



Minutes of Annual Meeting

Held 29 January 2024 at Inglewood Library

1. Welcome

Meeting was opened at 5.00 pm by Sue Campbell (Convenor). Ms Campbell reminded those present that the Friends of Inglewood Triangle (FOIT) is not an incorporated association, therefore today's meeting is not an AGM but an annual meeting to appoint bank account holders; report to members on the group's activities and financial position, and to agree directions for the year ahead.

2. Present

Jill Adams; Danielle Brady; Alison Bunker; Sue Campbell; Rosita D'Adamo; Joanna Delaney; Vicki Dixon; Jean Foster; Mary Gray; Councillor David Lagan; Morven McInnes; Grant (Rocky) Osborne; Adele Reygate; Christine Richardson; Tim Ryan; Paul St Jack.

Apologies

Christine Allbeury; Christine Chandler; Lynne Giles-Evans; Councillor Damien Giudici; Sue Waddell

3. Minutes of meeting held 24 February 2023 (uploaded to FOIT website)

Confirmed as a true and accurate record. Nil matters arising.

4. Reports

4.1 Achievements

Sue Campbell noted the following achievements in 2023:

- Hundreds of seedlings were kept alive with weekly hand watering through the hottest months (over 1200 seedlings planted in the past three years).
- FOIT gained 7 new active volunteers and 26 new names were added to our email distribution list.
- A successful event was held in February to launch the Welcome Shelter constructed by Georgiou Group.
- In winter, mulch was spread and 120 tree seedlings planted in D, the section worst affected by dieback. Very significantly, local provenance was used for the first time; seedlings were propagated from seed collected in the Triangle and neighbouring MLGC bushland.
- A FOIT *WhatsApp* group was set up and is being successfully used to communicate about weeding, watering and ad-hoc and spontaneous events/matters.
- Inglewood pre-primary school (IPPS) was successfully engaged on a program that introduced 60 children to the bushland through discovery walks, planting seedlings in D and watering. The children were also involved in creating mosaic pavers for the Mosaic Project, with their families and IPPS staff assisting in creating the mosaics and installing the pavers.
- We expanded the Perth College kindy program to include the children making 22 bee hotels that are hanging in Sections A and B.

- An idea emanating from the newly formed Inglewood Arts Hub, and with a grant received from City of Stirling through Inglewood on Beaufort, we engaged local mosaic artist Christine Chandler to undertake the Mosaic Project which was launched on 2 December. The mosaics depict the flora and fauna living in Inglewood Triangle and they have been embedded along the path near the Welcome Shelter and at the Hamer Pde entrance, opposite the school.
- The Citizen Science Project continued, measuring and tagging trees. A successful grant allowed us to purchase a drill and metal tags.
- A volunteer small grant was secured from the Federal Government which will allow us to engage speakers in 2024 for the 'Behind the Fences' education program (see below).
- Our connection with neighbour, Brightwater Inglewood, was strengthened with guided walks in the Triangle as part of the Staff Wellness Day program and participation by 10 residents in the Mosaic Project.
- The Triangle was made more accessible and comfortable for visitors by securing a Federal Government grant to install four bench seats.
- Jane Coffey was commissioned to create four panels attached to the Welcome Shelter. FOIT is proudly referring to them as 'a new benchmark in educational signage'.
- Requirements for a stand-alone FOIT website has been scoped. The domain name inglewoodtriangle.au has been secured and Friend, Rhys Morris, is progressing design and layout.
- The year culminated with an event in December that celebrated some of these achievements. It was attended by over 80 people, including sponsors, politicians, neighbours, project participants and Friends.

Sue Campbell thanked the Friends for their various roles in enabling 2024's achievements. She also acknowledged the following non-financial donations in 2024:

- Brightwater for catering for the event in December.
- Jean Foster for two augurs that will help make holes for planting.

Sue Campbell's reported was ACCEPTED. Nil matters arising.

4.2 Financial & Grants

Tim Ryan (Treasurer) tabled the Financial Report.

- Report shows total income in 2023 as \$15,109.44, most of which pertains to grants and most of which has been expended.
- The closing balance of \$4,620.99 is mostly accounted for as it relates to grants.
- An underspend of \$939 in the Stronger Communities Grant (for the benches) is to be repaid to the Federal Government.
- An overspend of \$692 in the Signage Project has been met through reserves.

Resolutions:

i) That the financial report be accepted.

ii) That a Bank Account be maintained for the Friends of Inglewood Triangle with Bendigo Bank Bayswater branch and for the account signatories to be the 2024 Convenor (Sue Campbell), Treasurer (Tim Ryan) and Secretary (Rosita D'Adamo) with any two of three to sign.

iii) That the FOIT Annual Membership Fee be raised from \$10 to \$20 per year.

Moved: Christine Richardson Secoded: Danielle Brady

All in favour.

ACTION:

That a reminder be sent to friends and supporters about how to pay the Membership Fee.

4.3 Volunteer hours contributed

Tim Ryan tabled graphs showing a comparison of 2022 and 2023 volunteer hours. The volunteer hours contributed in 2023 was 1,470.75, an increase of over 500 hours. The spike of 220 hours volunteered in June related to the Mosaics Project.

5. Lead Roles in 2024

Nominations were called for Lead Roles and the following were accepted.

Coordination Team:

- **Convenor** – Sue Campbell (who gave notice that 2024 would be her last year).
- **Treasurer** – Tim Ryan.
- **Operations and Grants** – Christine Richardson.
- **Secretary and Friend liaison** – Rosita D'Adamo.

Communications & Promotion:

- **Newsletter and Facebook** – Bron Veale with assistance of Marie Yau.
- **Website** – Rhys Morris.

