

OUR RIVER NEEDS MOORE FRIENDS

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Minutes

FOMRE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 10th April 2022 1600hrs Guilderton Community Club

Open@ 1600

1. **Acknowledgement of Yued country and first peoples of this area**

2. **Attendance:**

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|----------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Diana Papenfus | Barbara Horton | Paul Robinson | Oliver Samec |
| Bob Johnson | Ken Horton | Dean Brady | Cathy Naussedat |
| Linda Johnson | Tim Britten (via Zoom) | Elizabeth Bourke | Steve Broadway |
| John Staude | Joel Collins | Sam Mulcahy | Anne Andrews |
| Jo Vallentine | Michael Bishop | Tom Atkinson | |

3. **Apologies.**

Gillian Lamont, Neil Lamont, Kerry Smith, Pauline Pannell, Sandra Papenfus, Jemila Anderson, Jenny Gibbs

4. **Minutes of 2020 AGM.**

Moved: L. Johnson 2nd Barbara Horton Accepted as correct

No business arising

5. **Chair's Report.** (Attachment One)

6. **Treasurer's Report.** (Attachment Two)

Presented in absentia by Linda Johnson

Moved: L Johnson 2nd John Staude

7. **Social Media Report** (Attachment Three)

8. **Call for Nominations/ Election of Committee.**

Pauline Pannell has resigned as Deputy Chair of FOMRE

The 2022 committee is elected as follows:

| Name | Position | Proposed | Seconded | Voted |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Linda Johnson | Chair | John Staude | D.P / L.J. accepted | unanimous |
| Olivia Samec | Deputy Chair | L.J. | S. Broadway | unanimous |
| Diana Papenfus | Secretary | L.J | O. Samec | unanimous |
| Gillian Lamont | Treasurer | D.P. | L.J | unanimous |
| Michael Bishop | Committee | L.J | Barbara Horton | unanimous |
| Tim Britten | Committee | LJ | Bob Johnson | Unanimous |

9. Correspondence (attachment Four)

10. Next Steps

- Preparation of a brochure that aims to inform new generations using the river estuary is in preparation.
- Continue maintaining a watching brief, continue water quality testing, continue participation with organisations associated with environmental conservation, coastal operations and continue to increase our social media presence.

11. General Business

- Barbara Horton: The boardwalk is currently closed. What is being done/can anything be done?
LJ explanation that the Shire had deemed it too dangerous for the public to use so have erected a sign. No or very little in Shire of Gingin's 2022 budget to do repairs or in the near future.
M. B. Indicated there is a campaign to have it repaired on Change.org <https://www.change.org/p/the-beautiful-town-of-guilderton-needs-work-done-on-the-silver-creekriver-boardwalk-now>
- Dean Brady: Comments re. the Shire's difficulties in undertaking repairs here in Guilderton and elsewhere within the Shire – the annual budget is and always will be insufficient to meet all repair demands.
DB outlined his opinion that the resolution of the future of the Moore River South area will be a commercial one -hence the current impasse.
- Paul Robinson: Commented on the efficacy of the interpretation signs along the Moore River foreshore. LJ indicated they were prepared by Moore Catchment Council (MCC) who continue to do interesting and good works along the river.
- Jo Vallentine: The concept of a Wilbinga Regional reserve/park was proposed in the very early stages of the fight to save the estuary. The valuableness of an environmental interp. centre, and the like is as true today as it was then- perhaps even more so. The thrust of the northern urban expansion will be creating a population that will be seeking recreational opportunities/ environmental activities closer to home. Moore River/Guilderton/Wilbinga Regional Park is ideally suited to service this growing need.
- John Staude – vote of thanks to Linda Johnson and Gillian Lamont, Diana P and Michael Bishop for their constancy in keeping abreast of issues that affect the estuary and keeping FOMRE's profile active.

Meeting Ended at 1645

ATTACHMENTS Attachment One: Convenor Report Linda Johnson

Welcome to you all and thank you for coming to our AGM.

