**Friends of Garden Island Creek**

**Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday 1st May 2023, 6-8pm**

Chair: Therese

Minutes: Ros

Present: Therese, Phil, Ros, Laura, Wendy, Bridget, Kelsie (via zoom)

Apologies: Angela, Dorriene, Allison

Welcome and acknowledgement of Country – Therese

Endorsement of minutes of previous meeting – Kelsie and Therese

Treasurer’s report – Kelsie

* beach consultants paid, Indigenous heritage report paid
* $5000 grant from Healthy Tasmania received

Membership report – Ros

* Membership stands at 16 households, no new members since last meeting
* Discussion held re financial vs non financial members – several people on our list have not paid fee or are not up to date. It was decided better to encourage involvement than chase $. Insurance should cover all participants in Landcare activities whether financial members or not.
* Query made by committee member about possibility of direct email to members to notify of committee meetings (not to rely solely on Facebook). Ros to follow up.
* Ros to check recent new members were sent welcome email as a GISands resident (??) mentioned to a committee member that they had not received response after returning membership form.
* Committee decided that would be good to send short update via email to members after each committee meeting. Ros to follow up.

Beach grant update – Kelsie

* Extension granted until end of July
* The only engineer to provide quote was priced at approx. $33K, which includes reports on erosion that possibly double up work already done. As only have approx. $15K remaining of original funding, Kelsie / Angela to discuss with engineers what could be achieved within the budget – are the reports included in original quote necessary.
* Currently $17900 left of grant, however beach survey and training costs yet to be accounted for, as are the costs associated with website.
* Angela has link to next round of grants to do on-ground work.

Beach consultation survey results – Therese

* Dorriene has produced a report of the results of the beach consultation survey. Committee agreed to give Dorriene the go ahead to publish this to FOGIC website and Facebook page.

Beach survey – Kelsie

* Training session has been booked for Sun 7th May at 1pm.
* More volunteers still welcome, Kelsie to post on Facebook.

Healthy Tasmania Grant – Laura

* $5000 secured to hold community event around reducing social isolation and building healthy community, plus purchase of first aid kit and possibly tools for tool library.
* Discussion led to pencilling in Sat 8th July for community event with a share produce / seeds / preserves theme. To include face painting and other kids’ activities, health professionals presence such as RAW rep or similar, music, food.
* Venue - Laura to post callout for local paddock + shed to host event. Phil and Therese’s may be a possibility. Deep Bay Fire brigade is another option if nothing possible in GIC.
* Laura to contact Bogan Josh re catering options.

Tree planting day – Phil and Therese

* Phil and Therese have purchased approx. 350 trees to plant in paddock along highway where clearing occurred for fencing. Aim to hold community planting day in 3-4 weeks, with possible bbq afterwards.
* Phil and Therese to confirm date once tree guards etc ready.

Weeding – Ros

* Allison has sourced a document with information regarding foxglove, but has not had luck in contacting a weeding expert for advice.
* Ros to talk with Allison about organising weeding sessions
* Wendy gave Ros a contact, Cassie Strain, very experienced in weed matters who may be able to advise.

Waterwatch – Therese

* Therese has tried unsuccessfully to contact Simon Roberts (who organised the waterwatch information session last year) re training and equipment. Therese to follow up.

Beach Sign – Therese

* Dorriene received a quote for $315 for a 1x1.2m full-colour sign for the beach
* Dorriene has done a mock up sign for us to use as starting point.
* Committee members to give feedback on content / layout etc please, eg including section on practical steps to help prevent erosion, QR code to link to website
* Sign could be paid for with grant if there is money remaining after the engineer’s report.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 21st June, 6pm