

# 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 TAFE Meeting Room, TAMWORTH REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS  
on 21 Oct 2021.

**Chair:** Martin O'Rourke – Declared the meeting open at 3.30pm.

**In Attendance:** David Scott, Gary Copper, Martin O'Rourke , Mark Smith, Jodie Archer (TRC), Bernhard McNamara, Malcolm Bayliss

**Apologies:** Hugh Leckie (TRC), Sonya Hardin, Doreen Goddard, Geoff Tall

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the June meeting were circulated to members – Correct – moved by Dave Scott and Seconded by Malcolm Bayliss– Carried.

### Business Arising:

- Pathway Update – Jodie Archer advised that the pathway planning is well established and the path will be built as per the master plan. **This item now closed.**
- Bollard Placement – Dave Scott advised that the issues with bollard placement had been addressed through robust discussion with council workers – **This item closed.**
- Master Plan Plant Selection – Martin O'Rourke remains concerned with native tree selection within the Botanical gardens. It was determined that the TRC Botanical gardens representative be invited to the December meeting. Mark Smith agreed to liaise with Council to arrange the invitation.

### Correspondence In:

- Numerous emails from Jodie Archer referring to Covid requirements and other council related matters.

### Correspondence Out:

- Meeting minutes from June posted out to Doreen Goddard.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Tamworth and District Model Engineers (TADME):**

- 2 Public running days since the last meeting
- Covid 19 restrictions/requirements are well in place
- Modifications to a section of track near the workshop tunnel mostly complete
- Next running day 21 Nov 21

### **Threatened Species:**

- Working bees were held early August 21 to replace some plastic tree guards and wire guards were placed around two other trees.
- Second working bee 17 October which was very successful. Tree guards and drippers were installed.

### **Friends of Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden**

- Some tree plantings have struggled with frost over the winter. There is still concern with tree selection for the Botanical gardens as per the open item.

### **Tamworth Community Men's Shed:**

- Extension approval and project are progressing well.

### **Tamworth Regional Astronomy Club Inc (TRAC):**

- Final fit-out of A&S Centre is now in progress.
- 20 glass display cabinets have been procured second hand.
- A high power projector has been trialled, to be supplied for the Planetarium.
- Looking to open throughout the CMF and see what attendances are like.
- TRC's entry of the A&S Centre into the IPWEA (Institute of public works and engineers innovations award) - assessment has been completed.
- Club events are continuing weekly & mthly as usual and openings to the public as previously scheduled.

### **General Business:**

- **Communal Lawn Mower** – It was noted that the precinct lawn mower has not been managed appropriately and that closer control over its use is needed. Bernard McNamara agreed to take on the role of managing its use and maintenance. Jodie Archer agreed to ensure that an operating log is available and maintained for the mower.

- **Weed Spraying Competency requirements** - Martin O'Rourke asked Jodie to investigate what training/competency was required for committee members to use herbicides in public spaces. Jodie agreed to investigate through council channels.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4.40pm

**NEXT MEETING:** 16 Dec 21 at 3.30pm in the TAFE room.