

**Minutes
2020 Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 26th September 2020

Café A' Moore,

1. Welcome and Opening @ 4.00pm

2. Attendance & Apologies.

Attendees

Neil Lamont

Shane Love

Paul Robinson

Steve Broadway

Gillian Lamont

Michael Bishop

Sandra Papenfus

Bob Johnson

Linda Johnson

Gary Pether

Diana Papenfus

John Staude

Apologies

Pauline Pannel

Angie watts

Jo Vallentine

Jo Chadwick

Oleh Kay

Roy Lewisson

John Prince

Maggie Schmiedte

Elizabeth Eaton

Joel Collins

3. Minutes of 2019 AGM.

It has been 18 months since the last Annual General Meeting. Covid 19 restrictions has interfered with original plans for an April meeting.

To recollect FOMRE actions Linda Johnson read out the 2019 minutes.

Moved as correct: Neil Lamont. Seconded: Bob Johnson

Request from the floor by new member Paul Robinson to introduce new members of the objects of Friends of Moore River. LJ presented the Model Rules as provided to the Commissioner. (A copy of which are available on guildertonwa.com.au).

4. Chairperson's Report.

Linda Johnson welcomed Paul Robinson and Gary Pether as new members to FOMRE and acknowledged others that have been absent for a while. An outline of the previous 27 years of FOMRE's determination to ensure appropriate development happens across both sides of the River at Guilderton was offered.

Linda presented her report: (Attachment One)

- the activities of the Moore River Company and the sale of the proposed urban development site and land appears negligible at present
- Coastal Erosion Strategy including the area of Guilderton; modelling of flooding risk around the estuary indicate low limited risk of inundation (except for the Caravan Park). A full report available on Shire of Gingin website.
- FOMRE's submission to Plan for our Parks (and latterly named by FOMRE as Wilbinga Regional Park proposal, compiled by FOMRE member Pauline) and the results of our presentation to the various organisations including: Shire of Gingin, South West Land and Sea Council (SWALSC),

the department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Urban Bushland Council (UBC)

- FOMRE's participation in and alongside organisations that are associated with environmental health of the Moore River estuary.

5. Treasurer's Report. – (Attachment Two)

Gillian Lamont presented FOMRE financial statement from 101/01/2019 to 31/12/2019 at Bendigo Bank Account.

Balance at 31 December 2019: \$6,887.52 (tabled).

Total number of members stood at 72.

Balance as of today's (2020 AGM) meeting \$8,502.52

Membership at the end of the 2020 AGM stands at 85.

Donations from members continue to be generous. It behooves FOMRE to acknowledge their generosity. Donors above \$10.00 are listed in Attachment Three.

6. Social Media

FOMRE social media coordinator Michal Bishop is responsible for maintaining a social media presence of Moore River for the past 18 months. He reports that to date there are:

- 770 active followers
- 18,000 people was the highest and most engaged post.

If there is an issue it is that there is not actually a 'call to arms' issue that FOMRE can champion.

Discussion ensued as to what FOMRE can be doing. It was decided to continue the watch on the sale process and maintain highlighting the natural beauty of the estuary.

Motion:

It was moved that the Chairperson's and Treasurer's report were accepted.

It was also moved a statement of appreciation be given to the committee, in particular Linda Johnson, for all the hard work that has been done to keeping the issue/s of Moore River Estuary on the public agenda.

Moved: John Staude Seconded: Bob Johnson
All Agreed

7. Election of Committee.

Under the 'New Rules' an association requires a committee of Office Holders, being Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer as well as at least one Ordinary Committee Member. Proceedings for electing the 2020/21 FOMRE committee were conducted by Mr Shane Love MLA. Linda Johnston was unanimously re-elected chairperson of FOMRE and completed the actions of populating the committee.

