

Victoria Park Co-ordination Committee

A Section 355 Committee of the Tamworth Regional Council
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Minutes of General Meeting

Held at the Meeting Room, TAMWORTH REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS on 17 June 2021.

Chair: Martin O'Rourke – Declared the meeting open at 3.45pm.

In Attendance: David Scott, Sonya Hardin, Geoff Tall, Doreen Goddard, Mark Smith, Jodie Archer (TRC)

Apologies: Hugh Leckie (TRC), Gary Copper

Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of the April meeting were circulated to members – Correct – moved by Geoff Tall and Seconded by Dorreen Goddard– Carried.

Business Arising:

- Nil

Correspondence In:

- Nil.

Correspondence Out:

- Nil

Committee Reports:

Tamworth and District Model Engineers (TADME):

- 3 running days since February. Covid safe practices are now in place including a QR Code.
- Hosting 10 year anniversary this weekend.

Threatened Species:

- The threatened species area has been sprayed twice. Irrigation equipment has been purchased.
- Working bee scheduled for 20 June 21.
- Martin O'Rourke contacted Sarah Cadwell regarding growing plants on consignment.

Friends of Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden:

- Ponds – The Botanic Gardens group feels that it is better to spend the limited supply of funds improving one pond to a significant degree rather than spreading that funding thinly across a number of ponds. The primary remediation should include waterproofing of some sort.
- Communication with Council - There appears to be a lack of effective communication between Council and the Botanic Gardens group. A lack of consultation regarding changes to the gardens is the main issue and creates challenges.

Tamworth Community Men's Shed:

- Security Fencing – A fence securing the creek line remains the Men's Shed's main focus for the coordination committee. Jodie Archer agreed to chase up through council to get an indication of progress.

Tamworth Regional Astronomy Club Inc (TRAC):

- Carpet is being laid at present.
- Great public rollup on super moon eclipse. Approx 175 visitors. Engaged in projection of telescope images on walls and the visitors were very impressed.
- Currently 167 paid up members which actually reflects a total number much greater due to family memberships.

General Business:

- **Open Day** - Mark Smith raised the possibility of hosting a combined open day at Victoria Park. This has been done before but will not be considered in the future until covid restrictions return to normal. **This item closed.**
- **Pathway** - 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. Dave Scott asked when and where the path will run and will it provide value for money when the funding could be spent elsewhere. Jodie Archer agreed to research more information regarding the path.
- **Bollard placement** - David Scott remains unhappy with the level of consultation regarding the installation of the bollards around the new carpark

as it restricts the Mini Rails vehicular movements and seems to lack genuine logic in terms of placement.

- **Plant selection** – Martin O'Rourke commented that the masterplan has been approved by council. The selection of native plants in the gardens needs to take account of climatic factors such as frost and extreme summer temperatures.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4.45pm

NEXT MEETING: TBA due to Covid restrictions..