

1989

**MINUTES - FIRST MEETING MOONEE PONDS CREEK COMMITTEE  
19 JULY AT OFFICE OF KELVIN THOMSON, MLA.**

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Meeting opened at 8.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Kelvin Thomson, Paul Kelly, Mark Bolitho, Fred Grubb, Clive Judd, Ian Woods, Bill Davis, Ric Williams, Lee Allen, Heather Pietrangelo, Saverio Truda and daughter, John Gertzakis, Maggie McLeod, Bela Bard-Brucker, Rob Hauser, Elisabeth Jackson, Arja Toivanen, Ray White, Mark Scida, Alex Smart, Kevin Sheahan, Rosemary Kerr, Wayne Harvey, John Eyries, Stephen Wright, John Stapleton, Russell Smith, Trevor Symons, Terry Mundy, Alistair Fraser, Allan Thomson, Geo Walker, Margaret Walter, Robyn Bennison, Tony Long.

**APOLOGIES:** Judy Allen, Geoffrey Allen.

Kelvin Thomson invited those present to introduce themselves and outline their aspirations for the Creek. Themes to emerge, points made and issues for future consideration included:-

- \* Treeplanting (especially indigenous trees).
- \* Cycle track and Orienteering course.
- \* Use of Creek by horses and/or powered vehicles (Bill Davis).
- \* Yuroke Creek (Paul Kelly).
- \* Beautification of bridge at end of bike path in Jacana Valley.
- \* Use of weedkillers and poisoning of vegetation (Mr and Mrs Truda).
- \* Remnant indigenous vegetation still exists near Union Street, Brunswick (Bela Bard-Brucker).
- \* Merri Creek experience can serve as model for this Committee (Cr. Elisabeth Jackson).
- \* Proposals for public golf course in Jacana Basin (Cr. Kevin Sheahan).
- \* Linear Park.
- \* Pedestrian Bridge crossings (Cr. John Stapleton).
- \* Proposals for Western By-Pass or Inner Ring Road (Russell Smith).
- \* Eventually removing concrete from creek bed.

**COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

The Meeting appointed John Stapleton, John Eyries, Ray White, Wayne Harvey, Allan Thomson and Fred Grubb to draw up proposals for a Committee structure and to present these to the next Committee Meeting.

**INCORPORATION**

Kelvin Thomson undertook to investigate incorporation of the Committee and to report to the next Meeting.

## LETTERHEAD/LOGO

The Meeting appointed Allan Thomson, Terry Mundy, John Gertzakis and Maggie McLeod to develop and report back letterhead and logo proposals. A design competition in local schools was suggested; Mark Bolitho offered to donate 100 tubes to the winning school.

## OFFICE BEARERS

Interim Office Bearers, pending incorporation, were elected as follows:-

PRESIDENT : Kelvin Thomson MLA

SECRETARY : John Eyries

TREASURER : Russell Smith

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Suggestions for the future included

- a history of the Moonee Ponds Creek.
- getting a list of indigenous plants. Conservation, Forests and Lands should have one.
- Maggie McLeod noted that the Melbourne City Council was looking at environmental values as part of its Olympic Games bid (the green ring of the 5 Olympic Rings) and was keen to plant along the Tullamarine Freeway.
- John Gertzakis (Project Officer, Area Improvement Program) referred to possible support from the Ministry for Planning and Environment. John also has skills in photography, Library displays etc which may come in handy. Kelvin Thomson and Russell Smith to be initially responsible for funding submissions.
- Robyn Bennison (Department Conservation, Forests and Lands LandCare Co-ordinator, Melbourne Region) described the operation of LandCare.
- Other groups we could put on our Mailing List include Northern Region Commission, Bicycle Institute, National Trust.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that Councils should be requested to host and resource future meetings of the Committee in rotation. The City of Essendon agreed to host the next meeting, and the City of Broadmeadows the one after that.

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24 August, at 8.00pm, Essendon Civic Theatre, Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds.

- MOONEE PONDS CREEK COMMITTEE -

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRUCTURING SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD OF TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST 1989, ESSENDON CIVIC CENTRE AT 6:00 PM

Present: Cr. John Stapleton, J. Eyries, R. Smith, F. Grubb,  
A. Thompson, W. Harvey, T. Mundy, R. White,  
J. Gertsakis.

Apologies: K. Thompson.

Criteria For Committee Members Selection

- Dedication to the Moonee Ponds Creek revival.
- Endorsement by organisation they represent.
- Commitment to a team effort.
- Availability for a 3 year term.
- Willingness to undertake tasks and share workload;  
eg; Membership caretaker  
Public Relation  
Action groups co-ordinator  
Community groups co-ordinator
- Ability to acheive tasks, goals and objectives.
- Generally be a "DOER"...

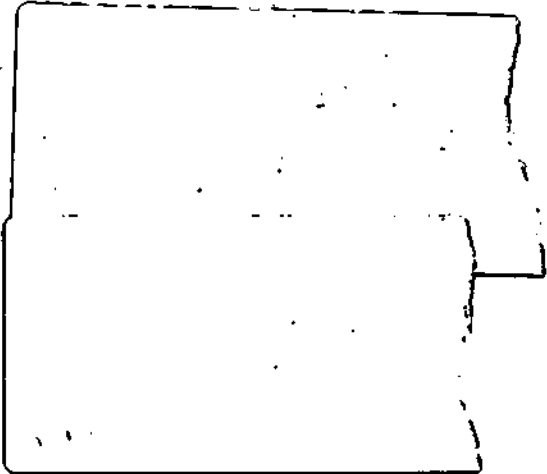
Other Points

- The committee must be incorporated.
- The committee should be flexible enough to allow for a door to remain opened at all times for new members from groups... organisations... and co-options.

**-STRUCTURING-**

OPTION ONE

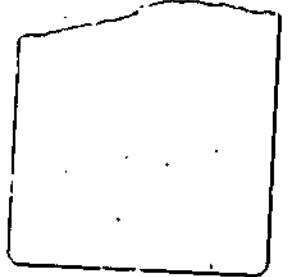
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	TREASURER	



Elected from within the Committee

Committee representation

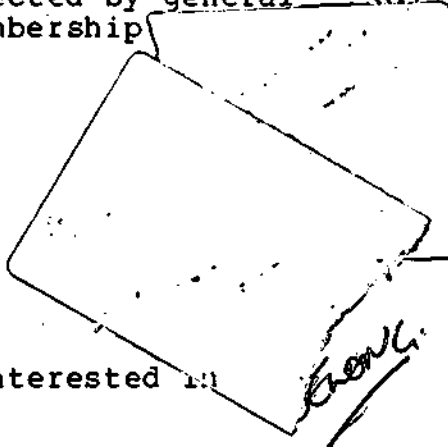
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- 3 1 representatives from each state government authority |
- 10 2 representative from each community based groups |
- 2 representative from "Friends of the creek"
- 29 2 representatives open positions for possible co-options



Elected by general membership

General Membership

Open to all organisations and individuals interested in "Friends of the Creek"



OPTION TWO

Executive Committee

- 1 President
- 1 Secretary
- 1 Treasurer
- 1 Representative from each local government authority
- 1 Representative from each state government authority
- 6 Representatives from community groups (maximum)

Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek

Membership open to all interested parties, involvement through sub-committee, co-option, working groups etc...

The Structuring Committee recommends the adoption of **OPTION ONE** (Drafted on the Merri Creek Committee Model).

APOLOGIES:

Sally Douglas (N.R.C.), Kevin Sheahan, Rosemary Kerr (City of Broadmeadows), Maggie McLeod (Tree project).

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MOTION: that Option One structuring:

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	Treasurer	

Committee Representation

- ~~Two representatives from each local government authority (council's)~~ *Not more than*
- ~~One representative from each state government authority~~ *relevant*
- ~~Two representatives from each community based groups having an~~ *Not more than*
- ~~Two representatives from "Friends of the Creek"~~
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General Membership

Open to all organisations and individuals interested in "Friends of the Creek"

*interest in the NPC*

*Not more than* ~~Four representatives~~ *members* of the Association, to be elected @ / AGM of the Assoc<sup>n</sup> each year.



GENERAL BUSINESS

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FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH AUGUST 1989

AT THE ESSENDON CIVIC CENTRE THEATRE

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PRESENT: Interim Committee: Kelvin Thomson President  
John Eyries Secretary  
Russell Smith Treasurer

MEMBERS: Phillip Neville Board of Works  
Lee Allen Householder  
Heather Pietrangelo  
Johnny Quinn Essendon Rotary  
77 Hoffmans Rd. Niddrie 3042  
Robynn Bennison Dept. C.F.L.  
Bela Bard-Brucker Brunswick City Council  
Alex Smart Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Sandy J. Alexander Glenroy District Scout Assoc.  
Cr. Jo Edmonds City of Essendon  
Rodney Goring 69 Darling St. Moonee Ponds  
Ric Williams 41 Fran St. Glenroy  
Elizabeth Jackson City of Brunswick  
Wayne Harvey City of Broadmeadows  
John Gertsakis MPE  
Ray White Oak Park  
Arja Toivanen Pascoe Vale  
Rob Hauser City of Coburg  
Mark Bolitho Westmeadows  
Tony Long Moonee Ponds Councillor  
John McDowall Park Ranger Essendon  
S. Lovell Park Ranger Essendon  
Allan Thomson Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Cr John Stapleton Essendon City Council  
Paul Kelly Strathmore Progress Association  
Terry Mundy Strathmore Progress Association

NEW MEMBERS:

Megan Rankin	47 Richardson Street Essendon	379 7438
James Alexander	District Commissioner - Glenroy Scouts	
	27 May Street Glenroy	300 1875
Brian Marks	8 Coral Crt Craigieburn	308 1102
Bob Durant	150 Mooltan Street Ascot Vale	318 2611
		ext 148
Bill Webb	15 Tate Street Pascoe Vale	379 5057
Cathy Webb	15 Tate Street Pascoe Vale	379 5057
John Shepherd	14 Manica Street W. Brunswick	380 8771
Lenore Hamilton	80 Holmes Rd Moonee Ponds	375 4312
Tym Barlow	Western Region Commission	



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**FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER 1989**  
**AT THE CITY OF BROADMEADOWS**

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Russell Smith Treasurer

**MEMBERS:** Bela Bard-Brucker City of Brunswick  
Alex Smart Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Rosemary Kerr City of Broadmeadows  
Phillip Neville Board of Works  
Robert Durant Flemington Association  
Ray White C.C.V. - Oak Park  
Joe Edmonds City of Essendon  
Terry Mundy Boeing Reserve Management Committee  
David Lloyd Greening Australia  
Allan Thomson Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Kelvin Thomson M.L.A. for Pascoe Vale, President  
Kevin Sheehan City of Broadmeadows  
Wayne Harvey City of Broadmeadows, Acting Sec.  
Russell Smith Treasurer

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Shane Cahill	C/- Leader Newspapers, 543 High Street, Northcote	489 2222
David Lloyd	C/- National Herbarium, Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra	615 4202
Dorothy Thomson	106 Derby Street, Pascoe Vale	354 5859

**APOLOGIES:**

Mr John Eyries (City of Essendon)  
Robynn Bennison, Department of Conservation, Forests & Lands  
John Gertsakis  
Councillor Elizabeth Jackson (Brunswick)  
Councillor John Stapleton (Essendon)

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

The meeting accepted the minutes of the meeting held at the Essendon Civic Centre on 24th August, 1989 as a true record.

