**Friends of Garden Island Creek Inc**

**MInutes – AGM & regular meeting**

**Monday September 1, 2025, 6-7.30 pm**

**Attendees: Therese, Ros, Phil, Angela Apologies: Kelsie, Simon**

**Chair: Therese Minutes taker: Angela**

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| **2025 AGM – postponed until next meeting in November** |
| **Regular FOGIC meeting**  **Guest Speaker -** Malcolm Johnson, Manager Sustainability HVC  **Beach Access**   * Not a unique situation. Our community ahead of the game with the research we’ve done. * HVC will deal directly with NRE. Crown should be managing crown land. * HVC developing a policy making it clear to Crown that they manage Crown land. * Where does this leave us? Put in beach access. Council will not insist on compliance. Not their issue. Failure of state government to act. Crown unstated policy is that they have some developments they’ll support and some they won’t. Only option is to go ahead. Internal stance is no seawall. * Reach out and get the 10k promised. * Go ahead with a Nature based fencing pilot such as the one Mark has started.   **Erosion**   * Cygnet coast road is eroding at very quick rate. Rock bags are being investigated. We could use them. * Test growing plants in the council nursery. Planting time. This could be a working bee. Work with other landcare groups and uni students. Provide plants for free landcare groups. Order form out now. Some needs gurads. Full supply of tree guards. Date in November. * Push for the promised 10k * Check with Mark   Cut off the trees at the roots.  **A few steps.**   1. Secure the soil 2. Fence up. 3. More plants in the better - need stabilizing plants. 4. Teach about fencing, 5. November for planting and fencing. 6. Regular working bees on a particular day. Coordinate regular working bees to build and maintain the fence.   **Disaster Challenge**  National hazards research program. Pitch a solution to a problem. HVC and Malcolm were selected as finalists. Brings a lot of attention to communities nationally. Won’t be able to ignore it. If selected it will get national attention. Video planned as part of the pitch. Tentative date is **September 20th**. Malcolm will send the draft pitch. Collecting data eg through an in place camera. Share with other communities and have a model to share.  **Malcolm left the meeting**  **Membership: Ros will send out reminders**  **Ongoing business updates**   1. **GIS erosion management**  * Look at which trees need to come down. Talk to Mick about getting this done. * Working bee in November to continue building a nature-based fence and access way. Ask the community to start saving tree cuttings. * Angela to catchup with Mick and Peter and Mark  1. **Community activities**   **Bioblitz day** – **October 23rd** – Ros and Kelly will run it and advertise. Family friendly. A walk to identify species to be part of the Bioblitz. Southern Hemisphere event. Advertised in Landcare email.  **Next Community Activity:**  **October 23rd Bioblitz Day**  **Working bee on the beach** – November - date to be confirmed next meeting  **Next Committee Meeting:**  **Monday November 3rd will include the AGM.** |