We wanted to give you a river trip this year but Cooky is away so we couldn't do that, however, we invite you to stay and chat with a nibble and a drink after the formalities.

It is now 28 years since many of us went to the Shire of Gingin, in February 1994, to oppose their plan to rezone the Plunkett land at Moore River South from Rural to Urban.

Recently I was told that the land was owned by Ranger Alan Brown's grandfather, and it was he who sold it to Plunketts in the late 1960s. If only we'd known then!!

The latest WAPC Planning decision for the Moore River Company (MRC) land was to give a Subdivision approval over the 357ha of the ODP in January 2019, with 40 Conditions attached. This approval is valid until January 2025 as the Government gave all 4-year approvals an extended 2 years for Covid!

I have seen no progress on either their 'solar farm' or 'water plant' plans that they had to make for the last approval. These are both on the Caraban Road side of their land and a long way from the subdivision site.

The whole 2100ha of MRC land has been for sale since 2015.

Our position remains that in a high bushfire prone area, in a cul-de-sac between the river and the ocean; with no roads, power, water or sewerage, development will be expensive and so we hope that the economics alone will see this development proposal fail and this valuable bushland left intact.

Our proposal for Wilbinga Regional Park, the King's Park of the North, which we made 3 years ago, remains our main focus for protection of this whole area, especially as it would further isolate any 'development area' between the estuary and Perth city.

Northern Agricultural Catchment Council (NACC) lost its' coastal and marine funding a couple of years ago (when the Feds decided that only threatened species programs would be funded under NRM projects). Fortunately, NACC have found some more funding for the coast and have talked to the coastal groups from Perth to Geraldton about their issues.

The happy result of this is the creation of the **Turquoise Coast Management Group (TCMG)**.

This group has met 3 times to prioritise their concerns, which largely have been distilled as 4WD and ORV use of the coast and secondly, weed invasion and maintenance of healthy coastal areas.

The TCMG consists of reps of the Shires of Gingin, Dandaragan and Coorow, as well as DBCA Dept Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), Parks and Wildlife, local groups like us, and other Friends groups from Lancelin, Jurien Bay, Greenhead, Coorow etc.

Access to the coast is TCMGs major focus and NACC is now trying to find funding for a full-time co-ordinator who will make plans that will enable all stakeholders to work together.

You may remember our involvement with the Tending the Tracks Alliance a couple of years ago. Covid put paid to the funding that had allowed that very successful program to operate, but I see the TCMG plans to be the natural successor to that project. 4WD clubs are again involved and will be a large part of the workforce when the projects can be completed.

We will never have proper government funding for Coast Care but there are a lot of good people in Shires and government departments who want the same outcomes as we do.

DBCA Wanneroo is responsible for administration over the Wilbinga Plan area, which is currently being heavily impacted by 4WD users. We are in conversation with them, the Wilbinga Shacks Crew and 4WD clubs about preventing degradation of Wilbinga, through the TCMG. Our say might be minimal but the collective voices of others who agree with us just might lead to better protection of this coast and bushland for the future.

Since our last meeting, when the Southwest Native Title Settlement had been achieved with the intention to create Indigenous Land Use Agreements over the SW of WA, we haven't heard much.

The claims throughout the Yued lands, some of them in areas of interest to us, both in Wilbinga and between Guilderton and Seabird, are still being worked on.

My great hope remains that Wilbinga might be suitable for aboriginal anger education and training programmes, leading to a win/win for both employment and protection of this great bush, so close to Perth. My greatest hope is for collaboration resulting in great planning so the future of Wilbinga is assured.

In other matters, the sandbar has been intact all summer, despite several attempts to dig it out. Thanks especially to Bob, Dean, Joel and Cooky for foiling several of these attempts.

The bar finally broke this week with a massive flush.

Many thanks to Michael Bishop for keeping our social media active, especially with events like this, that generate people's enthusiasm for this special place.

