

Friends of Kurth Kiln Meeting 14 January at Kurth Kiln

1. **Start:** 10:15 chaired by the President, Craig
 - a. Present: Craig, Glen, Jan, Jasper, Carmel, Henriette, Michael, Val, Alfred, Ursula and Matthew. Warren Williams dropped in later to say hello.
 - b. Apologies: Laurence, Meredith, Bev, Ron, Joe, Tyrone
2. **Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the short December meeting were accepted as is.
3. **Correspondence:** a list was handed out and highlighted points discussed:
 - a. The Friends of Kurth Kiln have applied for a \$1,000 Melbourne Water Community grant and for a \$5,000 Ship Rock Falls Revegetation grant.
 - i. The Community Grant has since been confirmed
 - ii. Henriette meet Edwina Manifold from Melbourne Water and Ranger Rozz Browne for a site inspection on Monday 19 December.
 - (1) Edwina said that re-vegetation site was too far from the water and she said she would discuss other options for next years grants applications with Rozz
 - (a) Henriette asked if the Friends of Kurth Kiln could apply for a Ship Rock Welcome / Interpretation Sign next year. Edwina said that would be OK.
 - (b) The meeting agreed to plan for the sign immediately, as producing such a sign and have the details accepted by Parks Victoria and the Yarra Ranges Council, could be involved and time consuming.
 - b. The group thanked Meredith for producing the informative newsletter, Issue 35
 - c. Christmas Break-Up went well. Some 30 people participated, representing 5 Groups
 - i. It was suggested to ask Parks Victoria if it can be held at Kurth Kiln each year as it is a practical location and the hut roof has a cover in case of rain or heat.
4. **Treasurers Report:**
 - a. Ongoing matters are in hand. A full Financial Statement will be presented at the February Meeting.
5. **General Business:**
 - a. Mowing Kurth Kiln Site: Glen, after speaking with Parks Victoria Gembrook Office, reported that there had been a contractor issue with mowing and for the time being the Friends of Kurth Kiln would do the mowing.
 - i. Glen and Jan have done the latest mowing.
 - ii. Craig suggested that it should be done on the working bee days.
 - b. Glen reported that he used up the current stock of material ingredients for painting the fence around the caretakers compound. More is needed to carry on.
 - i. It appears Parks Victoria does currently not have the funds to pay for new paint and it was decided that the Friends Group will pay for it until funds become available.
 - (1) Henriette gave Glen \$300.00 to purchase the needed ingredients
 - (2) Finishing the fence painting has been scheduled for the February working bee.
 - (3) The huts were painted two years ago. The Big Shed still needs to be completed at the creek-bed side
 - c. Rozz is looking after the termite check in the huts and the Big Shed.
 - d. Heritage Festival. Val has the invitations and promotional poster for the festival in hand.
 - i. The necessary amendments to last year's Flyer were sorted out.
6. **Close of Meeting:** 10:45
 - a. A group started to tidy up the Scout Loop re-vegetation areas
 - b. A group checked the Heritage Fencing at the Northern Car park, where it was noticed that several of the fence posts had started to rot at ground level.
 - i. As a temporary solution it was decided to stabilise the weakened posts with star pickets
 - c. It was noted that a number of the drains around the kiln site have been silted up due to the recent heavy downpour and should be cleaned out before the next heavy rain

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