

Friends Of Churchill Island Society Inc.

FOCIS

NEWSLETTER

ABN 78667051020 INC. No. A 002 19007W

Dates to remember:

General meeting: Saturday 20th February 2016.

1.30 pm Churchill Island Visitors Centre.

Meetings for the rest of the year: May 14; August 13; November 12.

And please remember PINP Open Day Sunday March 6.

The Speakers for our general meetings will be

Rebecca Sanders in May;

Victorian Conservation Trust DVD in August;

David Maunders on Grant's diary in November.

Happy New Year

to all FOCIS members.

FOCIS PLANNING MEETING

20 FEBRUARY 1.30

CHURCHILL ISLAND VISITORS' CENTRE

A happy New Year to all our members. At a time when we all make plans and resolutions for the future, it is appropriate for FOCIS to consider its future plans and strategies. Our membership numbers are in slow decline and in order to continue our goal to support the cultural heritage of the island, we need to have agreed and supported goals and strategies to achieve them. FOCIS has had significant achievements in the past: we established the Highland Cattle herd in the 1980s to commemorate Samuel Amess' herd. We have a sum of money invested to provide the detailed plans for the museum and while this is on the Churchill Island plan, we cannot idly wait for it to begin.

I am therefore asking you all to join me in a meeting to establish a consensus on a strategic plan for FOCIS for the next few years. There are a number of candidates for inclusion: our new gardener appointment might suggest a garden restoration project; a Churchill Island App has been suggested. Do we want to undertake further research? What is important is to identify a number of projects that members can actively support. Tom our treasurer has worked hard to achieve tax deduction status and this seems to be close to success. If it is approved, then we need to identify projects to which it can be applied.

We have invited an external facilitator, Ross Baxter, to lead us in the process. Please come and join us on 20 February. If you are unable to be there, we welcome suggestions sent either to myself or to our secretary:

president@focis.org.au

secretary@focis.org.au

These will be presented to the meeting.

David Maunders, FOCIS President.

(See page 10 for draft program)

FRIENDS OF CHURCHILL ISLAND SOCIETY INC

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2015, 1.30 P.M., CHURCHILL ISLAND VISITOR CENTRE

1. Welcome: The President acknowledged the traditional owners of the country and welcomed members to the meeting.
2. Present: As per attendance book
3. Apologies: As per attendance book
4. Treasurer/Membership Secretary's report: Tom O'Dea presented the report. Attached. Tom O'Dea/Graeme Clausen Carried.
Tom reported that all necessary documentation had been submitted for our application for ROCO listing and our assessment is now in process. The department was unable to say when we would hear a result.

5. President's report: David Maunders reported on a meeting he had with Matthew Jackson, PINP CEO.

Meeting between David Maunders, FOCIS President and Matthew Jackson PINP CEO, 27 October 2015.

I was given a warm welcome by Matthew and the meeting proved most useful. We covered two major issues and some minor ones.

1. Proposed Churchill Island APP.

Matthew was positive about the idea and I suggested that FOCIS members and volunteers could prepare text, photos and some videos. The Penguin Parade APP was extremely innovative and advanced and cost around \$200, 000, including translation into six languages. Matthew thought that a CI version might come to about \$30,000. This would not provide translation into the six languages (though the Penguins APP does not translate audio) and access to all platforms (ie IPAD, iPhone, and alternate systems). While cheaper options could be developed, they would not deliver a good enough end product and PINP would want to provide a quality product. Matthew thought that heritage grants might be available and would discuss it with Nicoleta. Currently there are no plans to develop a CI APP but this could be reviewed over the next budget period and priority lists. I indicated that if this funding could not be accessed then I would ask FOCIS to consider if we could raise some funds as a project under our (hopefully) approved tax exemption. In the meantime, FOCIS can look at possible text and photos. Videos are offered through a Youtube link and material would need to be HD, which might rule out some of the historic film that we have, but a short clip from the Working Horse video would work.