We did water testing in March and the results look good. The temperature was 24' all the way up and the salinity was 4, top and bottom, so it is clear that the healthy summer pattern is occurring where the ocean processes push

more sand into the sandbar, thickening it up. Since 22nd March the beach is starting to scallop as the winter ocean processes take over. It has hardly rained since November (15mm since Nov 8th) too.

Next testing day will be in May, and we welcome visitors to help.

We continue to support the Conservation Council of WA, Urban Bushland Council, Moore Catchment Council, Birdlife WA and the local community groups of the lower coastal area.

Again, I must thank you all for your ongoing membership and support and also your committee, Pauline Pannell, Diana Papenfus, Gillian Lamont, Michael Bishop and Tim Britten for their work to keep FOMRE going.

I encourage anyone who would like to join us to nominate for committee as we head into another year Protecting Moore River Estuary.

Many thanks,

Linda Johnson Chair 2021

Attachment Two: 2022 FOMRE AGM Treasurer's Report Gillian Lamont

Friends of Moore River Estuary Treasurer's Report for the AGM 10th April 2022

We have managed to keep the financials for 2021 close to the status quo as in 2020 and increased our cash at bank by almost \$1,500. Sadly, a couple of members have passed away, and a handful have moved away from Guilderton. New members trickle in slowly, but whilst there is so little happening, it is hard to draw new membership. It is largely the same faithful members that send us their \$10 membership year by year, for which we are truly grateful.

It is reassuring to be building a reserve of funds whilst we are maintaining a watching brief on the Moore River South development, in readiness should we need to go into battle again. To this purpose we are extremely grateful to our generous donors who are listed at the bottom of the financial statement.

Gillian Lamont

Treasurer, Friends of Moore River Estuary

Friends of Moore River Estuary Financial Statement 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

| <u>Balance brought forward 1st January</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bendigo Bank Account | \$ 8,372.70 | \$ 6,887.52 |
| <u>Income</u> | | |
| memberships | \$ 790.00 | \$ 850.00 |
| donations | \$ 1,090.00 | \$ 1,010.00 |
| sticker sales | \$ - | \$ - |
| interest | \$ - | \$ - |
| total income | \$ 1,880.00 | \$ 1,860.00 |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | | |
| administration(PO Box) | \$ 41.00 | \$ 39.00 |
| bumper stickers | \$ - | \$ - |
| subscriptions(Conservation Council WA & Urban Bushland) | \$ 120.00 | \$ 120.00 |
| sundries | \$ - | \$ - |
| website(domain renewal & website support) | \$ 254.82 | \$ 215.82 |
| total expenditure | \$ 415.82 | \$ 374.82 |
| Profit/Loss @ 31 December | \$ 1,464.18 | \$ 1,485.18 |
| Balance @ 31 December | \$ 9,836.88 | \$ 8,372.70 |
| Bank Reconciliation | | |
| Bendigo Bank Account @ 31 December | \$ 9,836.88 | \$ 8,372.70 |
| outstandings | | |
| Cash @ Bank 31 Decermber | \$ 9,836.88 | \$ 8,372.70 |

Notes to 2021 Accounts

Total number of members 79

Donations \$20 and over:

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Steve Broadway | \$ 40.00 |
| Chris & Brenda Hicks | \$ 130.00 |
| Robert & Patricia Guthrie | \$ 230.00 |
| Marion Mcfadden | \$ 40.00 |
| Bob & Linda Johnson | \$ 30.00 |
| Kerry Smith | \$ 90.00 |
| Paul & Diane Robinson | \$ 20.00 |
| Neil & Gillian Lamont | \$ 30.00 |
| Anthony Thompson | \$ 40.00 |
| Alexander Paine | \$ 40.00 |
| Jemma Lee Steere | \$ 40.00 |
| Brian Brinrod | \$ 40.00 |
| Coral Broun | \$ 40.00 |
| Robin & Helen Millstead | \$ 200.00 |

Attachment Three: Social Media Report Michael Bishop

Firstly thank you to our supporters who have contributed photos and content - it has been greatly appreciated. Friends of Moore River Estuary Social Media presence has pivoted in the last 12 months to remain relevant. By taking on a more holistic community perspective, this has allowed our audience to continue to grow plus providing a community service. In addition to emails updates, we have exposure through Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn channels. Our goal is to grow our audience now so that when there is a “call to action” we will have the strength to go out to a wide audience quickly.