Moved: Allan Thomson, Seconded: Bob Durant  
Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**OUT:** Nil.

**IN:** Keilor Plains Group - the group advised that they hope to have a member attend future meetings, and seek to receive copies of the minutes.

City of Brunswick - advising that Councillor Elizabeth Jackson is the Councillor representative for the Committee.

Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA Member for Pascoe Vale - detailing applications for funding on behalf of the Committee.

Moved: Kevin Sheahan, Seconded: Joe Edmonds  
Carried

**REPORTS:**

**Incorporation**

The Incorporation Subcommittee of J. Edmonds, R. White, R. Smith and K. Thomson met between the previous meeting and this meeting, and Kelvin Thomson presented a detailed background on the Incorporation document. See attachment for Kelvin's summary of his presentation.

After Kelvin's presentation, a lengthy discussion ensued. It was agreed that the Subcommittee would consider the comments made and refer any enquiries to the Office of Incorporation, after which the Subcommittee will circulate the proposed Incorporation document to the full membership.

Moved: Ray White, Seconded: Kevin Sheahan  
Carried

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

A Subcommittee made up of A. Thomson, J. Stapleton, T. Barlow and J. Gertsakis convened between the two meetings and arrived at a statement of objectives for the Committee.

Kelvin Thomson distributed and spoke on a ten-point screed of objectives. Lengthy discussion ensued, with particular emphasis centering around indigenous vegetation adjoining the Moonee Ponds Creek. It was agreed that the objectives were sufficiently broad to enable flexible interpretation and possible use of exotics in specific locations. It was ultimately moved by David Lloyd and seconded by Allan Thomson.  
Carried.

**LOGO SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Again re-iterated information that was portrayed at the previous meeting that the competition is to close on 31st October, and information on the entrants will be made available for the next meeting.

**APPLICATION FOR FUNDING:**

Two applications were made, one to Tree Victoria through Miss Robynn Bennison, which was to do with soil erosion circa Outlook Drive and had regard to the erosion of the embankment adjacent to the Moonee Ponds Creek and the significant weed growth in that general area.

The application sought to have one thousand trees planted, the trees with associated costs including stakes etc. totalling \$4,500. This application would require the support of the City of Broadmeadows and the MMBW to be maintained and effective.

The second application was to Voluntary Community Based, Conservation, Cultural Heritage and Environmental Groups Program 1989/90. The grant sought to secure \$3,300, the specific sites being Albion Street, Brunswick, where again a thousand trees were sought to be planted following site preparation and having regard to the ongoing maintenance of the trees.

It was moved Allan Thomson and seconded Russell Smith that the applications be approved. Carried

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**GO GREEN:**

Greening Australia representative advised that the North West Brunswick Primary School would be planting six hundred trees on 30th October 1989, near Moreland Road, Brunswick, at approximately 12.30. The MMBW had agreed to site preparation and weedmats being made available to secure the ongoing future growth of the trees. It was further advised that Taubmans Paints Australia had made available four hundred and fifty trees to be supplied to the group. The trees are presently in the possession of Go Green and awaiting a site to be selected.

The meeting agreed that the interim executive would be delegated power to select a site on which the four hundred and fifty trees could be planted. Sites suggested included the Strathmore North Primary School, the Strathmore High School and the Jacana Primary School. Scouts and other bodies within the general community may be contacted with respect to the planting of these trees additionally.

**CREEK BUS TOUR AND INSPECTION OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK:**

The attached itinerary was discussed at length by the meeting, and it was agreed that because of inherent difficulties in liaising with The Friends of Gellibrand Park and the short lead time to effect the tour on 4th November, it was agreed that the tour would be effected on 18th November, 1989.

Essendon Council was to advise with respect to availability of bikes that may be utilised on parts of the tour of the Creek. Essendon Council has previously advised as to the availability of a mini-bus. The City of Broadmeadows has advised that it could make available a 22-seat bus if necessary.

The Agenda is to be circulated to all members, and membership are requested to advise Mr John Eyries c/- City of Essendon on telephone 377 8830 by Tuesday 12th November 1989, to signify their intention to partake in the bus tour.

The Secretary will make the necessary arrangements with respect to the buses and bikes if possible. It was resolved that the inspection be a sight-seeing one only, together with a Bring-Your-Own Lunch which will be conducted at the John Pascoe Reserve, Frances Street Oak Park, commencing at 12.30 and concluding at 1.30 p.m.

Copies of feature articles that had recently been published in the Essendon Gazette were tabled for comment. It was resolved that a letter be sent from the Secretary to Shane Cahill of the Essendon Gazette congratulating him on the content and support shown through the articles. It was moved Allan Thomson, seconded Ray White.

Carried

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES:**

Russell Smith moved that letters be sent to all Local Government Authorities, with particular reference to the City of Melbourne, inviting them to contact John Eyries with respect to future membership.

**MELBOURNE STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK**  
**MELBOURNE'S DOCKLAND:**

Kelvin Thomson drew attention to a recent article, titled as above, in which reference had been made to the Moonee Ponds Creek upgrading. Allan Thomson tabled for the information of the Committee a publication entitled 'The Merri Path', a publication by the Merri Creeks Parklands.

**CLEAN-UP:**

Kelvin Thomson signified that the Committee may at some point in the future consider joining other bodies in having the Moonee Ponds Creek cleaned up at the same time as the Yarra River Clean-Up. Some additional discussion took place that there may well be a combined federal and state national clean-up of creeks and environs.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7TH 1989 AT THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK AT 8.00 P.M.

Attach.

MINUTES OF THE MOONREE PONDS CREEK COMMITTEE

FOR MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 1989

AT THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK

**PRESENT:** Interim Committee: Kelvin Thomson President  
Bela Bard-Brucker Acting Secretary  
Russell Smith Treasurer

**MEMBERS:** John Eyries City of Essendon  
Fred Tuininga City of Coburg  
John Gertsakis Ministry for Planning & Environment  
Janine McKay Resident/Ranger at Gellibrand Hill  
Peter Austra Resident/Ranger at Gellibrand Hill  
Paul McGrath City of Brunswick  
Phillip Neville MMBW  
Kevin Sheahan City of Broadmeadows  
Rosemary Kerr City of Broadmeadows  
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Association  
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Elizabeth Jackson City of Brunswick  
Mark Bolitho Resident  
Maggie McLeod Tree Project

**VISITORS:** Graeme Kelk Carlton Association  
Vic Marshall Keep Park Street Park Street

**APOLOGIES:** David Lloyd Greening Australia  
Cr. Ken Gross City of Coburg  
Arja Torvanen Resident  
Wayne Harvey City of Broadmeadows  
Colin Hall City of Brunswick  
Cr. Joe Edmonds City of Essendon  
David Lloyd Greening Australia  
Cr. Martin Brennan City of Melbourne

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Moved: Rosemary Kerr Seconded: Russell Smith  
Carried



**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION - Cr. Martin Brennan is to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

OUT: Wayne Harvey and City of Broadmeadows thanking for the use of the Bus and organising trip along the Creek.

IN: Men of the Trees

Tree Project - Advising - 1 Million trees to be planted in Melbourne in next 12 months.  
- Activities during Arbor Week.  
- 20th May 1990, planting day on creek.

Moved: Kevin Sheahan, Seconded Rosemary Kerr  
Carried

**REPORTS:**

LOGO COMPETITION - John Eyries reported that only one entry submitted and that he has produced some logos for consideration.

It was agreed the matter be left with the Logo Sub-Committee and that the competition be run into next year.

BUS TOUR OF CREEK - Kelvin Thomson reported on the route of the tour, commencing at Delhi Reserve at Flemington and ending at Gellibrand Hill Natural Park. It was apparent more footbridges/crossings are required across the creek. At Gellibrand Hill, the tour was shown examples of soil erosion. It also became apparent that a development/concept plan is required for the whole length of the Creek.

**APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

C.F.L. joint program - The meeting was advised that the applications had been sent out to Regional Managers. Ray White advised that the Committee had missed out on Tree Victoria project funding.

Northern Area Improvement Program. Kelvin Thomson advised that \$400,000 has been made available and felt it appropriate that the committee work up a program and make an application.

GO-GREEN TREE PROJECT - Should the Committee make an application.

It was agreed that a sub-committee of Russell Smith, Ray White, City of Broadmeadows Volunteer, John Stapleton and Kelvin Thomson would develop applications.

**DEVELOPMENT/CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE CREEK**

Phillip Neville - reported that the MMBW Waterways Program is preparing full concept plans for various waterways, although the Moonee Ponds Creek is not on the current program. The Board does have an inventory of maps as does the Broadmeadows, Essendon & Melbourne City Council's and a lot of the base information is already available.

**N.W. BRUNSWICK TREE PLANTING**

Kelvin Thomson reported that the day went off successfully, with good media coverage being received. The exercise was successful in encouraging an environmental awareness and congratulated David Lloyd and Go-Green on their efforts.

**MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL - \$15,000 for Creek Study**

The M.C.C. has allocated \$15,000 for a creek study in relation to the Western By-Pass route and the possibility of improving the route. This allocation could be a possible source of funding for the Committee.

**MIS-INTERPRETATION OF THE ACTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Russell Smith reported that statements made to the Melbourne Times Newspaper had been misinterpreted to imply the Committee felt M.C.C. was ignoring the Creek etc. The matter has been addressed.

**INCORPORATION**

Kelvin Thomson reported that the Committee is proposing to adopt the model rules circulated to members, with relevant changes.

The required 21 days notice of the intention to incorporate has been given.

The specific amendments proposed are:

Rule 11(1) - It was proposed that the 14 days notice not be mandatory. The advice received from the Association Incorporations Office indicates this can't be done.

Rule 19(2) - Can be changed as proposed.

Rule 19(1) - Have been advised that the rule on proxy voting can be removed.

Rule 19(2) - Voting can be removed.

All amendments should be placed on a separate sheet.

Phillip Neville advised the M.M.B.W. does not wish to be represented on an Incorporated Body.

