow burn day** – Laura. Jodie happy to host. NO longer insured for liability. Good time – too dry now.

Fire trailor. Informal register of interest. * **re school holiday activities** - Ros contacted Landcare –. Will follow up. Fungi thing.
* **Water testing and monitoring** – Kelsie. Water watch guy Simon Roberts. Need to know what to do – water quality and salinity testing.
* **Kelsie working for Ables Bay coast care group**. Sea grass. Data collection. Can we join in? Started a group called Friends of Seagrass Tasmania
* **Work towards a community event** – membership drive. Look for a grant and have an event. Kelsie and Therese might be in a position to host.
* **Camera to monitor** – wild tracker app. Need info on where we can put them. Who collects the data. Landcare have cameras. Flatrock data
* **Family bush events.**
* **Where where wedgie.** May 9-11 Look up days that we can tap into.
* **Landcare events** – check if they have anything we could join into.

Conclusion: join the Ables Bay event for our next community activity. Kelsie will share information and advertise. Plan a tree planting event and slow burn event when the weather is better |
| **Next Community Activity:** back onto the Ables Bay event – sometime in March. Kelsie to share details.May – Where, where wedgie**Next Committee Meeting:** Decision is to make the meetings the first Monday of the month, bimonthly. Add to your diaries: March 3rd @ Kelsie’s new house! May 5th at Therese’s new house. July 7th September 1stNov 3rd |

New members Peter and Danielle La Fontaine peter@sailpro.app