**Friends of Garden Island Creek Inc**

**Committee Meeting MInutes**

**Monday April 29, 2024, 6-7.30 pm**

**Attendees: Therese, Phil, Kelsie, Alison, Ros, Brad, Laura and Angela**

**Apologies:**

**Chair: Therese Minute taker: Angela**

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| **Endorsement of the Minutes of the previous meeting** In February Passed and Seconded: Ros **Treasurer’s report** – Kelsie – see last meeting’s report, nothing has changed. Letter saying we’re being audited for not-for-profit status. **Correspondence** – Landcare emails forwarded, grant information from HVC forwarded, emails re DA  |
| **Ongoing business** 1. **Federal Grant update –**
* **DV application to council**. Being approved is next step.

We’ve employed a planner, Danielle Gray. Bill Cromer (geo technician) and Chris Sharles (geomorphologist) are continuing to support us ‘in kind.’ Also has to be approved by Parks. Danielle is liaising with both. * **Let community know.** Share Bill’s drawings.

Angela - Post on FB, letterbox drop, building on previous community consultation etc. Email if you have any question. Letterbox drop – Brad. Angela to email FB post to Laura and Brad. * **Funds - $1075 left** to pay Danielle. There is an additional 5k that we had to spend up front and be reimbursed for. Deadline 30th April. to arrange a meeting
* **Reach out council** and inform them about what we’ve done and hope to do. This is a community project that council should be supporting. Meet with mayor and general manager. Angela to email council and organize a meeting. Therese and Kelsie would like to attend.
* **Parks have asked 2 two questions**: who will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and what about public liability. Need an agreement from council. Kelsie will write to Paul to see what Randall’s Bay have done.
1. **New grant application** to construct the rock wall went in at the end of February. Copy forwarded to committee. If successful we can commence the wall. Angela
2. **Community activity plans:**
* Know your local patch event – 15th April

Ros organised on the first day of holidays. Landcare supported. Very successful in terms of numbers – 69 attended. The most LC have had as well. Heaps of locals. Ros suggested GIC could host another Bianca was keen. Well set up. **May events:** * Swift Parrot Day – 11th May. Landcare community event. Encourage locals to attend.
* Where’s the Wedgie – May 25th - Kelsie planning
* Advertise on FB as an event – Angela and Kelse

**Other ideas*** **Tree planting** - Therese and Phil have the plants. It needs to rain.
* **Spring event - Slow burn day.** SETAC might do it. Laura will talk to the land manager at SETAC about a workshop. Brad happy to hold a workshop. TFS could be involved. The red-hot tips people worth contacting. Sam from Fire Brigade. Laura & Brad will follow up

Therese & Phil might see RED hot tips at Agfest Possibility of a free trailer for fire trailer * **Weeding** – oct/nov. Keep working on same patch with Fox Glove eradication. Allison
* **Water testing and monitoring**. Community grant to get equipment. Kits – about $100. Kelsie will try to contact him John.
* **Feral cats and rabbits** an issue. Too difficult. Very discouraging. Should we be lobbying councils to keep cats in yards? Costs $70 to surrender a feral cat. Micro chip cats.
* Need a working bee to get the tool trailer going. Maybe in July. There’s tools for the community in the shed. How do we make it available?
* We’ll decide on dates and future activities at next meeting.
1. Other Grants: any other grants we can apply for. Apply for grants. Info forwarded.
2. Community noticeboard – Laura. Ready to go up. Everything is there. Going to do it next week.
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| **New Business:****Webpage**: Ros and Therese went to Dorriene’s to learn about the website. Ros will share access if anyone else wants to update it. Chatline available for support too.  |
| **Next Community Activity:** **Swift Parrot Day 11th May****Wedgie Day – 24th May** **Next Committee Meeting****Date: Wednesday 17th July** Time: 6pm Host/Venue: Angela  |