Fred Tuininga queried whether other agencies are in the same situation. The Model Rules are not specific as to which Government Agencies are to be on the Associations Committee.

**RESOLUTION** The Secretary be authorised to apply for Incorporation with the rules as amended in the model document.

Moved John Stapleton Seconded Rosemary Kerr

Carried

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Strathmore High Tree planting - Taubmans Paints gave 400 - 500 plants for planting and the school agreed to be involved.
- Bike Path near Strathmore High - a sharp corner near the School is dangerous. Essendon City Council to follow up.

### General Business (Cont'd)

- Melbourne Olympic Committee - clean up day on 21 January 1990. Discussion ensued as to whether a Sub-Committee should be formed and it was agreed that an article would be published to see if there was interest.

### MEMBERS REPORTS

Vic Marshall (Carlton Association and Keep Park Street Park Street Committee). There is a natural link between the Merri & Moonee Ponds Creeks along Park Street and Royal Park. The link should be upgraded.

Graeme Kelk (Carlton Association) suggested that there should be a connection to the Creek at Jack Tripovich Reserve. Discussion ensued and the Flemington Association is confident that a pedestrian link will be created from Delhi court - Flemington.

Kelvin Thomson suggested that in the preparation of the management plan, links to other natural areas could be indentified.

Moved Allan Thomson, Seconded Alex Smart - Establishment of a link between Royal Parade and Moonee Ponds Creek be supported.

Carried

### CITY OF BRUNSWICK

- Jack Tripovich Reserve still being filled, to be developed for Club facilities and soccer.
- A management plan is to be prepared in conjunction with the M.M.B.W. for the area of indigenous vegetation at the end of Union Street.

### BRUNSWICK TREE GROUP

- Union Street site contains the only indegenous vegetation for some distance.
- Members have collected local seeds.
- Concern of public liability of members working in working bees.

### TREE PROJECT

- Organising a working bee during Arbor Week.
- Applying for funding from Go-Green Project for planting at Delhi Court.
- Difficult to get indigenous plants grown in time.

MARK BOLITHO - resident -  
Concerned about cleanaway operation.

### CITY OF COBURG

\$5,000 provided in 1989/90 Budget for trees planting to link up.

### FRIENDS OF GELLIBRAND HILL PARK

Register support for the Committee.

### C.C.V. - Oak Park (Ray White)

Suggested to apply to Bird Observers Club A.B.E.F. Fund for revegetation. To be referred to the Sub-Committee.

### M.M.B.W.

- Discussion ensued on Cleanaway Site. Will investigate and report back to next meeting.
- Rosemary Kerr - supposed to close mid 1990.

### General Business (Cont'd)

#### BOEING RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Hope to see the Creek maintained at least to current status.

#### CITY OF BROADMEADOWS

- Waiting to see location of Ring Road
- Development of Golf Course on the Jacana Basin with entrepreneur.

It was agreed the committee would invite Urban land Authority (John Lawson) to give a presentation on provision for traffic to proposed Roxborough Park Suburb i.e. E14.

#### KEILOR PLAINS SCAP

- Concerned about public liability for participants in working bees. Bela Bard-Brucker stated that advice received was that if the activity was Council sponsored on Council land, participants would be covered under Council's policy.

It was agreed Ray White would investigate the matter of Public Liability insurance and report back.

#### ESSENDON ROTARY

- 3 schools growing seedlings - alot of environmental awareness.
- How can they assist as part of trees for survival program. Suggested Strathmore High, Arbor Week.

#### PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS

Coburg City Council to be congratulated on the great effort in the Kelvin Thomson Park Development.

#### FLEMINGTON ASSOCIATION

- Small victory in having the Roads Corporation saying in public that it has no preference for the western side of the Moonee Ponds Creek for the Western By-Pass alignment.
- R.A.O.U. did not provide support for Environmental Effects Statement.

#### Kelvin Thomson reported

- Article in Broadmeadows Observer said N.R.C. support Moonee Ponds Creek as a regional park.
- Letter from Boulevard resident regarding black ducks breeding - has notified Coburg City Council.
- Article in Essendon Gazette on Tullamarine pollution problems.
- David Lloyd chasing up B.A.S.F. to sponsor Moonee Ponds Creek rehabilitation.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 22ND FEBRUARY 1990 AT COBURG CITY COUNCIL ACACIA ROOM 1ST FLOOR**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 10:00 PM**

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MOONEE PONDS CREEK COMMITTEE -

NOTES RE CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTIVES

During 1989 the Member for Pascoe Vale, Mr Kelvin Thomson, approached relevant authorities to generate interest in the revitalisation of the Moonee Ponds Creek with a view to the establishment of a Moonee Ponds Creek, Linear Park or Urban Forest Committee.

The very encouraging response to these overtures culminated in a meeting held at Mr Thomson's office on the 19 July. The meeting was attended by over 40 representatives of Local Councils, Community Groups and Government Departments, together with a very substantial number interested individuals and local residents.

Steps taken at that meeting included :

- \* The appointment of a sub-committee of six members to develop options for the Moonee Ponds Creek Committee using as a model, to some extent, the Merri Creek Co-ordinating Committee.
- \* Establishment of a sub-committee to design a logo.
- \* Election of an interim President, Secretary and Treasurer, pending formal incorporation, at which time office bearers will be formally elected.
- \* Delegation of representatives to consider possible funding submissions and sources of support for Committee activities.
- \* The City of Essendon offered to host the next Committee meeting, while the City of Broadmeadows undertook to host the meeting after that.

The Committee's second meeting was held in the Essendon Civic Centre on 24 August. That meeting was also attended by some 40 representatives of Councils, Community Groups, Government Departments and a substantial number of interested individuals and local resident.

Actions taken at this meeting included :

- \* The adoption of one of the options presented by the structuring sub-committee which will result in the committee being constituted in future from two representatives from each Local Government Authority, one representative from each State Government Authority, two representatives from each Community Based Group, two representatives from a "Friends Of The Creek" group and two positions to be open for possible co-options. General membership will be open to any individual interested in the Creek and general members will be referred to as "Friends of the Moonee Ponds Creek".

- \* Two sub-committees were formed to undertake without delay the incorporation of the Moonee Ponds Creek Committee and to draft a Statement of Objectives.
- \* The Logo Sub-Committee has established a Logo Design Competition to be conducted through Schools with prizes of trees and books for winning entries.
- \* A Bank account has been established with relevant signatories. An inspection tour of the Creek to cover the full length of the Creek from the City to Gellibrand Hill Park is being arranged.

So far, have had representation from :

- \* City of Essendon
- \* City of Broadmeadows
- \* City of Coburg
- \* City of Brunswick
- \* Ministry for Planning and the Environment
- \* Ministry for Conservation, Forests and Lands
- \* MMBW
- \* Strathmore Progress Association
- \* Moonee Ponds Creek Residents Association
- \* Pascoe Vale Naturalists
- \* Flemington Association
- \* Tree Project
- \* Essendon Rotary
- \* Glenroy District Scout Association
- \* Western region

Although the Committee has only recently been established, it is considered that with this extremely broad based community support, it has the capacity to achieve a quite dramatic transformation of the Moonee Ponds Creek area within a relatively short time.

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## ATTACHMENT 2

### PROJECT RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES

The Moonee Ponds Creek was once a charming and tranquil recreation area with natural vegetation and wildlife. Later, however, much of the creek - but not all - was concrete lined and straightened. Much of this "work" accompanied the construction of the Tullamarine Freeway. As a result, the Creek became a barren eyesore, and its earlier charm was lost. Over recent years, other rivers and creeks, such as the Merri and Darebin Creeks and Maribyrnong River, have undergone a transformation on the basis of intensive restoration efforts. The Moonee Ponds Creek, however, has been neglected, partly because the damage done to it was so great that, no doubt, many have considered the patient incurable. There has, however, been a fundamental change for the better in the MMBW's attitude towards Melbourne's urban waterways, in recent years, and there has also been a growing community awareness of the importance of Creeks as a potential green oasis in the builtup metropolitan area.

The particular site proposed is one where ~~the Moonee Ponds Creek Valley~~ the Moonee Ponds Creek Valley ~~is the city's major~~ <sup>is</sup> the ~~city's major~~ <sup>major</sup> area of open space.

Other positive features of the planting of this area are :

- \* It is well placed to act as corridor for wildlife, attracting birdlife from the outskirts of Melbourne and habitats such as Gellibrand Hill through to the City area.
- \* As a result of the establishment of a bicycle path along the Moonee Ponds Creek, there is already very substantial recreational use made by the local community of this area, and the benefits of its beautification would be appreciated by a large number of people.
- \* It, together with other planting projects along the Moonee Ponds Creek would have a demonstration effect in the Moonee Ponds Creek area, showing the potential of the Moonee Ponds Creek as ~~either~~ a linear park or urban forest, and encourage community support for the restoration of the entire Creek. The establishment of the Moonee Ponds Creek Committee and the considerable local media publicity it has received has given this area a relatively high local profile. It is important that this momentum not be lost, and that local residents see tangible projects and tangible benefits emerge from the Committee's establishment.

The project has received the endorsement and support of the ~~City of Broadmeadows~~ ~~and the MMBW~~ and the MMBW. It is proposed that the project would be carried out in close co-operation with these bodies and that they and the other resources which the Moonee Ponds Creek Committee has ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> used to ensure that the project is satisfactorily completed. The amount sought in the application is not intended to cover all

only substantial  
information left

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cities of Kasaan and Brinnick, who have responsibility for the  
western and eastern sides of the creek respectively.

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costs. It is envisaged that support from municipalities, the MMBW, community groups and interested individuals, who have expressed great enthusiasm for the restoration of the creek, will ensure the project's success. The City of Broadmeadows has set aside funds in its Estimates for 1989-90 for Moonee Ponds Creek restoration.

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## ATTACHMENT 3

### IDENTIFICATION OF TARGET GROUP

Local residents of ~~the Glenroyal~~ and users of the Moonee Ponds Creek path, eg. cyclists, will most benefit from the path. It is deliberately sited adjacent to a well-treelined through road, Albion Street, to generate public awareness and beautify the Creek. Plans to restore

### PROJECT PLAN

1. Site selection and preparation will be carried out in consultation with the MMBW, City of Broadmeadows, Ministry for Planning and Environment, and Go Green. Mr Tym Barlow, Ecologist for the ~~Western Region Commission Inc.~~
2. Local residents, and individuals and group who have expressed an interest in restoring the Creek, eg. Schools, Scouts, Rotary, etc. will be invited to participate. Publicity will be primarily through local media.
3. A day or days for planting will be selected according to availability of funds and site preparation support; anticipated to be Autumn 1990.
4. Planting will occur using volunteer labour and plants and other materials supplied from the ~~Special Project~~ Grant.
5. Follow-up care and maintenance of the sites is being negotiated with the MMBW and the ~~City of Broadmeadows and Councils~~. While local residents and interested groups will be encouraged to look after the plants afterwards, most experience is that it is unwise to allow too great a maintenance responsibility to fall on volunteers, and that the expertise and professionalism of the MMBW and Council will need to be used.

