**Friends of Garden Island Creek**

**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday 30thNovember, 2021**

**Attendees: Kimberley, Kelsie, Ros, Angela**

**Apologies: Laura**

**Chair: Kimberley Minutes: Angela**

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| **Topic** | **Discussion/Action** |
| **Acknowledgment of Country** | Angela will insert wording for next meeting |
| **Endorsement of the Minutes** | Passed: Kelsie Seconded: Kimberley |
| **Correspondence in – Angela** | Kimberley – emails from Toby Thorpe. Interested in meeting with the group.  Eye Spy Signs provided a quote.  Angela email correspondence summary:   * Tara Thurrogood sent some photos – forwarded to Kimberley * Various emails re fishing grant requesting a letter of endorsement from PWS. * Landcare – various inc AGM info and grant, appendix 2 * Julie Collins – 15/10 – info re **Stronger Communities Grant Application process.** EOI due 29 Nov, Decision made 17/12. $150,000 available for up to 20 projects in Franklin. EOI submitted.   Angela will continue following up grant opportunities   * Fiona Steele 19/10, PWS letter of endorsement for Fisheries Grant. Email included info about process, appendix 1. * Committee members resignation emails – Denise, Lucy and Rob. * Glen Woodfall, 22/11, PWS, info supplied about other areas where erosion mitigation is taking place.   + Weymouth Progress Association – Weymouth (northern Tasmania off Bridport Road) Their webpage is good. <https://weymouthprogressassociationinc.godaddysites.com/>   Agreed that FOGIC needs a webpage. Ask if anyone in the community would like to assist with this. Kimberley   * + Ansons Bay (also Northeast)   + Sisters Beach (Northwest) |
| **Treasurer’s report – Kelsie** | Passed: Angela Seconded: Kimberley Copy emailed to Angela, appendix 3 |
| **Reports on actions from previous meeting**  Angela   * Ingrid Lockwood is progressing this and has our support. * Fisheries grant application submitted. Letter of endorsement from PWS received.  Chris Sharples sent an email to ask for his advice about erosion mitigation - no response so farStrategic plan including statement of intent and inclusion of community focus - ongoingGlen Woodfall @ PWS contacted and replied see aboveEmail contact list set up 14 so far. Newsletter sent to list and posted on FB (Angela will do this after each committee meeting) Denise Ros will manage the membership data base. Kimberley   * Toby Thorpe keen to meet. Kimberley will follow up. * sign for the beach investigated and quote received. Sign discussed. Possibility of a similar sign to Randalls Bay new sign. Action: Kimberley to contact Paul Thomas and find out details. * Discussed weed management and contact with HVC. Action: Kimberley to contact Peter and Jill re weed management and discuss possibility of a weed management subcommittee and role of HVC. * 6th March is Clean Up Australia Day – agreed to make this a community activity   Ros   * Report completed for HVC. Grant fully acquitted. Thanks Ros * After future events photos and story will be sent to Huon News and/or the Classifieds. * Drop box account set up for committee members. Upload shared files to the drop box. * Bendigo Bank contacted about community grants for a sign or notice board. Vert flexible and easy to apply for. Grants up to $500. Perfect for the sign. Action: Kimberley is progressing the sign  KelsieBegan surveying the beach with Herman with a view to create a Management Plan for the beach. Support is needed to do this. Discussed using grant money, talking with the council about how they could support the group to survey the beach.UTAS Landcare group contacted. Offered to fill sandbags. Asked if there was a student who could take on the beach as a study. Will also contact Chris Sharples.Membership renewal in July. Create an event for this and make membership part of the entrance. Eg Xmas in July. Where? Plan for this as a priority in the new year.Advertise: Those who join from January cost will be $5.Advertise on FB and email for people with skills eg website designer, surveying, artwork for the sign. Kimberley to follow upDo we need a permit to survey the beach? Could be a group activity setting the positions on the posts.Angela to set up a meeting with Amanda Blakely from the council to discuss our concerns and plans. Invite Glenn Woodfall from PWS | |
| **New business**  **Kelsie - Landcare Conference report** Landcare conference – excellent. Kelsie received sponsorship from Landcare for the cost of the conference. More should attend next year.Interesting that other councils are actively involved with community Landcare groups and in some cases have a liaison person employed to work with groups.Need to set up a meeting with HVC’s NRM unit and discuss planning and guidance. Angela will contact Amanda Blakely.Discussion with Rosalee Woodruff. Why is there no management framework to manage erosion? Keen to have a think tank of all groups in our area.Cat trapping process explained. Need to fill Laura in about this. Cat trapping subcommittee suggestedForward planningIdeas for community activities: Flat Rock stories – Trish Hodge & talk to Maria, building devil dens, talk on ecology – Matt Taylor and - cameras, Ros will ask him about this.Planning for next six months:January Sunday 30th - Family Beach Day - scavenger hunt (Ros), sandcastle competition (Kimberley), sausage sizzle (Angela)February Tuesday 22nd – Committee meeting @ Kelsie’sMarch 6th – Clean Up Australia DayApril Tuesday 26th– Committee Meeting @ Angela’sMay Sunday 29th – Indigenous perspectives – Flat Rock StoriesJune Tuesday 28th – committee meetingJuly Saturday 30th – Xmas in July | |
| **Next Community Meeting** | When **January Sunday 30th**  What: Family Beach Day Where: Garden Island Sands Time: 10-12 |
| **Next Committee Meeting** | When **February Tuesday 22nd**  Venue: Kelsie’s Time: 5.30-7.30 |

**Appendix 1 Email from PWS re planning mitigation and beach access**

Dear  Angela

Please see attached letter of support for inclusion with your Better Fishing Grant Application.