2. Key Area Plan

Nature Parks is about to start plans for stage1 drawings for the Conference and Event Centre, toilets and carpark works as per the Key Area Plan, now that the Conservation Management Plan has been completed. The centre is proposed to accommodate an estimated 400 people but it is also proposed that a flexible portable marquee could be also attached and used when necessary which could take numbers up to 800- 1,000. It is proposed that the building will have partitions to divide it into smaller areas to allow different functions to take place at the same time. FOCIS meetings will be located here and also space could be available for temporary museum exhibitions or displays. This was a point that I had not previously been aware of and it means

that we can start to expand museum activity before the building of the museum, obviously in coordination with other demands on the space. Matthew is very positive about funding and the completion and operation of phase 1 will depend on the new Penguin Parade Business Case currently being considered by the State Government as this is the priority for the Nature Parks, however the drawings for stage 1 will proceed immediately. Phase 2 and Phase 3 will be reviewed subject to funding availability. Phase 3 is of course the extension of the visitor centre to provide a museum, though which patrons would proceed on the way to purchase tickets and entry to the historic reserve. Matthew is hopeful that Phase 2 (rebuilding café, shop and toilet facilities) and Phase 3 (museum) might proceed in tandem to which would make financial sense.

Matthew did discuss possible costs and funding but I will not summarise these for fear of not being accurate. I will say that he is very positive about being able to deliver the three phases over time. He also indicated involving FOCIS on appropriate issues.

3. Other issues.

I mentioned our acquisition of the Conservation Trust film from ACMI and Matthew told me that the new signage would be put into action in the near future.

We concluded agreeing to meet when matters arose.

David also reported that he had sourced a DVD from ACMI for \$100, on Churchill Island made by the Victorian Conservation Trust around 1978. It contains quite a number of historical accuracies, but is interesting in that on-camera commentary is done by VCT Exec Dir Col Ian Wilton and VCT Chair Sir John Knott. It also gives a good idea of what the island was like at that time.

When David was guiding recently he struck up a conversation with a Maggie Middlehurst and her husband John. As Margaret Blenheim with then husband Bruce and children, she lived on CI and managed it for Classou. She had known him through business contacts and with experience of managing horses, she got the job running the horse stud. Apparently, he arranged buses of Greek visitors but they did not have resources to manage them (eg only one toilet). Her family used to hide from them as they did not know how to deal with these visitors. The Greek Patriarch came to bless the flocks. Classou apparently only flew over the island on auction day and never set foot on it before he bought it. Maggie is mentioned in Pat's book and obviously had contact with Pat. She was a little wary as apparently she experienced a lot of local hostility during and after the Classou period. Maggie gave David her phone number and Christine will contact her for more information for the archives.

6. Curator's report: See elsewhere in this newsletter.

Linda Patterson volunteered to once again supervise the children's activities at the Open Day and asked if they could be located in Roger's Cottage kitchen. Christine will ask the organising team.

7. Correspondence:

Letter from Carroll and Amy Schulz informing us that they are retiring as Life Members. Members thanked them for their outstanding service to Churchill Island and FOCIS. Christine will write them a letter of thanks and ask them if they want to continue to receive the newsletter.

Insite Magazine Mus Aus Vic Aug-Oct 2015 (features photo of Christine receiving the small volunteer museums award on behalf of Phillip Island & Dist Historical Society Inc)

Insite Magazine Nov 2015-Jan 2016.

Royalauto magazine, Sep, Oct 2015.

8. General Business:

1. Working bee next Sat Nov 21, 8-10 a.m. Amess House and cottages. Graeme Clauscen, Linda Patterson, Margaret and Hagen Geppert, Ruth and Tom O'Dea and Christine will attend.

2. Speakers/dates for 2016: members decided we would have a strategic directions session for the Feb 20 meeting; Rebecca Sanders volunteered to speak on a topic regarding her thesis for the May 14th meeting; we would show the VCT DVD from ACMI after the AGM on August 13th; David will give a talk on Grant's journal 1801 for the November 12 meeting.

3. Tom described how they have redone the FOCIS website to make it compatible with numerous platforms. The members' area will require all members to be sent new usernames and passwords which they will need to copy and paste into the website so as not to make errors. They can both then be changed.

9. Speaker: Dr Duncan Sutherland, PINP Research, gave members a Power Point talk on the progress of the Eastern Barred Bandicoots. They are doing very well, with good weights, breeding and young in pouch and at foot. Only one of the released EBB died; a zoo-raised animal that did not adapt to living in the wild. The bandicoots are now spreading all over CI, but not into the mangroves. They are not having any impact on the rare plants on CI, but do go into the garden where they forage for grubs, snails etc.