### MANAGEMENT

- A. TIMETABLE is subject to decision re funding, as specified above.
- B. PROJECT BUDGET. \$4,500 is being sought from ~~Go Green~~ as specified above. Other assistance is of an 'in kind' nature so has not been costed, but includes publicity, site preparation, tree planting and follow-up maintenance. This will be provided by the MMBW, ~~City of Broadmeadows and Councils~~, Kelvin Thomson, MLA for Pascoe Vale, and interested community groups and individuals.

### REPORTING

We have established contact with the Ministry of Planning and Environment and Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands officers, and will maintain this contact. We will observe ~~any~~ specific reporting requirements ~~asked of us.~~

### CONSULTATION

Has occurred with the City of Broadmeadows and MMBW.

## SELF-EVALUATION

Success will be evaluated against:-

1. Goal of re-establishing indigenous vegetation.
2. Generation of community involvement and public awareness of Creek and work of Committee.
3. Attracting volunteers both to help maintain Outlook Drive project and to work on different locations in other areas of the Creek in future.

## MOONEE PONDS CREEK

### INFORMATION TO BE CONVEYED

- \* Moonee Ponds Creek Association established approx. 12 months ago at meeting convened by me at my office.
- \* Has since become incorporated with formal representation from :-
  - Board of Works
  - Councils ( Essendon, Coburg, Brunswick, Broadmeadows, Melbourne)
  - Ministry for Planning and Urban Growth
  - Ministry for Conservation and Environment
  - many community groups - Strathmore Progress Association, Flemington Association, Pascoe Vale Naturalists, Brunswick Tree Group
  - Schools, Rotary, etc. are also taking an interest, as well as many individuals.
- \* Objective is essentially transformation/restoration of Moonee Ponds Creek - has been a 'Cinderella' compared with Maribyrnong River, Merri and Darebin Creeks, but its time has now come.
- \* Moonee Ponds Creek has seen a number of major tree planting projects in the past nine months - Brunswick Nth West Primary, Strathmore, Glenroy West/ Strathmore High School planned shortly, Boulevard in Pascoe Vale also soon.
- \* Next big step will be preparation of a Concept Plan for restoration of Creek; we already have \$25,000 from Northern Area Improvement Program to get the ball rolling.
- \* We are also taking interest in:-
  - impact of construction of Western Ring Road across creek in Jacana
  - impact of construction of proposed Western By-Pass at end of Tullamarine Freeway
  - pollution problems - sewer blockages etc., pollution of Yuroke Creek by Southern Paper converters
  - potential created by possibility of Melbourne hosting 1996 Olympic Games.
- \* You should ask me a question about ripping up the concrete if you want to spice up the segment a bit more.

KELVIN THOMSON

MINUTES OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MEETING HELD AT THE FLEMINGTON LIBRARY

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1990 AT 8:00PM

PRESENT: Cr. J. Stapleton (Chair to 9:00pm), R. Smith,  
P. Neville, F. Tuininga, J. Quinn, R. Williams,  
T. Symons, D. Lloyd, A. Smart, J. Eyries,  
Cr. J. Edmonds, D. Thomson, A. Thomson,  
Cr. T. Cahill, T. Mundy, J. Shepherd.

APOLOGIES: A. Fraser, Mrs. Northey, W. Deveney. + K. Thomson

INCORPORATION: Certificate of incorporation dated 19th February, 1990 was received and 15 financial members were present.

MOVED - D. Lloyd SECONDED - R. Williams that all interim office bearers prior to incorporation fulfill the roles of office bearers for the time being. CARRIED

National Bank Account Names to be changed to MPCA Inc.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. CF & L grant for \$2000 successful for plantation north of Albion Street both sides of Creek.

ACTION: Secretary to complete forms.

2. MCC Consultancy Study Brief received.
3. "The Other River" School Resource Kit received from A. Cremean.

MINUTES OF 22ND MARCH, 1990: Accepted with amendment (MOVED - F. Tuininga SECONDED - D. Lloyd) that secretary was to write to MPE requesting more time and the task force was to invite Vic Roads landscape planner and prepare submission.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Western By-pass EES initial submission was discussed.

ACTION: Task group to finalise and send to Chairman for proofing, typing and dispatch.

2. ACTION: F. Tuininga to invite appropriate Vic Roads speaker to next meeting.
3. Arbor Week sites had been identified north of tressle bridge (Melway 16D2) on the western side of the creek and at Strathnaver Reserve to share \$4500 funds application if successful (already recommended by Go Green to Minister for Planning).

**BUSINESS ARISING: (Cont'd)**

ACTION: Task Group to discuss future maintenance with councils.

4. ACTION: Logo Committee to take up T. Mundy's offer of introduction to free graphic art service.
5. F. Tuininga reported proposed \$5000 tree planting and railway crossing by ~~Brunswick~~ Coburg City Council.

**REPORTS:**

1. Outer Ring Road land fill nearly falling into creek and blocking bike path: Essendon City Council had resolved to approach Vic Roads.
2. N. Shepherd (Lecturer at Melb. Uni. Institute of Education - Phone: 344 8240) will be conducting survey of creek with 1st year Environmental Management students project, September 1990. Ideas are welcomed from members.

ACTION: Respond if you wish.

3. ACTION: Secretary to write to Vic Roads requesting planting and finishing of Outer Ring Road. MOVED - T. Mundy SECONDED - Cr. J. Stapleton. CARRIED
4. ACTION: M.M.B.W. representative to investigate replacement of boxthorns with greenery.
5. T. Mundy suggested social activities, walks, BBQ and creek watch group (for future agenda).
6. Broadmeadows City Council linear park proposal (for future agenda).
7. D. Lloyd clarified that Go Green's recommendation to the Minister for \$8200 combines \$4500 for Arbor Week with \$3700 other (2 projects).
8. Go Green's application to BASF for \$53,000 sponsorship of creek planting over 3 years may involve meeting with BASF managers and BASF employee involvement.
9. D. Lloyd had approached Vicpic (Prison Industries) for 1 year assignment of work crew to cleaning, maintenance and planting of creek.
10. Glyphosate was said to be the safest herbicide with no dioxin content. Glyphosate CT (conservation ~~killage~~) is more concentrated.

**REPORTS: (Cont'd)**

11. Northern Area Improvement Program (chaired by K. Thomson) has recommended \$25000 for preparation of plan in conjunction with \$25,000 from councils.

**ACTION:** R. Smith to follow up letter to councils already drafted.

*Support from councils needed.*

**TREASURERS REPORT:** \$54.00 cash in cheque account.

**NEXT MEETING:** Essendon City Council on the 26th April, 1990 at 8:00pm.

MINUTES OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.  
HELD AT ESSENDON CIVIC CENTRE  
ON APRIL 26, 1990 AT 8:00PM

PRESENT: CR, T. LONG, D. TUINGA, K. THOMSON, ~~J. MCDOWALL~~,  
A. SMART, J. ALLEN, L. ALLEN, H. PIETRANGECO,  
P. NEVILLE, D. THOMSON, D. LLOYD, J. STAPLETON,  
K. SHEAHAN, P. ROBINSON, M. KNUDSEN, P. GREIG,  
R. SMITH, R. WILLIAMS, M. BOLITHO, A. THOMSON,  
T. MUNDY, L. HAMILTON, P. LANSLEY, M. MCLEOD,  
J. GERTSAKIS, R. WHITE, J.P. EYRIES.

APOLOGIES: P. MCGRATH, W. HARVEY, J. EDMONDS, S. CAHILL,  
R. KERRY.

NEW MEMBER: PETER LANSLEY

1. WESTERN BY-PASS

Peter Greig (VIC ROADS) delivered a presentation on the western by-pass with particular emphasis on the landscape/recreation aspect of the E.E.S.

This was followed by questions from members of the association.

The M.P.C.A. (inc) Western By-pass submission has been finalised and forwarded to the ministry for planning and environment.

2. ARBOR WEEK - is to be held from April 14, to 20, 1990.

2 sites have been selected Essendon - between nursery corner and Strathnaver reserve Broadmeadows - near archery club north of the trestle bridge.

A meeting is taking place on Wednesday 5, May 1990 at 5PM. At Broadmeadows, between councillors and council officers of Essendon and Broadmeadows, to finalise logistics for the community planting day on these two sites.

Other planting days are being planned at Albion Street (funded \$2,000 by C.F.L) and Ormond Road (Maggie McLeod).

Publicity. In support of T.V and Radio coverage, the association will seek press coverage, plus letters to schools, community groups and local residents.

Go Green (David Lloyd) will co-ordinating the tree planting days and supply trees.

ACTION: Planting Sub-Committee

3. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted after the following alterations.

K. Thomson chaired the meeting from 9PM.

Page 2 business arising item 5 should read Coburg City Council not Brunswick.



4. Business arising from those minutes.

CREEK STUDY FUNDING

The Northern area improvement program recommendation for funding of a study of the creek has been approved and \$25,000 will be available for that purpose.

A letter to all concerned Councils will be finalised and sent requesting a joint funding of a similar amount.

The Board of Works is offering technical and administrative support. A steering committee will be formed.

ACTION: K. Thomson / R. Smith

5. CORRESPONDENCE

IN From Terry Mundy relogo from City of Essendon regarding ducks in creek.

OUT Acceptance of funding from C.F. and L.

A letter is to be sent to Vic Roads regarding the outer ring Rd, raising the following issues.

1. Soil fertilisation during construction as land full embankment is extremely close to the creek.
2. Embankment/Earth works are obstructing the bicycle path.

6. REPORTS.

TREASURER = interest bearing cheque account balance \$117, " 20 Financial members up to date.

MEMBERSHIP

Now that the association is incorporated, nominations from groups, association etc. for a representative member should be sought, as well as a copy of the constitution is to be mailed to all concerned.

ACTION: SECRETARY

ACTING POSITIONS:

J. McDowall will be Acting Secretary until J.P. Eyries' returns and K. Sheahan will be Acting Treasurer until R. Smith's return.

LOGO:

T. Mundy presented some logo proposal for consideration.

A copy of the 2 professionally designed logos to be mailed to the membership for comments.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**CONCRETE LINING** - The issue of the concrete lining of the creek was raised the creek study should allow for a technical assessment of the removal of the concrete lining.