Friends of Gard Island Creek Incorporated  may need to acknowledge that you will need to obtain planning advice as to whether your proposal require DA approval from Huon Valley Council l or not.  I would also like to pre-empt that it is likely you will also need to engage an engineer to complete a detailed design as any beach access to be constructed will need to meet standards the appropriate and will be required for submission for the likely DA approval required and possibly an environmental assessment as well.

Based on previous advice received It is likely such an application (for construction of a beach access) may be considered ‘discretionary’.   The proposed works are located in the Environmental Management Zone, Coastal Erosion Hazard Area and Waterway and Coastal Protection Area.  Although the land use appears to fall under ‘Passive recreation’ (Table 29.2) is classified as ‘no permit required’ under the Environmental Management Zone (<https://iplan.tas.gov.au/pages/plan/book.aspx?exhibit=huoips>), the proposal would rely on performance criteria, which would render the application as discretionary. Discretionary planning applications generally require public notification (in the form of newspaper advertisements, site notices and letters to adjoining properties), can be appealed by third parties and be refused by Huon Valley Council (Council) who is the planning authority for the Scheme.  It is recommended an ecological assessment is completed to  confirm if the construction of the access would require the removal of threatened vegetation.   There is currently no data to support this one way or another.  Such confirmation would strengthen reliance on the Infrastructure exemption.

An exemption does not have to be confirmed by Council. However, such written confirmation can be requested – building surveyors and project sponsors etc may ask for Council’s view on an exemption. If such confirmation is required for the project, it is recommended it be sought from Council as early as possible. If the exemptions cannot be relied upon, e.g. if threatened vegetation is required to be removed, a development application would be required. If this eventuated, it is recommended pre-application discussions be held with Council to discuss the types of supporting ecological assessments it would require.

Much to consider and think about and I’m certainly not an expert in this field, however mentioning all of the above as you may need to further consider costings in your Better Fishing Grant Application to take into account all of the above.  Huon Valley Council may be prepared to offer you some planning advice in advance of your final submission of the application.

Kind Regards

Fiona

Appendix 2 Landcare Grant Notifications

These grants are not administered by Landcare Tasmania, but we include them to assist you in finding opportunities.

**Tasmanian Community Fund** - **Emerging Community Leaders training** - open, closes 24 November 2021 - [https://tascomfund.smartygrants.com.au/ECL2022](https://www.landcaretas.org.au/r?u=BrWPyQAFwDAHJ6_M5-1zFasK6Umbf-Y53g8205uiVFQ5dZSM46ceA4xObuaBVr2w&e=cfc3a32dc88a1e0068d49918fd2268b9&utm_source=landcaretas&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=member_notification_nov_2021&n=5)

**Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal** - **Strengthening Rural Communities**(Small & Vital Stream $10k, Bushfire Recovery Stream $25k) - open, closing 23 Nov [https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/strengthening-rural-communities/](https://www.landcaretas.org.au/r?u=dhWg_OaVQRohO5hwwG46m3pf1IwMOTIsAwZiUHEDtq3w2Y0C4HUXsHrlp8CgdliBMic3pcPUEp4mCyG9v61x2xwfqGF2BDWYIGpeyOtzNTw&e=cfc3a32dc88a1e0068d49918fd2268b9&utm_source=landcaretas&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=member_notification_nov_2021&n=6)

**Environment Restoration Fund – Threatened Species Strategy Action Plan – Priority Species Grants** - open, closes 13 Dec h[ttps://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/environment-restoration-fund-threatened-species-strategy-action-plan-priority-species](https://www.landcaretas.org.au/r?u=yP6xYG_KnQ-gmO8c1JkX3BXHf_8zeqAGtaleQ80eoHRbqRBVvMlMOqZcEU-cixpbap1otYC9nsipj0arDxbFOaaObpOFNl7IvRtAxQ9gmTSmFQhuFVn764OaYJXc0ZRO6VlIEBqvywzjRv0G9MhBxgQgZ0lzr--9We-DpV83PIWhygiV8fwIo9aSuxbPfKrC&e=cfc3a32dc88a1e0068d49918fd2268b9&utm_source=landcaretas&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=member_notification_nov_2021&n=7)

**Wettenhall Environment Trust - Small Environmental Grant Scheme** - opens 01 Dec - [https://wettenhall.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/](https://www.landcaretas.org.au/r?u=keJBFV4S4TUyM-KGN9T7fBRIBIVuVs5AKYyjeiJD4ueYzw_C5WBQ3Zcnnt9nsZzvu4jJhS2lELyrL5jfOBuGaw&e=cfc3a32dc88a1e0068d49918fd2268b9&utm_source=landcaretas&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=member_notification_nov_2021&n=8)

**Appendix 3 FOGIC Treasurer’s Report**

**Committee meeting 30/11/21**

**Kelsie Fractal**

Current in Bank $100

Current in Cash $15

Activity:

Kim and Ben Mship $20 Sep 30th

Denise Mship CO Kimberly Mendoca $20 Sep 30th

D and H Wilcockson, Mship $20 Nov 16th

K and F Fractal Mship Nov 30th

Money for Reimbursement in future

Kelsie $162 for incorporation fees

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Other Business

: Check membership details provided to Mship officer for each payment

Membership drive: July, have a social event, your ticket includes membership