City of Stirling liaison – Coordination Team members

Weeding - Christine Allbeury. It was noted that Katheryn Dines, Adele Reygate, Marie Yau and Sue Waddell have keen interest in weeding activities. Opportunities are to be created for up-skilling of Friends in the weeds of IT and how to weed with minimal interference, so that there is a constant source of capable weeders.

ACTION:

Circulate weeding notes and the link to Jane Coffey's Guide to the weeds of IT.

Watering and Planting – Tim Ryan and Christine Richardson

Community engagement –

- **'Behind the Fences' events** – Rosita D'Adamo and various leads dependent on topic.
- **Perth College** - Christine Allbeury and Christine Richardson to coordinate with Suzanne Bushby.
- **Mt Lawley Golf Club** – Paul St Jack.
- **Inglewood Pre-Primary School** - Adele Reygate.
- **Brightwater Village** - Jean Foster.
- **Volunteer recruitment** – Vicki Dixon. There was a brief discussion about strategies for recruiting new volunteers and the effectiveness of the City of Stirling website.

Citizen Science Tree monitoring project – Rosita & Wendy

6. Urban Bushland Council

Resolution:

That FoIT maintain membership of UBC and pay the annual fee of \$60.

Moved: Rosita D'Adamo Seconded: Tim Ryan

All in favour

Resolution:

That Christine Richardson represent the FOIT at meetings of the Urban Bushland Council

Moved: Rosita D'Adamo Seconded: Tim Ryan

All in favour

Resolution:

That FOIT nominate Christine Richardson for the Chair of Urban Bushland Council.

Moved: Vicki Dixon Seconded: Tim Ryan

All in favour

Danielle Brady queried FOIT's position on the forwarding to its members advocacy information generated by Urban Bush Telegraph and WA Landcare Network of which FOIT is a member.

ACTION:

That FOIT newsletters include links, with descriptions, to Urban Bush Telegraph and WA Landcare Network.

7. 2024 Plan for Inglewood Triangle

• **Ecological Restoration**

- **City of Stirling Reserve Action Plan process** The City of Stirling (CoS) is undertaking a collaborative process with its Friends groups to undertake condition assessments of Reserves and create plans that will drive future CoS priorities. FOIT is hopeful that the condition assessment will show the extent of dieback so that dieback management will be addressed every year. FOIT has a new contact officer at the CoS, Jacob Long, in whom it feels very confident.

There was brief discussion about the application/relevance to Inglewood Triangle of CoS fire management strategies and use of glyphosate.

Councillor Lagan asked that he and Councillor Giudici be informed should any issues arise around the use of glyphosate.

- **Planting** Christine Richardson reported that we have 400 plants sourced from local provenance for planting in section B in 2024. Planting in section B has occurred previously but was not successful. After consulting with Mt Lawley Golf Club, we will use TerraCottem in section B planting and do lots of preparation of the soil. Of the 400 plants, 150 will be planted by Perth College kindergarten and 150-200 by Inglewood Pre-primary school.
- **Weeding** There was discussion about FOIT's weeding activities, the impact and the merits of various techniques such as steam weeding.
- **Equipment** Rosita D'Adamo reported that a Small Volunteer Grant will be used to purchase a box that will be positioned securely at IT to store existing items such as weeding knives, gloves, metho solution and new items to be purchased such as trowels and rain jackets.

ACTION:

Taps on water tanks to be replaced or repaired so that they are easier to turn off.

- **Citizen Science Project** Rosita D'Adamo reported that the trees in section B and C have been tagged. In section A only 1/3 of trees have been tagged and all trees in section D have to be identified, inserted in GPS, spreadsheet and tagged. The following Friends have offered to assist Rosita and Wendy with the Citizen Science project: Allison Bunker; Jean Foster; Adele Reygate and Jill Adams.

- **Community Engagement**

- **Behind the Fences Events** Rosita reported that a Small Volunteer Grant will allow FOIT to engage speakers to deliver on the following topics in the first half of 2024:

- E/Prof Lyn Abbott on soil/geology of IT;
- Dr Mark Harvey on spiders and scorpions of IT;
- Roz Hart and colleagues on the fungi and slime mould of IT;
- Johnny Prefumo on the turtle frogs of IT;

ACTION: Rosita D'Adamo to approach David Knowles about presenting on the insects of IT.

- **Perth College** In addition to discovery walks, weeding, watering and planting, Perth College kindergarten children will create a lizard lounge at IT in 2024.
- **Inglewood Pre-primary** Children will participate in discovery walks, weeding, watering and planting. Given the keen interest of IPS children in 2023 in the scorpions of IT, IPS will be invited to the presentation by Dr Mark Harvey.
- **Brightwater** Tim Ryan queried the City of Stirling's progress on enhancing connectivity between Brightwater and IT. Councillor Lagan advised that it is being progressed and that it had been the subject of an email last week regarding surfaces.

ACTION:

Tim Ryan to send an email to Councillor Lagan on this matter.

- **Communications:**
 - **Website** This is being progressed by Rhys Morris with the assistance of a website working group.
 - **Signage** A refresh of the internal signage, to complement the new panels at the Welcome Shelter, are the next priority and will be the subject of a community grant application to the City of Stirling.

8. Other business

- **Josh Wells' canvases** Sue Campbell raised that Josh Wells had donated to the FOIT 12 canvases of his award-winning photographs taken at IT in each of the Nyoongah seasons. The meeting made a number of suggestions, focussed on their use for educating the community about IT. Suggestions included:
 - Hanging on a rotational basis in the Inglewood Library;
 - Hanging them at schools, Brightwater and MLGC;
 - Seek advice from the Inglewood Arts Hub and any members of FOIT who are artists.

9. There being no further business, meeting closed at 6.30pm