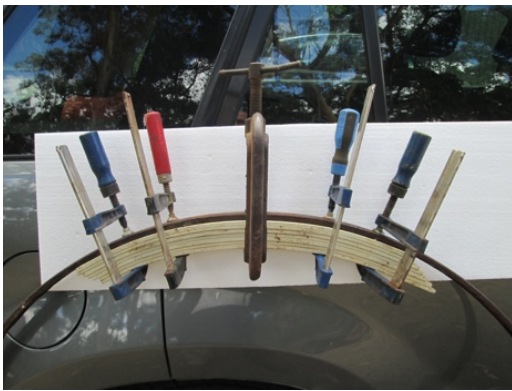
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Rebuilding a carriage wheel

Casting about for something useful to do one Friday I found under a nesting duck a wrecked wheel, pair to one of the carriage wheels on the barn wall. A week or so on the duck was no longer in residence and I salvaged an iron bound hub, the tyre and rim partly rotted away and several spokes only 4 of which were salvageable. Unfortunately I didn't think to photograph the duck. I didn't even think the wheel was salvageable at that stage.



Now I'm no wheelwright but I thought it's not rocket science and found an on-line course being held in the US on wooden wheel building, signed up, and worked away in my shed making a spoke. About 20 spokes later I had 10 acceptable ones to go with the 4 I had salvaged albeit in pine not Hickory as the originals. With the exception of the use of an electric drill all the work was done with hand tools. Measure, calipers, a draw knife, several different spoke shaves, a wood rasp and sand paper.



The next job was to get the tyre off what remained of the rim, not so easy. On wagon wheels the tyre is shrunk on which holds the wheel together. Carriage wheels being lighter wheels with a narrower iron tyre designed to go faster the tyre is bolted to the rim. In this case about 100 years ago and the old machine screws were not going to let go easily. But I eventually separated them and rust treated the tyre.

Fixing the rim was easy and hard all at once. Originally American Ash, it's an American wheel I think, the rims were steamed and bent in 2 halves. Not so hard but getting a suitable flitch of wood was. So I used my boatbuilding skills and laminated a replacement section and scarfed and keyed it into place with epoxy glue.

Now, logic would tell you that in spoking a wheel you counted the slots in the hub, and measured even spaces round the rim. Wrong. The hub controls the spacing, and the hub is not that accurate which is not surprising when you think how it is made. You spoke the hub, lay it on the wheel rim, mark where the spokes fall and drill your holes there. This was a little complicated by the mix of old and new spokes, old worn holes needing filling and re drilling and the new section but with the aid of a visiting Chinese grandmother whose grandfather had been a wheelwright (true) it came together. A red letter day! Oh yes, this wheels' spokes are dowelled in place, unlike a wagon wheel where the pegs are part of the spoke.



Now the tyre. Ordinarily with a new wheel the tyre would have been heated and shrunk on, but I had existing bolt holes in the tyre and rim and a cold fit to do if possible. One half was easy enough, the second rather awkward and I wasn't at all confident. However a collection of clamps of various sizes, a rubber mallet, some blood and skin, help from my Chinese grandma and a few judicious words and snap, it clicked into place just as a young Belgian couple strolled by.

You'll find it half painted a gaudy red as one of its incarnations was and half clear to show the 3 hand made and one machine made Hickory spokes, a couple of mine one not completely finished and the repaired rim.

The whole process attracted a lot of attention. My biggest audience was 3 bus loads of primary school children. Quite few children had a go at using the spokeshave with supervision of course and one girl in particular got the trick right away.

I have begun the repair of another wheel and most of the spokes have been made. The rim will have to be totally new. Unfortunately I failed to get the address of the Chinese grandma in case I get into trouble
Ed.