The 2020 Friends of Moore River committee were nominated, passed and accepted:

| | | Moved | Seconded |
|------------------|------------------|-------|----------|
| Linda Johnson: | Chair | S.L. | G.L. |
| Pauline Pannell: | Vice Chair | L.J. | J.S. |
| Gillian Lamont: | Treasurer | L.J. | J.S. |
| Diana Papenfus: | Secretary | L.J. | N.L. |
| Michael Bishop: | committee member | L.J. | J.S. |

8. General Business

- Wilbinga Regional Park proposal was explained to the audience. SWALSC rejected the proposal.

Discussion:

- There are several spokes people representing the Yued peoples and not all are in agreement with each other. FOMRE was hopeful that the Wilbinga Regional Park proposal would have been helpful/ignited interest. It is hoped some clarification will be provided as to the reasons for the SWALSC decision.

Shire of Gingin rejected the proposal.

Discussion:

- Aaron Cook (CEO of the Shire of Gingin) stated that while the Shire would like to see the current reserves system better managed, as that much of the area in question sits outside the jurisdiction of the Shire (*It does not. It is entirely within the Shire*) it cannot involve itself. Mr Cook also indicated the Shire's resistance to the proposed regional reserve was derived from the potential impacts on privateland ownership and future development it may have.
- The Shire of Gingin
LJ indicated that FOMRE is not at odds with the Shire, it does not have its support in this issue. The Shire's current focus appears to be on coastal erosion issues (Seabird, Ledge Point and Lancelin) and its townsite's fire protection /mitigation measures
- Future Action/s

Discussion:

Opinions and ideas were discussed as to how FOMRE can influence the Shire (election of sympathetic councillors), measures to protect the river and estuary from vandalism (drone surveillance, signage, reporting and recording damaging behaviours), caravan park involvement and engaging with children projects.

- SB acknowledged that FOMRE has visited and revisited many of these suggestions over the years. Similarly it has had to review its focus and core business objectives periodically (*as this opposition is 27 years long*).
- LJ commended these suggestions and indicated FOMRE would be supportive of initiatives if undertaken by (other/new) members. In the meantime FOMRE's influence is best maintained by keeping involved in activities that nurture the River: positive social media presence, good relationships with Shire and local community organisations, Moore Catchment Council, NACC, Tending the Tracks, community plantings, cleanups, water quality monitoring. The resolution of the sale of the Moore River South property will influence FOMRE's future action/s.

9. Next meeting

The 2021 AGM will be next Easter.

Meeting closed at 1700

Attachment One

Chair's Report to Friends of Moore River Estuary AGM 26th September 2020

Since our last AGM, in April last year, a lot has happened.

Premier McGowan announced the Plan for our Parks so we decided to make a submission for a Regional Park to protect the area between the city and the estuary. In June 2019, Pauline Pannell wrote a splendid paper which we also spread far and wide to Ministers, DBCA and our environmental partners.

In June this year we were told that we were not successful in having the area put on the register but that note has been taken and we have certainly raised the profile of this area.

Then the fires came through in December and were a great concern for all. The estuary was not affected but the folly of building a suburb in the cul-de-sac between estuary and ocean became even clearer.

2020 has certainly been a most unusual year, where so much normal activity has been suspended as the world's people look for ways to protect themselves from Covid19.

And so we have seen little progress or change in our areas of concern re local development.

MRS remains for sale as it has been for the last 5 years.

In March, GCA conducted the annual Clean Up Australia rubbish collection and took a lot of rubbish off the river banks. Pauline is concerned that rubbish is increasing despite the voluntary collections that river users do. The installation of 'fishing line bins' show the need for more bins along the estuary, a matter I will take up with the Shire. Perhaps better signage would help too?

Recently I was asked about some local home schoolers who are taking on their Duke of Edinburgh awards and want local service and environmental projects, so I have recommended litter collection and photo audits of the coast and estuary plastic would be a great project. I look forward to progress with that soon.

GCA also conducted further dune planting in July, thanks to Rachel at MCC who arranges it all.

