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| **Friends of Garden Island Creek Landcare Group**  **Committee Meeting**  **Minutes 27/7/21, 6-8 pm**  **Chair: Kelsie Minutes: Angela**  **Attendees: Kelsie, Angela, Ros, Laura**  **Apologies: Kimberley, Denise, Rob** | |
| **Welcome & Acknowledgment of Country -** Laura | |
| **Endorsement of Minutes: -** Kelsie passed, Laura seconded | |
| **Correspondence:** Laura - Landcare award nomination for community award.  Various emails discussed below. | |
| **Reports on actions from previous meeting:** | |
| **Who** | **What** |
| Laura  Angela  Laura  Angela  Ros  Laura  Kelsie | 1.**Noticeboard** – Kimberly found one online to purchase.  Applying for the **Bendigo Bank’s monthly grant**- Laura will apply. Need to acknowledge their contribution community visibility.  2.**Labor and liberal candidates** were approached prior to the election to gain commitment to the erosion and beach access issues.  Labor committed 50K. Liberal Jacquie Petrsuma *“a re-elected Majority Liberal Government will commit to assessing the most appropriate long-term solution to the broader issues associated with coastal erosion and beach access prior to the 2021/22 budget process – with any funding allocations to be considered as a part the 2021/22 budget process.”* Email 30/04/21  Jacquie Petrusmsa is now the minister for Parks. She and the secretary for PWS, Jason Jacobi, visited the site. Jason Jacobi contacted Angela and discussed the issues. Advised of the process for approval and the continued involvement5 of Glenn Woodfall. 3. Cr Christine Campbell suggested contacting The Huon Valley Council’s Luke Chui, Director Environment and Development Services to discuss their approach to climate change. Email written which was forwarded to Amanda Blakely. Phone call with Amanda followed.Key points:Why the group wants to pursue erosion mitigation needs to be clearly articulated in light of the research.What kind of beach access is proposed and how will it be funded.What exactly the group is asking of the council needs to be clarified.GIC is the only beach that has had a climate change report done. See attachedCouncil can’t be seen to be favouring one community over another. The council has many such issues.Asked about who to go to for expert advice on best way forward. Answer: only one person in the state has that expertise, Chris Sharples from UTAS. Very hard to get a response from apparently. Angela to contact. <https://www.utas.edu.au/profiles/staff/spatial/remove-from-gss/Chris-Sharples> 4. **Meeting with Cr Paul Gibson on site.** Kimberley and Angela attended. He suggested a meeting the **Herman Mouthaan** a retired civil engineer with experience with erosion management. Meeting took place. Kelsie, Kimberley, Angela, Peter and Jill attended along with Paul and Herman.  **Key points from the meeting:**   * Need to understand what is occurring and what works in terms of mitigation combat erosion. * Herman’s suggestions eg grading the slope, using geo matting, then rocks and sandbags. Re access - grading the slope and installing a chain board walkway for access. A survey of the beach was needed. * Herman also willing to write a plan. Kelsie to work with Herman to survey the site.   5. **Meeting with Glenn Woodfall, Property Officer, PWL.** on site. Angela attended.  **Key points:**   * PWL do not fund works. * PWL require approval for any works on Crown Land ie GIC beach. Glenn sent the paper work. * Access is not their responsibility. They don’t have liability. Enter at own risk. * Glenn has been involved in GIS issues for a number of years and is in touch with residents as required. He is responsible for tree management and removal, as well as removal of the boat ramp. Has photos of the area and took photos on the day. Discussed how and why tress are removed. * Glenn suggested contacting Southern Beaches Landcare group who have similar issues and been operating for 17 year * Glenn available to go through the PWL requirements and processes.   6. **Lauderdale Experience**– Laura made contact with the Council.  Council involvement different as they have leasehold of the beach.  Angela reported that Lauderdale went through a similar experience with the removal of a boat ramp and significant erosion occurring. Community pressure and involvement lead to action. See their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1802812696610294>  7. Peter and Jill visited **Conningham Beach** and contacted Kingborough Council. The council organsied the work using prison labor. Sandbags installed and pig face has grown over. Quite different to GIS beach.  8. Ros contacted the **Huon Valley Community recovery quick response grants**, not for building or infrastructure. They are available for community recovery following the bush fires to promote community connection. Mainly for community events, Covid recovery bringing community together. It could be used for NITTA education or cultural burning – Jason Smith, Trish Hodge contacted. Cost - $200 for one hour walk & talk and $200 for a burn. Trish - walk and talk, bush tucker $200-300  9. **Tasmanian Community Fund Grants program.** https://tascomfund.org/ Need a plan with a budget. Opening soon with official guidelines. Mid August. Grant writing workshop coming up. More grants coming up. Laura to follow up.  10. **Membership and banking.** Bank account will be ready to go by end of next week. Membership – Kelsie will prepare a membership form. Members pay for financial year or half financial year. |
| **Other business** | |
| **Community meetings** | Next community meeting a cultural burn at Kelsie’s place.  Ros to follow up and organize. Ros has been in touch with Jason and Trish.  Angela will advertise once confirmed. |
| **FOGIC strategic plan** | Angela suggested that the group needs a strategic plan and will make a start and present at next meeting. Goals will reflect interests of both the coast and bush.  The **2015 GIC Climate Change Report** made recommendations for a way forward including setting up a community group and creating a framework or plan. Working groups may emerge from this process.  Aim to have a three year plan by end of the year. |
| **Report handover** | Kelsie made the group away of **a report written by a community group** after the 2015 Community Consultation process. A folder of information was passed onto Kimberly for the group. |
| **Meetings** | |
| **Upcoming Committee Meetings** | **Last Tuesday of the Month**  Date: 28th September  Venue: Denise’s place Time; 6-8pm  30th November: TBA |
| **Upcoming Community Meetings** | **Last Sunday of the Month**  9th August – Cultural Burn (weather dependant)  Venue: Kelsie’s  Time: TBC  Advertising: RSVP for location  31st October – Weeding Nick and Mick Kelly were very helpful last time. Nick has expertise in this area.  December ????? |
| **Summary of Actions Arising from the Meeting** | |
| **Who** | **Action** |
| Laura  Ros  Angela  Kelsie | Continue looking into the Tasmanian Community Fund Grant Application  Get in touch with Jason re cultural burn and make an application for a HVC community grant to fund it.  Investigate a mechanism for sharing files eg drop box, google files, Facebook files.  Look at Google Earth history of the coastline to see what differences there are.  Contact Chris Sharples  Advertise meetings in Huon News, on Facebook and through email  Make a start on the strategic plan  Work with Herman to survey the beach and formulate a plan.  Membership form and payment process |