CURATOR'S REPORT

1. My son Simon Eddy did quite a bit of volunteer work updating our existing catalogue entries on the Victorian Collections website.
2. Jeff Cole continues to entertain and educate visitors with his displays of hand tools making spokes of a jinker wheel.
3. Jeff and I have continued to catalogue the old tools from Amess Barn and are now planning a display on boards for some of the old tools.
4. Margaret Geppart and Jenni Wills continue archiving our large photo collection by category. This is a big help and makes it easy to find images.
5. We had a small working bee with me, Jenni and Kate Wills on Sat 19 Sep, but we did get lots done.
6. Jeff attached a DL brochure holder to the A frame in the historic precinct and Tom and Ruth's brochures have proven to be quite popular.
7. I gave a talk about Harry Jenkins to the Bass Valley Historical Society on Fri Sep 4.
8. I have attended two workshops: one at Coal Creek regarding Energy Audits for small museums; and one at Mus Vic regarding Involving People in your museum, which gave examples from the Immigration museum multi-cultural festivals; the Vic Police Mus education program; and the highs and lows of the National Trust winter exhibition series, especially the Miss Fisher Murder Mysteries. Both workshops were well worth attending.
9. Planning has started for next year's PINP Open Day Sunday March 6, when I will be doing a display on Samuel and Jane Amess. Volunteers welcome!
10. I have met with Kahren Richardson, PINP graphic artist and Catherine Basterfield, operations manager, regarding the signage for the Visitors Centre. I have found most of the images we need. The big problem is a decent image of the Lady Nelson to go on the west wall of the display area. The current image has been the subject of further research and is now known to be NOT the Lady Nelson, so must be changed. I am currently trying to get permission to use a beautiful painting of the LN by the late artist Jack Koskie. The hold-up is with Kahren being snowed under with other PINP jobs.
11. We have a new farm worker/demonstrator, Toby. Our wonderful gardener Dave is having to leave for personal reasons. Hopefully he will be replaced soon.
12. The specialist building company "Period Building Conservation" will be visiting CI in December for 2 days to assess what needs to be done to Amess House, the cottages and the half cellar. They are a multi-skilled organisation with an excellent reputation. This is from recommendations in the CI Conservation management plan, and also a result of problems the PINP maintenance team detected when renewing weatherboards on AH.

Chief Executive Officer's Report.

Visitation

We have had a very positive Christmas and New Year period with peak capacity being achieved at the Penguin Parade as expected. YTD visitation across all attractions is up 65,000 compared to last year to which is a fantastic result as last year's visitation was a record year for the Nature Parks and Churchill Island is up YTD by 3,500, also very pleasing.

The Christmas period was extremely busy due to many factors including the low AUD\$ has increased international tourism to the Nature Parks, especially from China, whilst this also boosts the domestic market by influencing Victorians from travelling abroad and holidaying at home instead. The recent fires at the Great Ocean Road saw thousands of visitors both domestic and international come to Phillip Island as an alternative, making the destination and our attractions much busier than normal. We are still predicting a strong Chinese New Year (February) at the Penguin Parade.

Penguins Plus

Our new Penguins Plus was launched on 18th November 2015 in partnership with the RACV. This attraction provides for underground viewing and increased seating from previously 200 to now 400 guests per night. The attraction has been sold out daily over the Christmas and New Year period and feedback has been very positive.

Nobbies redevelopment

Our new Antarctic Journey attraction at the Nobbies in partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF- Australia) was formally opened on 23rd December 2015. The exhibition focuses on the Southern Ocean, its key wildlife and Antarctica. The project includes world class technology, interactive interpretations and stunning imagery and video content that brings Antarctica to life. Feedback has been very positive with over 10,000 visitors to date going through the attraction.

Churchill Island Conservation Management Plan

The Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for Churchill Island has now been approved by the Nature Parks Board and provided to Heritage Victoria for its final comments and endorsement. An action from the Churchill Island Key Area Plan completed in 2014 was to develop the designs for a functions and event centre and increase bus parking opportunities. Now that the CMP has been completed, we are currently in the process of appointing an appropriate Architect team to commence the design of the new proposed centre. This project will commence in late February and is anticipated to be completed by June 2016.

Woodland and Wetland Key Area Plan and Cape Woolamai Foreshore Master Plan

We are now in the process of seeking consultants to assist the Nature Parks with further strategic planning. An action from the South and North Coast Key Area Plan 2015, was to complete a Master Plan for Cape Woolamai Foreshore areas. This will set a 10-20 year vision for Cape Woolamai and will involve significant community and key stakeholder consultation. The project will commence in February and will be completed by June 2016. We are also commencing the Woodland and Wetland Key Area Plan to which are all of the remaining areas under management by the Nature Parks that have not been strategically reviewed, needing 10 year visions. This work will commence in late February/early March and will be completed in August 2016, also involving significant community and key stakeholder consultation.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and I look forward to working with FOCIS over the next 12 months.