**CITY OF BROADMEADOWS** - The City of Broadmeadows concept of a linear Park is in its infancy, so is the Jacana Golf course. Some informations will be supplied at the next meeting.

**The next meeting will be held  
at the Broadmeadows Townhall,  
at 8:00pm on Thursday 28, June 1990**

MINUTES OF THE MOONER PONDS CREEK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT  
HELD AT THE BROADMEADOWS CIVIC CENTRE  
ON WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY, 1990

PRESENT: Cr. J. Stapleton, R. Williams, D. Lloyd, A. Stracker, W. Harvey, J. Mc Dowall, D. Woods, R. Kerr, M. Bolitho, A. Toränen, K. White.

APOLOGIES: J. Eyries, K. Thomson, K. Sheahan.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Arbor Week Sub Committee; David Lloyd from Go Green Australia spoke on the Strathmore site which is ready to go following site preparations and weed control. On Sunday May 20th, 1990, from 10.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. there will be approx. 2000 trees planted and mulched.

On Thursday May 3rd, 1990, Andrew Stracker from Go Green will go out on site with a representative from Broadmeadows Council to mark out the site and calculate the amount of mulch required and look at restricting vehicle access. The ripping should be done by Monday or Tuesday approx. 1000 trees to be planted.

There will also be press and radio coverage on the 17th and 18th of May, in the daily papers listing the two sites.

School plantings will also be conducted during Monday 14th May, to Friday 18th May.  
Friday

David Lloyd spoke on local Councils, schools and community groups being involved in the maintenance of the planted areas.

MINUTES OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION (INC).  
HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH JUNE, 1990.  
8.00P.M. AT THE BROADMEADOWS TOWN HALL.

PRESENT R. White (Acting Sec), P. McGrath, D. Jeffery, W. Harvey,  
K. Sheahan, K. Thomson (President), A. Ryan,  
R. Kerr, A. Smart, E. Northey, R. Williams,  
R. Smith (Treasurer).

APOLOGIES T. Mundy, J. Sheppard, J. Eyries, F. Tuininga,  
D. Lloyd, E. Jackson.

1. Business Arising From The Previous Minutes.

ARBOR WEEK.

The two selected sites for tree planting were finished. A very strong community support at both sites allowed the completion of the projects. All volunteers will be thanked for their efforts. (action K. Thomson's office).

Essendon and Broadmeadows Councils are to be thanked for their assistance with technical support.

CREEK STUDY FUNDING.

All relevant documentation was forwarded to the Department of Planning and Urban Growth. Funds will be released once the funding conditions agreement has been signed and the project is ready for implementation.

- The M.M.B.W. is going through the process of approval of the study.
- Relevant Councils still need to be contacted and asked for a contribution towards the funding of the study.

MOONEE PONDS CREEK SURVEY.

The proposal by Mrs. N. Sheppard, tabled at the 29/3/90 meeting need to be followed up. This survey by 1st year Geography students from the Institute of Education at Melbourne University would be a worthwhile exercise.

Contact N. Sheppard phone no. 344 8240.

## FENCED OFF AREAS ALONG TULLAMARINE FREEWAY, BRUNSWICK.

It was proposed that a working group comprising M.M.B.W. Municipalities concerned have a look at this issue. (K. Thomson to arrange a meeting on site.)

## **B. REPORTS.**

Treasurer Russell Smith is unable to continue in his role as Treasurer. The new interim Treasurer is Kevin Sheahan. The \$2,000 grant from C.F.L. for Albion Street, Brunswick\Essendon, has been received. Planning of the tree planting at the Albion Street site will now start. Note planting has since been scheduled for Sunday, 9th September, 1990, at 10.00am. - 2.00pm. (K. Thomson to arrange on site meeting).

## **SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE.**

The college is keen to get actively involved in an improvement project near the school grounds. \$4,200 is left over from Arbor Week Glenroy planting, money held by Go - Green. (K. Thomson to arrange on site with Evelyn Northey. Sancta Sophia College, Broadmeadows Council and Go - Green to discuss a project south of the railway Trestle Bridge.)

## **BROADMEADOWS COUNCIL.**

Bike path along Yuroke Creek has received \$200,000 in funding. Broadmeadows is seeking funds for Conservation Strategy for the region.

## GENERAL BUSINESS.

- Edwin Wright, resident of Wallace Crescent, Strathmore, has expressed interest in the tree planting along Moonee Ponds Creek in his area. (K. Thomson to arrange on site meeting).

- Strathmore High School is interested in tree planting near Creek at rear of school.

- Vic Roads (contact Peter Grigg 860 2020) will be invited to attend next meeting to address Moonee Ponds Creek Association with construction of R5.

- Question re future of area behind Morgans presently being used as a rubbish tip. Wayne Harvey (Broadmeadows Council to investigate and report to next meeting.).

- Go - Green funds 1990-91: Russell Smith to prepare draft application for Moonee Ponds Creek Association planting towards Southern end of creek. City of Broadmeadows will also be making applications.

John McDowall will be Acting Secretary upon John Eyries return.

**NEXT MEETING**

8.00pm Thursday, 16th August, 1990.  
Coburg Town Hall, Bell Street. Coburg.

MINUTES OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.  
HELD AT THE CITY OF COBURG TOWN HALL  
ON AUGUST 16TH, 1990 AT 8.00PM

PRESENT: D. MULHOLLAND, R. WILLIAMS, M. BOLITHO, D. THOMSON,  
B. PLUMRIDGE, P. MC GRATH, A. SMART, E. NORTHEY,  
K. THOMSON (PRES), CR. A. INGHAM, CR. J. EDMONDS,  
W. HARVEY, J. MCDOWALL (ACTING SEC), P. WOODS,  
K. MATTHEWS (VIC ROADS), L. MC IHERNEY (VIC  
ROADS), J. SHEPHERD, T. MUNDY, D. LLOYD, R. SMITH

APOLOGIES: F. TUNNINGA, T. CAHILL, P. NEVILLE, S. SHAW,  
R. KENT, K. SHEAHAN, A. THOMSON

1. Western R.5 Ring Road (Broadmeadows Section).

Ken Mathers from Vic Roads delivered a presentation on the R.5 Ring Road, with the emphasis on Landscape/Construction main points were exotic species, rather than native species at the 3 main interchange areas close to residential developments. In between the three main interchanges there will be basically indigenous species of vegetation.

Questions were asked by members of the committee, with concerns of exotic species, rather than indigenous species with emphasis on indigenous species being planted around the Creek.

Concerns were also raised about siltation and scouring along the Creek. (Vic Roads to consult the Conservation, Forest & Envir. and also Board of Works).

Jackie Ross Landscape Architect (Vic Roads), to be invited to attend a future M.C.P.A. (inc.) meeting to explain Vegetation Selection.

M.C.P.A. will be looking forward to the opportunity of being involved in the tree planting along the Creek with community groups.

REPORTS

Discussions took place regarding the landscaping of the Moonee Ponds Creek, at the end of Union Street Essendon (at the bridge) (Melways Ref:29 - B8.5). Suggestions were to plant indigenous species and to relocate the cyclone fencing in the future. Vic Roads, to enter into discussions with the City of Essendon, on the possibility of leasing the land to the Council. It shall be put before Council, that the

City should undertake the maintenance responsibilities upon the lease.

Russell Smith, reported on a study for the City of Melbourne, of Bike Paths and Recreational Routes, extending towards Port Phillip Bay from Melbourne City Council end of the Bike Path, it connects on and off road through Flemington, Kensington, along the Moonee Ponds Creek, right through to the Maribyrnong River.

David Mulholland, City of Coburg, reported on the two tree planting days with community groups and schools to be very successful.

David Lloyd, Go - Green, spoke of 10,000 trees available for planting on the Moonee Ponds Creek. The Glenroy site was a great success and trees are available for enrichment planting in the future. David also spoke of Prison Industries Crews from Pentridge, working with a Horticulture Supervisor in general clean up and weed control along the Creek.

Direct seeding trials, some funding available for establishment along the Creek.

#### BIRD WEEK OCTOBER 22ND - 28TH, 1990.

There are 10,000 plants available for community plantings, along the Creek, 4,000 plants Glenroy site (Trestle Bridge area), the 6,000 trees remaining, to be planted along the Creek in various sites, suggested areas being: the rear of Wallace Court Strathmore, Pascoe Vale Road near Bell Street ramp Tullamarine Freeway and Horse Shoe Bend south of Trestle Bridge.

Sancta Sophia College, is interested in a tree planting day Glenroy site, mid - week during Bird Week.

#### LOGO.

Motion was moved that Eucalyptus leaf with the Creek running through be excepted. (Moved R. Williams \Sec Cr. A. Ingham).

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

Funding for the trees Albion Street site, Essendon and Brunswick \$2,000 grant from C.F.E.. Planting day September 9th, 1990 10.00am - 2.00pm. Essendon and Brunswick to contact David Lloyd regarding trees. Newspapers to be contacted two weeks prior to planting day.

The committee would like to thank David Lloyd and the Go - Green Organisation for all the work they have put in before and after Arbor Week.



#### AREA BEHIND MORGANS.

Broadmeadows Council has made representation to the owners. The owners of the site have made a presentation to Council to have the area re-zoned to residential. Broadmeadows Council to report back on this item in the near future.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

Wayne Harvey Broadmeadows Council, spoke on the possibility of a tree planting day in September. At the junction of Yuroke Creek and Moonee Ponds Creek, with support from the Office of Corrections.

Kelvin Thomson, reported on the onsite meeting Wallace Crescent Strathmore. Board of Works representative working on who owns what land and will report back the outcome. Planting has been suggested in the near future.

#### GO - GREEN FUND 1990.

As explained to the committee there will be no funds for urban planting projects.

#### CREEK STUDY FUNDING.

\$25,000 has been approved by the Northern Area Improvement Programs for the Concept Plan Moonee Ponds Creek. Letters have been sent August 16th, 1990. to the four municipalities: Essendon, Brunswick, Coburg and Broadmeadows, seeking a contribution of \$5,000 towards the development of a Concept Plan for the Creek.

The next meeting will be held at the Brunswick Town Hall,  
20th September, 1990 at 8.00pm.  
Creek

MINUTES OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.  
HELD AT THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK  
ON 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1990 AT 8.00PM.

PRESENT: J. MC DOWALL, R. WHITE, CR. A. INGHAM, P. MC GRATH,  
N. WILLOUGHBY, W. HARVEY, T. MUNDY, K. THOMSON, L.  
GARDNER, B. PLUMRIDGE, A. SMART, E. NORTHEY, R.  
WILLIAMS, R. KERR, B. JOHNSON, D. LLOYD, J. GERTSAKIS,  
R. SMITH.

APOLOGIES: K. SHEAHAN, J. EYRIES, W. MC CAUGHEY.

