



ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10am Friday 24th February, 2023

Meeting opened 10.00 am in the meeting room at the Inglewood Library.

1. **Present:**

Jill Adams, Christine Allbeury, Alison Bunker, Sue Campbell, Rosita D'Adamo, Stephen Lenghaus, Christine Richardson, Tim Ryan, Paul St Jack, Sue Waddell.

2. **Apologies:**

Danielle Brady, Jane Coffey, Katheryn Dines, Vicki Dixon, Jean Foster, Myles Harmer, Veronica Kurak, Bron Veale, Oliver Williams.

3. **Minutes of meeting of 20 January 2022** (uploaded to FoIT website prior to the meeting)

Confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Christine Richardson Seconded: Tim Ryan

4. **2022 Annual Reports**

4.1 **Achievements 2022**

Sue Campbell (Convenor) noted the following achievements in 2022. These are in addition to FOIT's core bush care activities that are attracting a solid crew of Friends:

- Behind the Fences events (in March and December) and Other events (dieback training and seed collection workshop).
- Seed Collection – the commissioning of NAMS to collect seeds from trees and plants in Inglewood Triangle (IT) is advancing our goal of local provenance. We will have tubestock to plant in Winter 2023.
- Degraded area in section D is being brought back to life through revegetation which was the culmination of a lot of work from removing and cleaning soil, weeding black flag and mulching through to planting an estimated 700 seedlings.
- The Citizen Science Project, which is monitoring the health of the trees in the Triangle, continued this year and its scope has extended to tagging of the trees with a unique number. This data is informing iNaturalist which is linked to the Atlas of Living Australia. It was agreed that this Project be the subject of an event in 2023.
- Welcome Shelter- Georgiou sponsorship was secured and the project shepherded through City of Stirling (CofS) requirements to construction in December. FOIT's community will receive a boost.

- Grants – FOIT achievements have been enabled by grant funding. Multiple sources including Local, WA and Federal Governments. Notable was a partnership with Mt Lawley Golf Club (MLGC), and supported by CofS, for WA Government NRM funding for collection of seeds and purchase of seedlings for both IT and MLGC. NRM funding also boosted our efforts in section D. A grant from DBCA was used for a Birdie Bush community engagement event.
- Communication by and promotion of FOIT has been greatly enhanced, with E-newsletters, E-alerts and Facebook posts.
- IT has been a source of inspiration; for the design and naming of houses in Brightwater Village; and two public art installations at Hamer Park.

Sue Campbell gave a huge Thank You to the Friends, supporters, partners and funders who contributed to a great year.

4.2 **Financial and Grants Report**

a) Financial Report

Tabled by Tim Ryan (Treasurer). Report showed a balance of available funds of \$382.25. A further \$6,000 to be spent on CoS grant 3 (signage and weeding) and \$20 on a pre-paid membership.

Resolution

That the financial report be accepted.

Moved: Tim Ryan

Seconded: Alison Bunker

b) Accounts

Resolution:

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 2023 Convenor (Sue Campbell), Treasurer (Tim Ryan) and Secretary (Rosita D'Adamo) with any two of three to sign.

Moved: Tim Ryan

Seconded: Christine Allbeury

c) Memberships

Memberships in 2022 totalled 27.

d) Grants

A summary of the status of grants paid to and administered by FOIT was tabled by Tim Ryan (refer to attached).

Christine Richardson reported on the FOIT grants auspiced by the Urban Bushland Council WA Inc (UBC). The 2021 Volunteer Grant of \$2,500 was expended on volunteer training and preparation for the Welcome Shelter launch. The State NRM grant of \$10,650 has been partially spent. Balance to be spent by August 2023.

Action:

That Christine Richardson liaise with Paul St Jack of the Mt Lawley Golf Club to progress expenditure of the balance of the State NRM grant.