Matthew Jackson
Chief Executive Officer



Treasurer's Report for the 4 Months Ending 31 October 2015

Assets and Liabilities as at 31 October 2015

Account	30/06/2012 Balance	30/06/2013 Balance	30/06/2014 Balance	30/06/2015 Balance	31/10/2015 Balance	Difference (last 4 months)
ASSETS						
<u>Cash and Bank Accounts</u>						
ANZ Cheque Account	\$773.85	\$1,016.57	\$2,242.22	\$126.65	\$514.74	\$388.09
ANZ Savings Account	\$19,119.44	\$16,254.21	\$5,242.56	\$8,086.33	\$8,821.06	\$734.73
PayPal Account	\$387.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.29	\$0.00	-\$70.29
President's Advance	\$382.49	\$359.89	\$359.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Curator's Advance	\$47.38	\$11.91	\$221.98	\$66.47	\$0.00	-\$66.47
RACV Investment Options 01 (Closed)	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RACV Investment Options 02 (Closed)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RACV Investment Options 03 (Closed)	\$0.00	\$31,815.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RACV Investment Options 04 (Closed)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RACV Investment Options 05 (Closed)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RACV Investment Options 06 (Closed)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,279.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RACV Investment Options 07 (Closed)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RACV Investment Options 08 (Closed)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RACV Investment Options 09 (Closed)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,469.47	\$0.00	-\$12,469.47
RACV Investment Options 10 (Closed)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,581.87	\$0.00	-\$34,581.87
RACV Investment Options 11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,692.07	\$12,692.07
RACV Investment Options 12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,182.07	\$35,182.07
Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$50,710.26	\$49,458.49	\$53,346.51	\$55,401.08	\$57,209.94	\$1,808.86
<u>Other Assets</u>						
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Books	\$0.00	\$4,469.76	\$3,530.88	\$2,989.44	\$2,989.44	\$0.00
TOTAL Other Assets	\$0.00	\$4,569.76	\$3,530.88	\$2,989.44	\$2,989.44	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$50,710.26	\$54,028.25	\$56,877.39	\$58,390.52	\$60,199.38	\$1,808.86
LIABILITIES						
<u>Other Liabilities</u>						
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Museum Reserve	\$30,000.00	\$31,815.91	\$33,279.86	34,581.87	35,182.07	\$600.20
TOTAL Other Liabilities	\$30,000.00	\$31,815.91	\$33,279.86	34,581.87	35,182.07	\$600.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$30,000.00	\$31,815.91	\$33,279.86	\$34,581.87	\$35,182.07	\$600.20
NETT ASSETS	\$20,710.26	\$22,212.34	\$23,597.53	\$23,808.65	\$25,017.31	\$1,208.66

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Income and Expenses as at 31 October 2015

Category	1/07/2012- 30/06/2013	1/07/2013- 30/06/2014	1/07/2014- 30/06/2015	1/07/2015- 31/10/2015	Difference (last 4 months)
INCOME					
Interest Income	\$2,300.68	\$1,752.30	\$1,915.25	\$857.53	-\$1,057.72
Subscriptions Income	\$4,053.55	\$3,243.75	\$3,270.90	\$1,817.60	-\$1,453.30
Sundry Income	\$0.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Movable Cultural Heritage - Book Sales	\$1,671.50	\$1,247.05	\$694.35	\$0.00	-\$694.35
Movable Cultural Heritage - Donations from Members	\$295.10	\$387.05	\$420.00	\$235.00	-\$185.00
Movable Cultural Heritage - Public Donations	\$315.00	\$452.60	\$810.95	\$111.90	-\$699.05
Movable Cultural Heritage - Grants Received	\$26,000.00	\$1,980.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
Other Movable Cultural Heritage Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$34,636.05	\$9,062.75	\$20,111.45	\$16,022.03	-\$4,089.42
EXPENSES					
Administration - Financial Services	\$110.41	\$99.51	\$112.44	\$26.55	-\$85.89
Administration - Government Fees	\$43.90	\$126.60	\$213.50	\$54.40	-\$159.10
Administration - Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administration - Membership Admin.	\$878.53	\$738.09	\$458.98	\$133.23	-\$325.75
Administration - General Office Expenses	\$325.13	\$947.07	\$505.30	\$503.24	-\$2.06
Administration - Post Office Fees	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$32.00	\$0.00	-\$32.00
Administration - Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administration - Other Admin. Expenses	\$31.20	\$0.00	\$50.53	\$0.00	-\$50.53
Movable Cultural Heritage - Acquisitions	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$255.01	\$100.00	-\$155.01
Movable Cultural Heritage - Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132.88	\$0.00	-\$132.88
Movable Cultural Heritage - Archiving	\$133.07	\$7.70	\$24.30	\$0.00	-\$24.30
Movable Cultural Heritage - Book Publishing	\$5,783.17	\$9.00	\$18.35	\$0.00	-\$18.35
Movable Cultural Heritage - Cataloguing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.70	\$0.00	-\$25.70
Movable Cultural Heritage - Communications	\$93.45	\$35.55	\$0.00	\$67.90	\$67.90
Movable Cultural Heritage - Curating	\$26,660.00	\$200.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
Movable Cultural Heritage - Educating the Public	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	-\$30.00
Movable Cultural Heritage - Exhibitions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Movable Cultural Heritage - Networking	\$193.00	\$601.00	\$326.65	\$35.25	-\$291.40
Movable Cultural Heritage - Newsletter Publishing	\$1,264.42	\$1,059.78	\$783.48	\$174.40	-\$609.08
Movable Cultural Heritage - Presentation	\$87.50	\$0.00	\$194.10	\$27.20	-\$166.90
Movable Cultural Heritage - Preservation	\$83.54	\$1,254.93	\$13.38	\$0.00	-\$13.38
Movable Cultural Heritage - Research	\$77.50	\$16.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Movable Cultural Heritage - Restoration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	-\$70.00
Movable Cultural Heritage - Video Publishing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,744.28	\$0.00	-\$1,744.28
Movable Cultural Heritage - Web Site Publishing	\$0.00	\$54.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$0.00
Other Promotional Activities for Movable Cultural Heritage Items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,787.82	\$5,274.73	\$18,056.88	\$14,213.17	-\$3,843.71
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-\$1,151.77	\$3,788.02	\$2,054.57	\$1,808.86	-\$245.71