WESTERN RING ROAD

Jackie Ross (Vic Roads Landscape Architect) to be invited to attend the next meeting of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc. to explain vegetation selection.

MOONEE PONDS CREEK UNION ST BRUNSWICK

Conservation Environment and Planning and Urban Growth, community grants program possibility of funding for tree planting in the area. Kelvin Thomson to write to the people concerned.

BIRD WEEK OCTOBER 22ND - 28TH 1990.

Sites to be nominated by the next meeting.

LOGO.

The art work will be finished by October 1st, and letter head to be sent to the printer.

GO GREEN FUND 1990.

Funding will be available for urban plantings. Note corrections to previous minutes no funding available from Tree Victoria for urban planting projects.

## REPORTS

### Moonee Ponds Creek Recreation Study City of Melbourne.

Laurinda Gardner (City of Melbourne), delivered a presentation on the M.P.C. Recreation Study. The City of Melbourne is seeking comments from the M.P.C.A. INC. Sub Committee to be set up David LLOYD, Andy Ingham, Bill Johnson, Russell Smith, John Gertsakis. Date for meeting of the Concept Plan Sub Committee will be 7.00pm Tuesday 30th October, 1990 at the Brunswick Town Hall.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

- In Cities of Essendon and Coburg re: contribution of \$5,000 for Concept Plan. The matter to go before both Councils Budget Estimates.

## REPORTS

Cr. Andy Ingham (City of Brunswick), contribution of \$5000.00 to be referred to Councils Budget Estimates.

Community Tree Planting at Albion Street, was very successful.

Ray White spoke of a talk, Ian Morgan who is doing a catchment connection for the Victorian Farmers Federation and Conservation Council of Victoria on streams and rivers in Victoria.

Terry Mundy (Boeing Reserve), spoke of volunteers from the Sports Clubs for Tree Planting in the Strathmore area during Bird Week.

Wayne Harvey (City of Broadmeadows), Wayne to talk to David LLOYD re: direct seeding trials.

Evelyn Northey, expressed interest in next years Arbor Week.

Company Southern Paper Convertors were charged with offences in relation to pollution, which affected the Moonee Ponds Creek, the company was fined \$8000.00 to be paid to the Australian Conservation Foundation to restore the damage to the Creek.

Since the Australian Conservation Foundation, cannot carry out this type of work it was suggested that the City of Broadmeadows may get hold of this money, so that appropriate works may be carried out.

David Lloyd (Go - Green).

Applications for Go - Green funding close at the end of October 1990.

Greening Australia and Alcoa, there is \$12,000 for planting on the Moonee Ponds Creek and \$10,000 for direct seeding trials along the M.P.C.

Russell Smith to work up an application which would involve a tree planting project towards the Southern part of the Creek.

Suggestions were put for a seed collection day, possible Gellibrand Hill. Permit is needed. Freya Marriott to be contacted through Melbourne Region Conservation and Environment.

Flora and Fauna survey Go - Green has print out for these areas.

Rosemary Kerr (City of Broadmeadows) spoke of the affects of vandalism. Community awareness and ownership of the trees help to cut the vandalism down.

Bill Johnson (Board of Works), spoke on the Concept Plan. Meeting relevant Council officers 10.00am. Tuesday 26th October, 1990, National Herbarium.

Norma Willoughby (City of Coburg), expressed concern on dogs unleashed and the safety of the black ducks. Councillors and officers to make enquiries regarding the By Laws.

Paul Mc Grath (City of Brunswick), spoke of the planting at Albion Street, which was very successful with over 70 people attending, both Essendon and Brunswick planting sites approximately 1200 trees and shrubs were planted.

The Moonee Ponds Creek Committee, would like to thank the Cities of Essendon and Brunswick for the organisation and the technical support on the planting day.

Russell Smith, reported on this coming tree planting day on Saturday 23rd October, 1990 Brisbane Street, Ascot Vale between the City of Essendon and Tree project, approximately 400 trees and understory plants will be planted and mulched on the day.

### TREE PLANTING.

Russell Smith spoke on committment required from the Flemington Association and the Flemington Tenants Association for people who will be supervisors for the tree planting, so that an application can be made for future funding.

John Mc Dowall (City of Essendon), suggested an enrichment planting, nursery corner Strathmore for Bird Week.

Kelvin Thomson, spoke on a letter received from David Mulholland Acting Director Technical Services, City of Coburg re: 1990 bay, rivers and creeks clean up day on Sunday 18th November, 1990. The Cities of Broadmeadows and Coburg will be participating on that day. Kelvin Thomson to organise areas and letter drops.

BIRD WEEK 22nd - 28th October, 1990.

There are 10,000 trees to be planted along the Creek, there is an interest in sections along the Creek by residents. Kelvin Thomson to talk to David Lloyd about the two areas.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

A motion was moved that the City of Melbourne will be included in the Concept Plan, and a request for a contribution of \$5,000 be asked for. (Moved David Lloyd/ Seconded Wayne Harvey).

The Shire of Bulla to be contacted regarding Council representatives to attend Moonee Ponds Creek Committee meetings.

Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan Sub Committee to work with Bill Johnson ( Board of Works) ~~Board of Works~~ will be leading agency, Sub Committee will consist of Ray White, Kelvin Thomson, Andy Ingham, Russell Smith, Wayne Harvey, David Mulholland, Lois Binnie ~~John~~ John Phillips and Bill Johnson.

A meeting will be held 6.00pm. Thursday 11th October, 1990. Kelvin Thomsons office, 122 Snell Grove, Oak Park. Full Sub Committee meeting.

Annual general election possibly may be held next meeting, for Office Bearers

President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary .  
Members will receive written advise on the matter.

Next meeting on the 25th October, 1990 at the City of Melbourne New Market Meeting Rooms, corner Smithfield and Racecourse Roads, Flemington, at 8.00pm.

MINUTES OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
HELD AT THE CITY OF MELBOURNE  
NEWMARKET MEETING ROOMS, FLEMINGTON  
ON 25TH OCTOBER, 1990, AT 8 P.M.

PRESENT:           WAYNE HARVEY,           CITY OF BROADMEADOWS  
                  NICK GRAESSER,        CITY OF BROADMEADOWS  
                  PAUL McGRATH,         CITY OF BRUNSWICK  
                  CR JOE EDMUNDS,        CITY OF ESSENDON  
                  ANDREW STRAKER,     GO-GREEN PROJECT  
                  JOHN PHILLIPS,       CITY OF MELBOURNE  
                  BILL JOHNSEN,         BOARD OF WORKS  
                  EVELYN NORTHEY,      SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE  
                  KELVIN THOMSON,     MLA FOR PASCOE VALE  
                  RUSSELL SMITH,      FLEMINGTON ASSOCIATION  
                  ANNE CREMEAN,       RESIDENT OF ASCOT VALE  
                  MAGGIE McLEOD,     TREE PROJECT, RESIDENT OF  
  ASCOT VALE  
                  ALEX SMART,         PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS' CLUB  
                  RICK WILLIAMS,       RESIDENT OF GLENROY

Also in attendance were MS JACKIE ROSS and MR KEN MATHERS from VICROADS.

APOLOGIES:        CR WINSOME McCAUGHEY    MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL  
                  MR DAVID LLOYD         GO-GREEN PROJECT  
                  CR ANDY INGHAM         BRUNSWICK CITY COUNCIL  
                  CR ROSEMARY KERR      BROADMEADOWS CITY COUNCIL  
                  MR JOHN McDOWALL     ESSENDON CITY COUNCIL  
                  RAY WHITE

1. WESTERN RING ROAD - BROADMEADOWS PROJECT

After an introduction from the President, Miss Jackie Ross and Mr Ken Mathers delivered a presentation on the eight kilometre section of the Western Ring Road from Mahoneys Road to Sharps Road, and similarly gave an overview as to the development of the twenty kilometre section from Sharps Road to the Princes Highway.

E.B.C. Landscape Architects had developed concepts for the Broadmeadows Section. Following the presentation of the conceptual plans VicRoads undertook a review of the landscaping procedures in-house. There was general concern that many freeways in the Metropolitan area all look the same and have a sense of monotony from a driver's perspective. VicRoads on this project therefore wanted to establish a sense of individuality capitalising on existing and indigenous vegetation along the route.

Because of the number of radial connections c/f Pascoe Vale Road, Tullamarine Freeway, Hume Highway, etc, there is an opportunity for special treatment at each of these nodes by way of form and colour vegetation. The furthest advantage of this type of treatment would be to draw attention, by contrasting vegetation, to the fact that nodal points were being approached along the Freeway.

VicRoads advised that whilst no formal landscaping plan had been developed at this stage, plans were proceeding. Problems were being experienced in some areas with respect to steep batters (two to one) where VicRoads had conducted a series of trials for types of vegetation which would be suitable to plant in these areas.

Alex Smart asked a question with respect to the use of exotics with preference to Australian plants at the various nodal points. Jackie Ross advised that planning at this stage at some locations included the extensive use of scarlet oaks to provide a contrast with the balance of the landscaping along the route.

Russell Smith raised issues that were not necessarily related to a driver's perspective in regard to the landscaping along the route. These included noise and dust absorption which could be categorised as whole amenity issues, where people live, side winds, headlight glare, etc. VicRoads indicated their willingness to consider such issues.

Joe Edmunds raised the issue of concentration of noise at the top of mounds which he alleged from a recent American study indicated possible trends at variance with current theory in regard to the transportation of noise waves. Both Ken Mathers and Wayne Harvey indicated that current theory in regard to noise is that it travels in a straight line or line of sight and that all noise exposure forecasts have been carried out in this fashion.

Ken Mathers raised the issue of a model which is currently being prepared for the Jacana Interchange at the Moonee Ponds Creek. This model will be used for display purposes and will be brought along to future meetings of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association early in the New Year. Reference was also made to landscaping plans along the Tullamarine Freeway and their particular impact on the Moonee Ponds Creek for approximately four kilometres. Jackie Ross advised that, subject to VicRoads hierarchy approving same, in the future these plans will be similarly referred to the Committee for appraisal, however she further advised that given the fact that Melbourne will not be hosting the 1996 Olympics, there may not be further development beyond the conceptual plans which exist at this moment.

Kelvin Thomson took the opportunity of thanking both the speakers and looking forward to future meetings with representation from VicRoads.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### 2. MOONEE PONDS CREEK, UNION STREET, BRUNSWICK

Kelvin Thomson advised that he had written to the relevant people in regard to the Conservation of Environment, Planning and Urban Growth community grants, and the possibility of funding for tree planting had been passed on.

