

Victoria Park Co-ordination Committee

A Section 355 Committee of the Tamworth Regional Council
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Minutes

Thursday ~~19 December 2019~~ 15 April 2021

3:30pm MEETING ROOM, REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS, TAMWORTH

Chair: Martin O'Rourke

In Attendance: David Scott, Sonya Hardin, Garry. Copper, Doreen Goddard, Mark Smith, Geoff Tall, Hugh Leckie (TRC)

Apologies: Jodie Archer (TRC)

Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of the December meeting were circulated to members – Correct – moved by Geoff Tall and Seconded by Garry Copper – Carried.

Business Arising:

- The AED has been installed.
- The new toilets have been installed.
- The ponds in the Botanic Gardens are on the Capital Works List.

Correspondence In:

- Nil.

Correspondence Out:

- Nil

Committee Reports:

Tamworth and District Model Engineers (TADME):

- TDME closed operations in March 2020 due to Covid-19.
- We continued with general maintenance over the past year and had no income in this period. Our public liability insurance increased by 40% for this year and a revision of the AALS code of practice is underway, which is our governing rules.
- We ran our first public running day on 21 February 2021 under Covid restrictions and by a booking a ride system by email. This worked very well.
- We have our Covid Plan in place and our QR code to check in.
- Our second public running day was 21 March 2021 and both days were very successful.
- Next running day is 18 April 2021.

Threatened Species:

- The threatened species area has been sprayed twice. Landcare are to undertake landscaping including the installation of irrigation and mulch followed by planting of the area prior to 30 June 2021.

Friends of Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden:

- Have received a grant for \$5,000 from Barnaby Joyce to further progress the endangered species area.

Tamworth Community Men's Shed:

- The shed was closed for approximately 5 months during 2020 due to Covid 19.
- Since reopening membership has continued to grow at a substantial rate.
- TRC has been engaging the shed committee WRT the Victoria Park Master Plan and the committee has medium and long term plans to ensure that the Men's Shed remains part of the Victoria Park long term plan.
- A DA for a shed extension is imminent.

Tamworth Regional Astronomy Club Inc (TRAC):

- See attached.

General Business:

- The Victoria Park Master Plan has been finalised and will go out on public exhibition prior to be adopted by Council.
- The pathway from Oxley High School to the Botanic Garden is currently being designed. The path will end near the top of the car park.
- When is the driveway to be resealed at the culvert.
- Letter to be sent to Council
 - I propose that TRC build a security fence to secure the Victoria Park Precinct from the general public to minimise the risk of theft from Victoria Park Groups. The fence should run from the reservoir along the top side of Long Gully to the existing Botanic Garden fence.
 - Moved by Mark Smith and seconded by Garry Copper.
- David Scott asked who is responsible for the AED. The alarm for the cabinet is not working. We are checking the AED regularly.
 - Hugh advised that the AED should be checked by Stephen McAlpine's team.
- David Scott was not happy with the level of consultation regarding the installation of the bollards as it restricts the Mini Rails vehicular movements.
- Mark Smith advised that vehicles are still going too fast up the driveway with Council vehicles being the majority of the complaints.
 - Is it possible to get traffic calming devices.

There being no further business, meeting concluded at 4.20pm

PLEASE NOTE NEXT MEETING: Thursday ^{17 June 2021}~~20 February 2020~~ at 3:30pm at the Botanic Gardens