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Issues for Strategic Planning Session – Friends of Churchill Island Society
Draft Program

INTRODUCTION:

Item	Topic	Leader
1	Welcome & introduction of RDB	David M
2	Overview of suggested Agenda	Ross B
3	Seek questions/concerns/suggestions from floor	Ross B & Members
4	Agree any agreed modifications	All

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Item	Topic	Leader
5	Intro to why we need a new strategic plan	David M
6	What have we learned is good (i.e. keep) or bad (i.e. stop doing) about the way we are currently functioning	Table discussion & summary – All & Ross B

WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?

Item	Topic	Leader
7	Recap FOCIS's Purpose (Mission – i.e. why we exist)	Tom
8	Where do we want to be in 3 to 5 years? (i.e. what is our 'vision' of what we'll look like / be doing in the medium term future?) 3-5 points only	Ross B

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

Item	Topic	Leader
9	Recap FOCIS principles of operation to apply	Tom
10	3-5 groups build a strategy for each 'vision' point	Work groups / tables
11	Report out & consolidate ideas into a framework	Ross B – All
12	Seek comments / reservations / commitment. Ask: "Is there anything here that you can't live with, and if so why?" (Discuss and resolve)	Ross B

WHO WILL DO WHAT BY WHEN?

Item	Topic	Leader
13	Build Action Plan specifying (a) the task; (b) person responsible; (c) est. target date for completion; (d) method of monitoring progress/reporting back.	Ross B & Group

SUMMARY & CLOSURE

FOCIS

Our Facilitator, Ross Baxter

After completing an apprenticeship in fitting and turning, Ross worked for the YMCA in South Australia. After completing a Diploma in Youth Leadership in Melbourne, he undertook an honours degree in psychology while working at the YMCA College and Coburg State College training youth workers. He exchanged an academic career for one in industry working in human resources for General Motors, Kodak and Telstra. After leaving Telstra, he worked as a consultant for a number of private and not-for-profit organisations. As an HR professional, he became involved in apprenticeship training and served with our former president, Stella Axarlis, AM on a national board.



Membership Report as at 31 October 2015

Category	30/06/2012	30/06/2013	30/06/2014	30/06/2015	31/10/2015	Increase or Decrease (last 4 months)
TOTAL Paying Memberships	211	198	184	167	156	-11
TOTAL Non-Paying Memberships	16	17	17	17	17	0
Unfinancial (Lapsed) Memberships	0	0	22	43	55	12



Pictured are some of the volunteers at today's Working Bee on Churchill Island - 21 Nov 2015. Thanks so much to Cliff, Ruth, Tom, Graeme, Margaret, Hagen, Kate, Jenni, Lee, Linda, Peter, Terry and Christine for getting up so early on a Sat morning to do a big spring clean of Amess House, Rogers Cottages, the laundry and the store room. Thanks also to Tom for making such lovely chocolates for our morning tea treat!.

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Pictured are our new gardener, Kate Wills, at right, with our curator and FOCIS Secretary, Christine Grayden, during Kate's first week in the Churchill Island garden. Kate had a gardening business of her own in the past, and has also joined FOCIS and helped out at working bees. She is happy to know that the Churchill Island garden has a great team of volunteers to help her. Welcome Kate!



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