



GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER, 2024, 1.30 P.M.

AT CHURCHILL ISLAND VISITOR CENTRE, FUNCTION ROOM.

1. Acknowledgement of country

The president acknowledged the Bunurong/Boonwarring people as traditional guardians and paid respect to their elders.

2. Present

Terry Holman, Robyn Holman, David Maunders, Linda Patterson, Mike Cleeland, Don Johnstone, Graeme Clausen, Pauline Taylor, Sue Trist, John Eddy, Dan Kallstrom.

3. Apologies

Bonnie Taylor, Coral Bourke, Ruth and Tom O'Dea, Tricia Olsen, Denise Kempster, Di Sukovic, Christine Grayden.

3. Minutes of meeting of 12 August AGM.

Approval deferred to next AGM.

4. Matters arising

Nil

5. Reports: president, treasurer, farm report, curator, restoration

Written reports were received from the President, Curator and Farm supervisor and will be included in the forthcoming newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

- Membership numbers **fell** by 21 from 113 Paying Memberships as at 30 June 2024 to 92 Paying Memberships as at 30 June 2024. The total number of paying Members as at 31 October 2024 was 180, a fall of 40.
- Total net assets **increased** by \$642 from \$18,559 as at 30 June 2024 to \$19,201 as at 31 October 2024.
- For the Operating Fund:
 - We had \$9,429.52 in the bank as at 31 October 2024.
 - We also have a Term Deposit with Bendigo Bank of \$44,041.47 invested for 12 months at 4.65%, maturing on 13 September 2025.

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- We had 57 copies of the Third Edition of the Book in our inventory as at 31 October 2024. These have been valued at cost at \$14.31 each, giving us \$815.67 for the total value of that asset.
 - A significant item is “Interest Income” of \$2,059.16 which is mainly interest earned on our Term Deposit which matured on 13 September 2024. Bank interest was just 32 cents.
 - We sold 1 copy of the Book during the last 4 months for a total of \$20.00.
 - For the Heritage Fund:
 - We had \$8,954.60 in the bank as at 31 October 2024.
 - The Victoria Container Deposit Scheme initiative has managed to raise \$2.00.
 - The Donations from Tractor/Trailer Rides initiative has raised \$270.00.
 - Running Costs:
 - We are continuing to live within our means. Regular income (interest and subscriptions) of \$4,299 was more than enough to cover our overheads of \$1,687, leaving a surplus of \$2,612 for the current year.
 - The current membership rates represent very good value, particularly for a Concession Household where the Society receives \$17.00 in income per year but we are currently spending \$18.34 per year in providing services to that Household.

It was moved that reports be accepted. Mover: Terry Holman, seconder John Eddy. Carried.

6. Life membership proposal.

It was moved that Pauline Taylor be created a life member of FOCIS. Mover; Terry Holman, seconder: Don Johnstone. Carried.

7. Other business

The Back2Back competition was raised with regard to the proposed date. Information will be available later.

The meeting closed at 2pm.

8 Guest speaker, Mike Cleeland: “Historical Geology of Churchill Island”

Mike gave an interesting talk on the volcanic rock formation of Churchill Island and showed examples of basalt, greenstone and other rock with crystals and fossils.

This was followed by a celebratory afternoon tea.