4.3 **Volunteer Recruitment and Retention**

Rosita D'Adamo reported on the activities implemented in 2022 that were pursuant to the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention brainstorming brunch held on 27 February 2022. Activities have included:

- Humans of Inglewood Triangle series in newsletters and Facebook;
- Behind the Fence events in March and December;
- Changing FOIT Facebook page to a moderated page so that anyone can post;
- Conversion of FOIT Membership Application form to an "Application to join FOIT";
- Increase in the number and frequency of Facebook posts;
- Welcome SMS and email messages to new subscribers with offer of a personalised tour.

Despite these activities, the new members we got in 2022 primarily came through word of mouth.

Action:

Rosita D'Adamo to explore scope for on-line listing in SEEK Volunteering and Volunteering WA.

5 **Lead Roles in 2023**

The lead roles were confirmed as follows:

- **Convenor** – Sue Campbell
- **Treasurer** – Tim Ryan
- **Secretary** – Rosita D'Adamo
- **Volunteer Recruitment** – Rosita D'Adamo
- **Grants** – Christine Richardson
- **Communications & Promotion** – Bron Veale
- **Weeding** – Christine Allbeury
- **Community engagement** –
- **Behind the Fences events** – various leads dependent on topic
- **Perth College** – Christine Allbeury and Christine Richardson to coordinate with Suzanne Bushby
- **Brightwater Village** – Sue Campbell
- **Mt Lawley Golf Club (MLGC)** – Christine Richardson
- **Inglewood Pre-School** – TBC
- **Clean Up Australia Day** - Rosita D'Adamo
- **Citizen Science Tree Monitoring Project** – Rosita D'Adamo & Wendy Garstone
- **City of Stirling liaison**
 - Planning & site meetings – Sue Campbell, Tim Ryan and Christine Richardson
 - Operational liaison – Tim Ryan and Christine Allbeury

Action:

That Wendy Garstone be asked to take the lead with Inglewood Pre-Primary School.

Action:

That a FOIT WhatsApp group be set up to facilitate communication about ad-hoc extraordinary or cancelled activities.

6. Urban Bushland Council (UBC)

Resolution:

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

Moved: Tim Ryan Seconded: Stephen Lenghaus

Resolution:

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

Moved: Tim Ryan Seconded: Stephen Lenghaus

Resolution:

That FoIT nominate Christine Richardson for the Chair of Urban Bushland Council

Moved: Tim Ryan Seconded: Stephen Lenghaus

7. 2023 Management Plan for Inglewood Triangle

Sue Campbell facilitated discussion on the following items.

a) Revegetation Program

Local provenance seeds being collected by and seedlings propagated by Natural Areas Consultancy Management Services (NAMS). This year approx. 100 tree seedlings will be planted in the top end of section C, northern end of section D and a few in the revegetation areas. Balance of the tree seedlings will go to MLGC.

Approx. 300 plants from CoS will be planted by:

- Perth College, doing infill revegetation in the Tip, and
- Inglewood Primary School, in section D where we currently have revegetation in progress.

Christine Richardson will speak with Graham Zemunik about preparing the soil in areas to be revegetated i.e. dealing with dieback, and how to protect the seedlings.

When planning for the watering of the new plantings, it was suggested that one option could be allocating the care of certain trees to Friends.

b) Volunteer Recruitment and Retention

Rosita D'Adamo reported that she and the Convenor had developed a draft Volunteer Recruitment and Community Engagement plan, which, amongst other ideas, continues those generated at the February 2022 brunch. On the idea of regular letterbox drops, it was suggested that Rosita D'Adamo approach a local MP for printing.

Action:

Rosita D'Adamo to send via email a draft Volunteer Recruitment and Community Engagement plan to Friends .

c) Behind the Fences events

Sue Campbell informed that FOIT is waiting to hear outcome of a Volunteer (Small) Grant application from the Federal Government, of which \$2,100 is for the purpose of engaging speakers for Behind the Fence (BTF) events. This funding will come direct to FOIT.

BTF topics indicated in the grant application were the Triangle's soil/geology, insects, turtle frogs, fungi and arachnids. Other topics for BTF Fence events discussed at today's meeting include the Citizen Science Project and Bush Tucker.

