



FORREST & DISTRICT COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Monday 17 April 2023, 6.00 pm

47 Grant Street Forrest

Agenda Items

1. Open Meeting and Welcome
We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land, and pay our respects to their cultures and their Elders past, present and emerging.
2. Confirmation of previous minutes
3. FDCG President and Treasurer met with Forrest Primary School Principal Rob to discuss retaining the school population. Items discussed include:
 - a. School Bus to / from Apollo Bay – transition to High School – Discussion and agreement between Forrest Primary and Apollo Bay High School to attract students to Apollo Bay high school. Support for a Bus Service from Forrest to and from Apollo Bay is required. **Action: Sharon to Send follow up email to Forrest Primary principal expressing support for the proposed bus service.**
 - b. Neighbourhood House / Foodshare – This service is well utilised by school families. Informal arrangements have been made to share surplus items with the school families.
 - c. School youth participation in community consultation on Neighbourhood character study / Structure Plan review – Discuss with CoS strategic planner to include consultation with Forrest youth and students
 - d. Revisit illumination project – Share concept proposal from 2019 with Forrest Primary Principal. **Action: Geoff to find proposal and share.**
4. Letter to COS re: budget allocation for Forrest Neighbourhood character study / structure plan review. – Sharon investigating the budget allocation.
5. Colac Otway Shire - Planning Scheme Review discussion Thurs 27th April, in Forrest or Colac.

List of items for discussion has been developed and will be shared with CoS.
6. Barwon Water WW - ESC Barwon Water 2023-2028 Water Price Review Public Forum 28/4 12-1 pm. If you would like to attend, please [register for the Barwon Water forum on Eventbrite](#).
7. Forrest MTB project, see community update September 2022. – Les shared COS Update 27 March 2023. Highlights include



- a. works on all trails are now complete, with all trails open again to the public. Please note that new trails are to be ridden with caution over the first year as the final surface beds in.
 - b. Work on the Skills Park has now completed. New features include a large asphalt pump track, An Adaptive Rider Pump Track, Two jumps lines catering for both advanced and novice riders, A set of skills courses with three levels of difficulty.
 - c. Works on the Forrest trailhead is continuing including the installation of two new picnic shelters, water at the trailhead for both drinking and handwashing, and some landscaping to the general area. The trailhead will be closed during construction.
 - d. Work on an Entry Arch for the Trailhead precinct is continuing, and moving into the detailed design phase of the project.
 - e. Expect to see permanent directional signage around the trail network soon. Signage will include the trails new branding, clearer wayfinding and make the system much safer for all user groups.
 - f. Works are still in progress for finalising the network map and other information to go at the trailhead.
8. Write to Emma Ashton re: recent meeting on ideas / future of the Forrest Soup festival, and any remaining budget from previous events – What happened at the recent meeting? Is there any remaining budget from previous events? **Action: Anthony to write to Emma.**
9. Write to Noor Peterson to express gratitude and sympathy at the passing of Nasser Kotb.
Action: Sharon
10. AGM and Environment Theme meeting dates: Schedule Date for AGM. Consider a date in July. Sharon to discuss with Mary and Susan from Gerangamete & Forrest Landcare group to settle on a date. Also include CCMA, DELWP, Barwon Water. June meeting Monday 19th 5pm.



11. Treasurers Report - – Moved by Sharon. Seconded Geoff. Looking for fund raising opportunities for website hosting and domain name fees.
12. Correspondence In/Out – Goop Digital invoice for Domain Name registration.
13. General Business – Publish meeting minutes to Forrestrvictoria.com and share via Forrest Facebook.
14. Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday 8 May 2023
15. Meeting Close 8pm