

FRIENDS OF KURTH KILN MEETING – 10 November 2018

1. MEETING OPEN. Chaired by Craig

- a. Present – Craig, Jan, Glen, Ursula, Alfred, Jasper, Carmel, Laurence, Meredith, Doug, Val, Mick
- b. Apologies – Bev, Matt

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Laurence requested that under point 5a of General Business, the assessment of the proposed grant application for Shiprock Fall revegetation be corrected, from “not within the criteria” to “unlikely to meet the criteria”.
Acceptance: Moved Glen, seconded Val. Accepted with amendment

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Alfred noted that an email had been received complimenting the October minutes.
- b. **Peter McHugh**, a retired Forest Commission officer, thanked Alfred and Ursula following a visit to the Kiln. He will keep in contact, and may possibly bring a group of interested people to the Festival.
- c. **Parks Victoria Christmas Volunteer Event.** This will be held on Saturday 1 December, and will consist of morning tea, rather than the usual barbecue. 30 people are expected. Carmel will bring an extra kettle.
- d. **Solar Repair Invoice.** Parks Victoria declined to pay for this repair; the cost will have to be covered by Friends of Kurth Kiln.

4. TREASURERS REPORT.

The Annual Financial Report, prepared by Henriette, was submitted by Doug. Moved Craig, seconded Meredith, accepted.

November Bank balance was approximately \$7500 before paying for the inverter.

Doug noted that the balance is declining slowly but steadily, and we need to be mindful of the cost of the Festival.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Festival.

An email has been received from Deborah Kool of Parks Victoria. This communication proposes that the Friends of Kurth Kiln hold the event permit for the Heritage Festival rather than have individual permits issued by Parks Victoria for each stall holder.

This would simplify the process for Parks Victoria, but place additional obligations on Friends of Kurth Kiln, including providing Public Liability Insurance, obtaining copies of all Stall Holders' Public Liability Insurance, ensuring compliance with OH & S and other set requirements.

The meeting discussed this proposal, and agreed that Jasper and Alfred will formulate a reply incorporating the following points, and requesting a firm response by the end of November.

- The meeting agreed unanimously that the conditions of this proposal are too onerous for a small volunteer group.
- Friends of Kurth Kiln seek permission to organise the Heritage Festival on 14 April 2019 under the auspices of Parks Victoria and in conjunction with Parks Victoria as usual.
- Friends of Kurth Kiln wish to have the usual legal backing of Parks Victoria for the event (including Parks Victoria providing Public Liability Insurance, on behalf of, and covering, all stall holders).

- Friends of Kurth Kiln agree that no for-profit entities will be invited to sell goods or services at the Festival.
If Parks Victoria have further concerns regarding the sale of goods by not-for-profits or charities, this needs to be clarified by Parks Victoria, including its application to the Red Cross food and craft stalls.
- Friends of Kurth Kiln request that fees for the event and for all stall holders be waived by Parks Victoria.

Laurence noted that an earlier email on the subject of the Festival had been received after the May meeting with Anthony Hester, and that the comments in this communication should also be considered in formulating our reply.

6. MEETING CLOSED

A barbeque lunch was shared.

Matt Burgher and his friends began arriving for their annual social gathering at the Kiln.

Next meeting, Saturday 8 December