Stephen Lenghaus suggested that BTF events be linked in/coincide with National Weeks or Days, such as Eucalypt Week and Pollinator Week, as FOIT could leverage their promotional opportunities.

d) Welcome Shelter

Jane Coffey has been engaged to design and produce the 4 metres-long educational panel that will be affixed to western side of the Shelter. The panel has been funded by the City of Stirling.

A request has been made to the City of Stirling to provide two bench seats for the northern and southern sides of the Shelter to facilitate access to the Shelter of people with impaired mobility.

FOIT is negotiating with Inglewood on Beaufort (IOB) to fund a mosaic project that will create a border on three sides of the Welcome Shelter. The mosaics will be made by students at Inglewood Pre-primary school and residents at Brightwater Village.

e) Perth College

In addition to watering, weeding and planting, in 2023 PC students will be creating bee hotels. FOIT are currently investigating the scope for some of these activities to be intergenerational, involving the residents at Brightwater Village.

f) Brightwater Village

Sue Campbell reported that FOIT has advocated to the CoS, and Councillor Sandri in particular, for improved connectivity between Brightwater Village and IT to enable access to the Triangle of residents, their families and Brightwater staff.

Staff of Brightwater Village have a Wellness Day on 27 March and FOIT have offered to take staff on walks through the Triangle.

g) Inglewood Pre-primary School

The inaugural program of activities with students at Inglewood pre-primary school will include discovery walks, watering, planting and the mosaic project. It is highly likely that FOIT will be required to have Working with Volunteer Checks to be involved in these activities.

h) Mt Lawley Golf Club

FOIT has proposed to MLGC that they partner in two weeding blitzes; one morning in June at Birdie Bush and one morning in May at MLGC at the corner opposite Sixth Avenue abutting the tennis club.

Action:

Paul St Jack to liaise with MLGC bushland volunteers to determine dates for weeding blitzes and advise FOIT

i) Clean Up Australia Day

FOIT's CUAD event will be occurring on Sunday 5 March from 8.00 to 10.10 am. Christine Allbeury will be Site Supervisor and five FOIT will be leading participants on five routes around Inglewood to collect litter.

Action:

Rosita D'Adamo to email CUAD event information to General Manager of MLGC and cc Paul St Jack.

8. Grant Funding of activities to implement the Management Plan for Inglewood Triangle

Grants being expended in 2022:

- Volunteer Grant, \$2,500, sponsored by UBC, "Strengthening Friends of Inglewood Triangle".
- State NRM, sponsored by UBC, \$10,650. "Consolidating an ecological linkage in inner city Inglewood".
- CoS Round 3, \$6,000, "Consolidating Inglewood Triangle Reserve's future as a biodiverse remnant bushland;

Grant applications submitted in 2022 and awaiting advice:

- Volunteer (small) grant, \$3785, weeding, watering, equipment and Behind the Fence events.
- CoS Operational Grant, \$1,461.
- CoS Special Projects Grant, \$6,000, Comprehensive Dieback Treatment and continued weed management.

Open and/or anticipated Grants:

- EOI for Stronger Communities grant through Patrick Gorman MP, for the purchase and installation of two benches at the intersection of paths in the Triangle and two benches at the Welcome Shelter .
- National Volunteer Week Grant through Volunteering WA, \$1,000, for an event on Sunday 21 May to thank FOIT. Meeting agreed that the grant be used to pay for a morning tea at IT Welcome Shelter, with coffees and cake provided by a mobile coffee van, and volunteers gifted with a tea-towel containing the FOIT logo.

9 Other business

- Rosita D'Adamo reported that Tom England at CoS has suggested that an insect survey be undertaken at IT in 2023, with trappings commencing in Autumn. Meeting agreed that this was a positive idea, with Tim Ryan recommending that the methodology replicate the one used for a study in 1993 so that a comparison of findings can be done.
- Bron Veale has asked FOIT to consider a relationship with Befriend as an avenue to attract more volunteers but also to support community connection and belonging. The idea was endorsed in principle but the meeting agreed that the Triangle's accessibility and facilities for people with impairment need to be improved first.

10. There being no other business the meeting closed at 12:00