

**FRIENDS OF CORNISH HILL**  
**Annual General Meeting for 2020-2021**  
**5pm Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**MINUTES**

In attendance: Jan Thompson, Alex Home, Luke Blakey, Rosemary MacLean, Scott MacLean

Apologies: Meyer Eidelson, Gillian Gough, Sharon Murray, Paul Kupacz

It was agreed that Treasurer Scott MacLean would chair the meeting.

**1. Minutes of last meeting**

No minutes of the last AGM were available for presentation to the meeting.

**2. Treasurer's report**

*Moved – Luke Blakey: That the Treasurer's report be received*

*Seconded – Jan Thompson*

*Carried*

Scott addressed the attached report, and confirmed that total cash held by FOCH at year's end (July 2021) was just under \$16,000, but that excluding unexpended grant monies, total cash funds at current date stood at \$12,354.89.

Potential sources of future funding were discussed, particularly to be able to undertake professional weed control and removal. At present we are limited to what members and volunteers are able to manage on a *pro bono* basis.

It was agreed that Scott would approach both Bendigo Bank and Rotary with a view to ascertaining their willingness to assist financially.

It was suggested that we could base applications for funding around the need to replace the numerous foot bridges and crossings that allow walkers passage across Smith's Creek, and that in the event funding was obtained, we could allocate some of the monies to keeping the pathways to and from these bridges/crossing clear.

**3. Membership**

Paid up membership appears to be at an all-time low, with only \$300 approx to date having been received for 2021-2022 membership, plus donations of \$135.

The continued activity of FOCH was put forward as being not sustainable, particularly given the lack of attendance at the AGM, although it also was suggested that COVID and its aftermath had exacted a massive toll on very many volunteer groups in the Daylesford region generally, and that we should not yet "give up".

**3. General business**

3.1 Ideas pitched for future attention, to encourage more participation in the Friends' work, included the following:

- Sculpture walk involving local artists and craftspeople
- Picnic tables to be gravelled underneath, and potentially equipped with pitched rooves for shelter
- Promotional articles in the Wombat Post and The Local News, also on the Daylesford Grapevine and the FOCH Facebook page (*action: Jan*)
- Replacement of foot bridges and crossings referred to above
- Continued distribution of the FOCH “Walking on Cornish Hill” brochure (*action: Alex*)

### 3.2 Working bees

It was agreed that working bees would be scheduled for the next few months on the third Sunday of each month, commencing with 20<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> June (i.e. no working bee during the Easter break)

The FOCH website needs to be updated to reflect this, and details need to be dispatched to the email list of members and interested parties (*action: Scott*)

Votes of thanks were moved to reflect Luke Blakey’s continued brushcutting work on his RDOs, and also to Jan and Alex for their continued willingness to organise working bees.

Meeting closed at 6:09pm

Date and location of next meeting TBA.

## FRIENDS OF CORNISH HILL

### Treasurer's Report 2020-2021

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Advertising and promotion		-\$234.30	-\$85.20
Auspicing	\$444.50	-\$444.50	
Bank fees	-\$6.05		
Chillout walk 2020			\$40.00
Chillout walk 2021			-\$100.00
Chillout Weekend	\$50.00		
Conservation during COVID		\$3,155.00	-\$2,813.80
DCOCH	\$89.79		
DDCB covid grant			\$183.00
Donations	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
General expenses	-\$2,243.98	-\$1,156.95	-\$722.04
General grant	\$1,000.00	-\$100.00	
Hands up for Habitat		\$5,824.92	-\$5,616.15
Insurances	-\$342.80	-\$274.50	-\$345.38
Meeting expenses	-\$110.00	-\$170.00	
Member dues	\$1,190.00	\$1,265.00	\$55.00
Member dues 2021			\$955.00
Printing and copying	-\$1,003.20		-\$1,040.60
Rainbows in the Sky	\$300.00	-\$381.45	
Rotary grant		\$200.00	
Small Equipment Grant	\$1,000.00		
Subscriptions	-\$70.00		
Trout Hatchery		-\$220.00	\$220.00
Undertanding nat env grant	\$3,872.00	-\$2,827.50	-\$1,390.88
Web site and Internet	-\$283.80	-\$466.25	\$883.75
Weed and gorse control		-\$200.00	
General			-\$60.00
Weeds seeds needs deeds (CEPS)		\$9,130.70	-\$8,063.59
Net	\$4,136.46	\$13,250.17	-\$17,750.89
<b>Cash at bank at year's end</b>	<b>\$4,933.88</b>	<b>\$26,346.08</b>	<b>\$10,432.59</b>
<b>Cash on TD at year's end</b>	<b>\$5,047.66</b>	<b>\$5,117.51</b>	<b>\$5,156.05</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$9,981.54</b>	<b>\$31,463.59</b>	<b>\$15,588.64</b>

Notes:

- Grant amounts received during the year include \$1,000 from Hepburn Shire for website maintenance, plus a further \$2,350 for five FOCH members to undergo Chemcert training.
- No other grant applications during the 2021 financial year were successful, leaving FOCH to fund any professional weed etc control out of accumulated funds
  - At some stage these funds are going to run out, and no professional services will be able to be utilised
- Excluding unexpended grant monies (referred to above) our total cash funds at year's end stood at \$12,354.89
- As of today's date (1 March 2022), total cash funds stand at \$11,809.66 which includes 2021-22 members' fees paid to date \$300 (cf \$955 for 2020-21) plus \$135 in donations (cf \$150 for 2020-21) and allows for miscellaneous expenditure items since July 1 2021.