Here are some stats for the last 12 months:

Facebook reach has increased by 338% or over 75,000 unique people

Instagram reach has increased by 10,780 unique people or 501%

Our Facebook and Insta audience is an even mix of women and men in the 35-55 age bracket.

The recent “Moore River has Broken” series created a massive leap in engagement with 100’s of post shares, comments and new direct followers.

We trialled paid advertising to measure the ability to tap into new audiences. A \$20 investment increased the audience of the post by a further 3-4,000 viewers. What can I do to help?

- Like and Share
- Send through historical or interesting photos
- See something interesting, take a photo and send it through

Happy to discuss. Kind regards, Michael

Attachment Four - Correspondence

| FROM | Subject | Received | Topic |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--|
| Dean Brady | New email address | 30/04/2020 | |
| Dean Brady | Re: FOMRE April 2020 Newsletter. | 30/04/2020 | |
| Gillian Lamont/Guthrie, Robert | RE: thankyou | 5/02/2021 | Donation Thankyou |
| Gillian Lamont | Jai Wilson | 5/02/2021 | Donation Thankyou |
| Ryan Kam | MRE 2016-2021 data analysis | 30/03/2021 | Thanks for Project Support |
| Linda & Bob | MCC | 12/05/2021 | Re: Pyp grass project 2022 |
| Linda Johnson | CCWA | 4/07/2021 | Fwd: Invitation to CCWA Event: Protecting WA's most valuable natural asset |
| Linda & Bob | Moore River Estuary | 19/07/2021 | Dr Fontain Murdoch university |
| Linda & Bob | Re: Moore River Estuary | 20/07/2021 | Joe Fontaine reply to Linda Johnson |
| Barbara Horton | FW: FOMRE brochure and membership | 24/07/2021 | Acknowledgement of FOMRE |
| Gillian Lamont | RE: FOMRE brochure and membership | 28/07/2021 | Donation Thankyou |
| Gillian Lamont | FW: FOMRE membership renewal | 10/09/2021 | Removal membership |
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| Gillian Lamont | Vale John Prince | 12/09/2021 | Vale John Prince to members |
| Gillian Lamont | FW: Vale John Prince | 14/09/2021 | Thank you for John P Vale Chris Prince (his son) |
| Gillian Lamont | memberships and donation | 3/10/2021 | Donation Thankyou |
| lindabob@gmail.com | Vodien Internet savemooreriver.org - | 15/10/2021 | Domain renewal |
| Linda Johnson | CCWA | 20/10/2021 | AGM & Member Gathering - Registrations open |
| Olivia Samec | Re: Vale Geoff Gilby | 2/01/2022 | Funeral |
| Michael Bish | Supporter enquiry | 3/01/2022 | crabs |
| Gillian Lamont | membership FOMRE | 26/01/2022 | New Member Phillipa Coglán |
| Linda & Bob | Fwd: TCMG Meeting minutes | 16/02/2022 | Tourquoise Coast |
| Steve Castledine/Linda & Bob | Re: Friends of Moore River (FOMRE) Brochure | 15/03/2022 | Brochure prep |
| Linda & Bob | Hall hire April 10th | 16/03/2022 | |
| Gillian Lamont | FW: Forward email queries to Tyson Re: FW: FOMRE AGM invite 2022 | 20/03/2022 | Clare Menk's passing |
| Gillian Lamont | RE: FOMRE AGM invite 2022 | 22/03/2022 | Shane Love will be attending |
| Gillian Lamont | FW: FOMRE AGM invite 2022 | Fri 5:14 PM | Apology Kerry |