Nearly 40 volunteers did a great job, including our State member Shane Love and Yued man, Fred Mogridge from Moora. I spoke to both of them further about 'Wilbinga Regional Park' and have had further email contact with SWALSC about our proposal, so was disappointed with the recent email saying they refuse support at present. Native title has now been settled in the Yued claim area however their intentions are unclear.

After the fires, I visited Owen Donovan at DBCA Wanneroo about our proposal and the effect of the fires. Wilbinga Shacks Crew were also badly affected by the fires, and are very concerned at poor 4WD behaviour in Wilbinga so the push for greater action is coming from several sources. All that is needed is official acknowledgement and funding!!! Our efforts will continue but we are sorry not to have the support of Gingin Shire or the SWALSC at this stage!

Water testing was last conducted in June, just after the first sandbar break, and we are pleased to report that the estuary remains well. Water levels have been very high at times this year and Silver Creek carpark has been flooded for long periods. Canoe launching is still possible though.

Ryan Kam, from DWER will continue with the monitoring with us, and has permission to go back to 4 times a year. Many thanks to Phil Cook and Bob for their support each time. Others are welcome so let me know if you are keen.

FOMRE's membership of CCWA, UBC and MCC continue to allow me to attend meetings which I find interesting and keep me in touch as time passes and issues evolve. Likewise, my involvements with GCA, GVC, GWG and Birdlife. NACC has again obtained funds for Coastcare so we are in talks with them. Meanwhile TTTA are not yet fully up and running again yet.

Thank you to our committee for the last 18 months. We meet rarely but stay in email touch.

The work Pauline put into the Plan for our Parks was invaluable, as is Gillian's work as treasurer, webmaster and membership keeper. Thanks also to Diana as secretary, Olivia for ideas and Michael for our much improved social media presence via Facebook. All avenues of promoting our cause are welcome as we head into another year of protecting Moore River Estuary. [Linda Johnson. Chair FOMRE, September 2020]

Attacment Two
Treasurer's Report.

Friends of Moore River Estuary Finanacial Statement 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

| <u>Balance brought forward 1st January</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Westpac Cheque Account | | \$ 371.48 |
| Bendigo Bank Account | \$ 5,698.34 | \$ 4,120.58 |
| Total funds brought forward 1st January | \$ 5,698.34 | \$ 4,492.06 |
| <u>Income</u> | | |
| memberships | \$ 720.00 | \$ 740.00 |
| donations(2018 includes \$1,000 NRM) | \$ 825.00 | \$ 1,640.00 |
| sticker sales | \$ - | \$ 20.00 |
| interest | \$ - | \$ 0.10 |
| total income | \$ 1,545.00 | \$ 2,400.10 |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | | |
| administration(PO Box) | \$ 35.00 | \$ 73.00 |
| bumper stickers | \$ - | |
| subscriptions | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 |
| sundries (helicopter 2018) | \$ - | \$ 800.00 |
| website | \$ 215.82 | \$ 215.82 |
| total expenditure | \$ 355.82 | \$ 1,193.82 |
| Profit/Loss at 31 December 2019 | \$ 1,189.18 | \$ 1,206.28 |
| Balance @ Bank 31 December 2019 | \$ 6,887.52 | \$ 5,698.34 |
| Bank Reconciliation | | |
| Bendigo Bank Account | \$ 6,887.52 | \$ 5,698.34 |
| outstandings | | |
| Cash @ Bank 31 December 2019 | \$ 6,887.52 | \$ 5,698.34 |

Note to 2019 Accounts

Total number of members 72

Attacment Three
Significant Donors

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|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| Kerry Smith | \$ 90.00 | Paul & Diane Robinson | \$ 25.00 |
| Anthony Thompson | \$190.00 | Coral Broun | \$ 40.00 |
| John & Sharon Staude | \$100.00 | Rob & Helen Millsted | \$200.00 |
| Dawn Blakers | \$ 40.00 | Jo Vallentine | \$ 30.00 |
| Stephen Broadway | \$ 40.00 | Jenny Gibbs | \$20.00 |