3. BIRD WEEK 22ND - 28TH OCTOBER

The planting of the City of Broadmeadows site upstream from the railway trestle bridge was being conducted on 28th October from 10 am to 2 pm. Council had worked with Kelvin Thomson MLA for Pascoe Vale and resident Mr Rick Williams in both preparing the site and also community involvement.

The meeting was introduced to Mr Nick Graesser who would be co-ordinating the Greening of Broadmeadows series of projects.

The City of Essendon advised that a future planting near the Nursery Corner to compliment Arbour Week Planting would not proceed at this stage. Some 660 plants had been procured from Go-Green to facilitate this project. Due to budgetary concerns little community notification had taken place at this stage.

Coburg Council was advised that no site preparation, due to an industrial dispute, had taken place at the Wheeler Street site, Pascoe Vale. However, a community planting day was scheduled for 4th November, 1990, where some 500-600 trees were expected to be planted. *a bit ambitious.*

Brunswick also advised that they propose to conduct a community planting day on 4th November 1990 at the Brady Street Reserve circa the Moonee Valley Racecourse. The time for this particular plant-out was between 10 am and 2 pm.

Andrew Straker from Go-Green advised that there were approximately 4,000 trees in credit and it was necessary for the respective groups to give consideration to the utilisation of these trees for future planting.

Paul McGrath raised the issue with respect to the fact that the Reggio Calabria Club Incorporated located at the corner of Brunswick Road and the Tullamarine Freeway, Melway Reference 29B9 had its great opportunity to be improved by extensive landscaping of indigenous plants from the Plant Reserve that the Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated currently had in reserve. The Secretary was to write to the Reggio Calabria Club advising of the Association's interest in the site, and seeking their views to future landscaping at the site.

Mr Kelvin Thomson raised the issue of the Coburg Office of Corrections being interested in assisting the Moonee Ponds Creek Association in future landscaping works.

4. LOGO

The art work for the logo was circulated to the membership to view.

5. MOONEE PONDS CREEK RECREATION STUDY CITY OF MELBOURNE

Following submission of the aforementioned study presented by Ms Laurinda Gardner from the City of Melbourne, a Sub-Committee consisting of David Lloyd, Andy Ingham, Bill Johnsen, Russell



Smith, John Gertsakis, was to meet to discuss the concept plan at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 30th October, 1990, at the Brunswick Town Hall, to discuss the concept plan and report back to future meetings.

6. MOONEE PONDS CREEK CONCEPT PLAN

Bill Johnsen circulated a draft brief for the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan which had been prepared by a Steering Committee, following discussions held at Greening Australia and a meeting at Kelvin Thomson's office. Bill Johnsen presented an overview of the prepared draft and following considerable debate on aspects of the draft modifications were considered in the following areas:-

(i) Study Aims:

Deletion of any priority listing of the specific strategies with an additional strategy of improving adjacent residential amenity/use of the creek as a buffer.

(ii) Issues to be Considered:

Separation was made of indigenous vegetation and remnant vegetation management, and there was additionally added removal of fences, access and pedestrian bridging.

(iii) Budget

The Shire of Bulla was added to the listing of municipalities funding the works. Given the shortness of opportunity to give specific comment to the draft, members were invited to contact Bill Johnsen within the next seven days to advise of any further modifications/variations to the draft. A formal draft for adoption will be presented to the next meeting of the Association.

Given the number of "technical representatives" serving on the Steering Committee and the preference for meetings to be conducted in the day, the community representation on this steering committee (see Clause 2 of Management of the Study) was held over to a later date.

REPORTS

Russell Smith advised that the Flemington Tenants Association would seek application for future funding to enable tree planting at the southern end of the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Kelvin Thomson raised the issue that 11th November had been set down as Litter Collection Day for metropolitan Melbourne, and City of Broadmeadows advised that sites in Oak Park and Pascoe Vale on the Moonee Ponds Creek were going to be treated on that particular day.

Kelvin to follow up the obligations of the Association with respect to incorporation and particularly the election of office bearers. It was proposed that the formal election of office bearers would be conducted at the next meeting of the Association.

#### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Joe Edmunds advised that he had heard that a concept plan for the Moonee Ponds Creek may have been prepared via an ~~Alice Stone~~ <sup>Ellis</sup> Scholarship by Edna Wallings. The meeting had no knowledge of this concept being prepared, however Bill Johnsen and other members advised that they would conduct some research into this matter.

Joe Edmunds advised that the City of Essendon would be seeking the removal of the Boeing Road footbridge over the Moonee Ponds Creek because of the vandal damage that had been occasioned to the assets of the City of Essendon in this general vicinity. Joe Edmunds advised that he felt that the vandal damage was being occasioned to the area by motor cyclists coming from the Glenroy and Broadmeadows area.

Wayne Harvey advised that the City of Broadmeadows would most vehemently oppose any moves to remove the pedestrian bridge from this general vicinity, advising that it had opened up opportunities for pedestrians to better utilise the facilities adjacent to the Moonee Ponds Creek in this area.

Maggie McLeod advised that the City Group had gathered considerable seed from the Gellibrand Hill and advised that this seed may be used in direct seeding trials proposed for the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Kelvin Thomson tabled two recent press articles that had been published in The Herald concerning aspects of the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Joe Edmunds advised that landscaping plans for the Strathnaver Reserve were currently being developed, with the possibility of some of the area being converted to wetlands habitat area. He further advised that the Skateboard Ramp would be retained in the area.

#### 9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Association will take place on 28th November, 1990, at the City of Essendon Civic Offices in Kellaway Avenue, Essendon; Melway Reference 28J6 at 8 pm.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
HELD AT THE CITY OF COBURG  
MUNICIPAL OFFICES, BELL STREET, COBURG  
ON THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 1991, AT 8 P.M.

PRESENT:	JOHN MCDOWALL	CITY OF ESSENDON
	CR ROSEMARY KERR	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
	WAYNE HARVEY	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
	NICK GRAESSER	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
	DOROTHY THOMSON	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
	DAVID LLOYD	GO-GREEN
	BILL JOHNSEN	BOARD OF WORKS
	KELVIN THOMSON	MLA FOR PASCOE VALE
	RAY WHITE	CITIZEN OF PASCOE VALE
	FRANK HERRON	CITIZEN OF BROADMEADOWS
	DICK PURCELL	BROADMEADOWS CLUB
	FRANK MCDONOUGH	BROADMEADOWS CLUB
	BILL SANDILANDS	BROADMEADOWS CLUB
	DUNCAN RUSSELL	BROADMEADOWS CLUB
	ARI SYARANAMUAL	BROADMEADOWS CLUB
	KEN JOHNSON	BROADMEADOWS CLUB
	PAUL MCGRATH	CITY OF BRUNSWICK
	CR KEVIN SHEAHAN	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
	CR ED HOCTOR	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
	ANDREW THOMSON	MELBOURNE/SOUTH YARRA GROUP
	JESSIE CLARKE	MELBOURNE/SOUTH YARRA GROUP
	JOHN PHILLIPS	CITY OF MELBOURNE
	CLIVE JUDD	STRATHMORE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
	ALAN THOMPSON	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
	CR NORMA WILLOUGHBY	CITY OF COBURG
	TERRY MUNDY	BOEING ROAD RESERVE COMMITTEE
	RUSSELL SMITH	FLEMINGTON ASSOCIATION
	CR JOE EDMONDS	CITY OF ESSENDON
	ALEX SMART	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
	MAGGIE MCLEOD	TREE PROJECT
	ERIC WARD	BRUNSWICK TREE GROUP
	ARJA TOIVANEN	CITIZEN OF BROADMEADOWS
	CR JOE MALLIA	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
	EVELYN NORTHEY	SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE
	LOIS BINNIE	CITY OF ESSENDON
	RICK WILLIAMS	RESIDENT OF GLENROY

APOLOGIES: NIL

Prior to the Annual General Meeting commencing, the President, Mr Kelvin Thomson, announced there were three specific issues with invited guests who were to be heard and considered.

The first group was led by Mr Frank Heron from the Broadmeadows Club, the second by Mr Frank McDonough, representing the Northern Cycling Clubs, and the third guest was Mr Denis Williamson from Scenic Spectrums.

I. MR FRANK HERRON addressed the Association on aspects of a proposal that the Broadmeadows Club had put for the City of Broadmeadows to have developed an oval of sufficient standing to permit senior football to be played on an oval to be established directly west of the Broadmeadows Club in Jacana. The Club had met with officials from the City of Broadmeadows and representation from the Board of Works early in the year at a meeting convened by the Hon Jim Kennan.

The proposal had been forwarded to the Board of Works for comment on the hydraulic effects the oval may have on the operation of the retarding basin and the alignment of the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Mr Bill Johnsen from the Board of Works advised the meeting that some preliminary investigation had taken place into the practicality of having formed an oval some 150 metres by 180 metres in diameter. He advised that technically there was no reason why the oval could not be developed within limits on the height below the high water level. However, Mr Johnsen advised that some 300 metres length of the Moonee Ponds Creek would be required to be re-aligned to permit an oval to be located in the area directly west of the Broadmeadows Club. The estimated cost per lineal metre to effect this re-alignment was placed at some \$2,000, ie a total cost of \$600,000, ie 300 x 200 would be required prior to the oval being developed.

Further discussion ensued in regards to this proposal, and whilst no conclusive resolution was formulated, the proposition would be considered in conjunction with the preparation of the Concept Plan for the Moonee Ponds Creek. However, it was quite apparent that the sums of money involved were a serious obstacle to this proposal.

Kelvin thanked the deputation for their attendance and invited them to partake further in the meeting proceedings.

II. MR FRANK MCDONOUGH, on behalf of the following Cycling clubs, ie

- The Coburg Cycling Club
- The Northern Vets Cycling Club
- The Preston Cycling Club
- The Italian/Australian Cycling Club
- The Brunswick Cycling Club
- The Footscray Cycling Club

submitted a proposal to include a road circuit for racing cyclists to be developed in conjunction with the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Mr McDonough advised the Group that racing cyclists, as a result of the growing population and increasing traffic, have had to seek permission to use roads or have been forced to travel long distances to remote areas to conduct races. He further added that it is the cycling clubs' concern for the safety of cyclists, be they racing or training, and he advised that they have had fatalities in the past.

He further advised that the benefits of a circuit for cyclists would include the elimination of cycle and motor car accidents, a reduction of the number of officials needed, less travelling and better facilities. Indeed, it would act as an asset to attract more people into cycling.

His Committee believe the Jacana Valley, together with the Yuroke Creek Valley, would be an ideal site to establish a five-metre wide by 15 kilometre circuit in the area.

Again, after some discussion, Kelvin thanked Mr McDonough for his presentation, and advised that the request had been sent to the Hon Peter Spyker for his consideration and additionally the Steering Committee for the Concept Plan would review the proposal. However, again on the matter of costs, it was felt that the development would be beyond the resources of both the Club and the Association and financial support would need to be forthcoming from elsewhere.

III. MR DENIS WILLIAMSON, Scenic Spectrums Consultant assisting in the preparation of the Concept Plan, then addressed the meeting. He advised that the scenic/visual analysis of the entire Moonee Ponds Creek had been completed and the recreational analysis was partially completed. The purpose of his address to the Association was to present a position report on the various aspects of his consultancy.

Denis Williamson then discussed the visual perception of the Moonee Ponds Creek, ie the width of the viewing corridor, and described the positive and negative features of the various stages within the Moonee Ponds Creek valley.

Broadly, the upper reaches were rural around Gellibrand Hill, the middle areas from Jacana down through Coburg and Essendon were essentially residential, with the downstream area in the City of Melbourne industrial.

The relative features were then described in terms of positive and negative features. Some of the positive features included the landform, the vegetation, water, culture and fauna aspects, where some of the negative features included channelisation, earthworks, building intrusion, power lines, etc.

Some of the areas had the potential for the establishment of wet land habitat and these should be protected and preserved for as long as possible.

The report was received and Kelvin thanked Denis for his presentation.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS( 1991)

The Acting Secretary to the Moonee Ponds Creek Association (1990), Mr John McDowall, advised that there had been only one nomination for the position of President, that being Mr Kelvin Thomson. He was duly elected to the position.

There was only one nomination for the position of Secretary, being Mr Wayne Harvey for the City of Broadmeadows. Councillor Kevin Sheahan from the City of Broadmeadows was the only nomination for the Treasury position, and Mr Ray White was nominated for the position of Vice President. Those personnel were duly elected to the positions to which they nominated.

All were advised that subscriptions for 1991 were now due, and Kelvin then offered a vote of thanks to Mr John McDowall from the City of Essendon for his assistance in the Acting Secretary's position for the majority of 1990.

Action. Correspondence. Sec.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of an Acting Treasurer, John McDowall advised that currently the Association's bank account had a sum of \$15,228.09 in the National Bank. Additionally, a cheque of \$4,000 from Go-Green was to be banked into the Account, and a further sum of \$25,000 from the Northern Area Improvement Scheme had yet to be banked in the Association's Account.

3. GREENING OF BROADMEADOWS REPORT

Nick Graesser presented a status report on activities to date within the City of Broadmeadows. With the assistance of the Office of Corrections, a series of works had been recently undertaken at the Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve upstream and downstream from the Mickleham Road reservation, as well as the maintenance of the plants in the vicinity of the Moonee Ponds Creek at Glenroy.

A direct seeding machine would be utilised extensively in the Autumn plantings and ground preparation for these works was currently under way.

It was moved by Kelvin Thomson and seconded David Lloyd that a letter of support be forwarded to both the Cities of Broadmeadows and the Urban Land Authority supporting the concept of the Greening of Broadmeadows and encouraging continuum of the funding for a further twelve month period.

Action. Correspondence. Sec.

4. 1991 URBAN REGENERATION GRANT (CITY OF BROADMEADOWS)

Both David Lloyd and Kelvin Thomson reported on the success of an application for planting of some 10,000 tube plants in the lower reaches of the Moonee Ponds Creek. Additionally \$2,000 would be supplied in cash form to enable these works to proceed.

The President and Secretary were authorised to sign on behalf of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association a grant agreement titled the 'Go-Green and Urban Revegetation Program 1991'. The Secretary to forward a copy of the grant agreement to the Melbourne City Council for their information.

•John Phillips advised that Melbourne City Council could supply mulch at identified sites, however 1½ months' notice was required prior to the mulch being supplied.

•John Phillips, David Lloyd and Bill Johnsen from the Board of Works would meet on site to both check on the alignment of a new sewer proposed and determine suitable areas for planting.

•The Melbourne City Council through John Phillips requested the Planning Department to co-ordinate the revegetation program in conjunction with a variety of groups.

•Russell Smith raised the issue of training of co-ordinators. Russell indicated that he would identify people who would be able to assist in the co-ordination of the planting days. The training of co-ordinators would be effected during the training for Arbor Week this year, being 13th to 19th May 1991 inclusive. Interested people willing to participate in the planting in the lower reaches of the Moonee Ponds Creek are requested to contact Russell Smith on 611 1698.

5. ALCOA GRANT

It was identified that some 4,000 trees and shrubs would be planted out in the area broadly described as the section of the Mobil Service Station downstream to the Bell Street ramps. The 4,000 plants are to be planted on the west side of the creek.

VicRail will pull down a cyclone fence adjacent to the area for planting, and the Essendon City Council has undertaken to do the requisite ground preparation required for the plant-outs.

The planting days are scheduled to commence on Anzac Day, 25th April, and conclude Sunday 28th April. Should there be any further work to be effected in the area it will be completed by local schools from 29th April, 1991.

David Lloyd is to co-ordinate the acquisition of a banner acknowledging the plant-out as the Alcoa Community Planting Days. A sub-committee will be formed under the chairmanship of Kelvin Thomson consisting of Joe Edmonds, Ray White, Eric Ward, Clive Judd, Andrew Straker.

6. It was moved Eric Ward and seconded Joe Edmonds that a letter from the Association be forwarded to VicRoads requesting that any surplus soil from the construction of the Western Ring Road project be incorporated in sound mounds adjacent to the southern section of the Tullamarine Freeway, where it is alleged that excessive noise measures are being observed.

Action	Banner	D Lloyd
	Sub-Committee	K Thomson
	Correspondence	Secretary.

7. TOUR OF METROPOLITAN SITES

Kelvin Thomson raised the matter of the possibility of the Committee undertaking a tour of metropolitan sites that had been co-ordinated by Go-Green. This matter was to be listed as a future Agenda item.

Action	List Next Meeting	Sec.
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## 8. CONCEPT PLAN REPORT

Bill Johnsen from the Board of Works tabled a report and presented a position statement on the various research stages of the Concept Plan development.

Bill Johnsen reported that the community consultation phase through the schools program co-ordinated by David Young was progressing in a more than satisfactory manner. It was clear that the children involved from some thirteen schools had identified the Moonee Ponds Creek as a principal source of recreation and importance in their lives.

Delays were experienced in developing the brief, however consultants have been invited to discuss the study and action should commence soon.

### 8.1 VISUAL ANALYSIS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

A workshop is being held on recreational opportunities and this aspect, based on the work of Scenic Spectrums, is proceeding in a satisfactory manner. Mr David Lloyd provided a preliminary report on the findings of the flora and fauna study, which included two species of flora of state significance as well as numerous other items of regional significance.

### 8.2 MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

A questionnaire has been sent to all land management agencies, however the response to date was poor, and land management agencies were urged to complete this at the earliest opportunity.

### 8.3 LAND CAPABILITY

A brief is yet to be developed. It is felt that components of the work such as erosion problems and tree planting potential require that this aspect of the research continue.

### 8.4 POLLUTION ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Carol Kunert from the Board of Works is undertaking this work and is currently having discussions with VicRoads and other areas of the Board to ascertain the existing information available.

An EPA register of contaminated sites is being examined.

### 8.5 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

It was reported that David Young had advised of the success of community consultation in conjunction with the schools' program. It was further reported that, following advertisements in several papers and extensive groundwork undertaken by David Young, approximately 600 children from some 13 schools have taken part in the Community Action days.



Geoghegan College in particular was extensively involved in the workshop. It was expected that some 2,000 people would be involved in the consultation process.

8.6 ASSESSMENT OF ALTERNATE DRAINAGE METHODS

The Advisory Committee considered it important for the concept to assess alternate forms of drainage treatments, and that these should be undertaken as an extension of the Visual Analysis work currently being undertaken by Scenic Spectrums.

8.7 TIMETABLING

Because of the additional work currently being undertaken, the meeting was advised that the workshop to discuss aspects of the Concept Plan would be delayed by approximately one month from the original scheduled time. The workshop at a location to be named will be undertaken on Saturday 4th May.

Action. Workshop. Date & Venue. Bill Johnsen/Sec.

9. INSPECTION OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK

It was resolved that an inspection of the Moonee Ponds Creek by bicycle be undertaken on Saturday 23rd March, 1991. The Bike Ride would commence at the pavilion of the Jacana Reserve off Lorraine Crescent, Broadmeadows, ie Melway Map 6 Co-ordinate E8, commencing at 2.00 pm, and conclude at the Reserve adjacent to the intersection of Parsons Street and Stubbs Street, Flemington, at 5.00 pm (Melway Co-ordinate 43 A1).

Action. All.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Eric Ward from the Brunswick Tree Group advised that there would be a plant-out adjacent to Union Street, Brunswick on the third Sunday in April of 1991.

10.1 OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO MOONEE PONDS CREEK  
BETWEEN MOONEE PARADE AND BRUNSWICK ROAD, BRUNSWICK

It was resolved that a letter be forwarded to Cities of Brunswick & Essendon urging assistance to have the removal of a section of chain mesh fence to better enable utilisation of the open space adjacent to the creek in this vicinity.

Action. Corr. Sec.

10.2 DOCKLANDS TASK FORCE

It was advised that the Melbourne City Council had made a submission to the Docklands Task Force. It was requested that the Melbourne City Council forward a copy of their submission to the Moonee Ponds Creek Association for their information. Further, that the Association should consider making a separate application to the Task Force at a future date.

Action. Corr. Sec.

Paul McGrath from Brunswick City Council advised that there had been no formal landscaping plan prepared by the Reggio Calabria Club, however the Club was required to submit a landscaping plan to the City of Brunswick. The Association requested that the Brunswick representation stress the desire of the Association that indigenous planting be incorporated in the landscaping plans.

Action. Sec. Carr.

Rick Williams requested information with respect to a stockpile of soil that was being deposited adjacent to the Trestle Bridge. Bill Johnsen advised that he would follow this matter up and report back to the next meeting.

Action Bill Johnsen

The meeting ended at 11.15 pm.

The next meeting was to take place on Thursday 18th April, 1991, commencing at 8.00 pm at the Brunswick Town Hall.

Enter under Portico in Sydney Road and proceed upstairs to Mayor's Room.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
HELD AT THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK  
MUNICIPAL OFFICES, SYDNEY ROAD, BRUNSWICK  
ON THURSDAY 18TH APRIL, 1991.

1.0 PRESENT AT THE MEETING

MR KELVIN THOMSON MLA	MEMBER FOR PASCOE VALE
MR JOHN SHEPHERD	SOUTH WEST BRUNSWICK
	RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MR PAUL McGRATH	CITY OF BRUNSWICK
CR ANDY INGHAM	CITY OF BRUNSWICK
MS MARGARET BAINBRIDGE	STRATHMORE NORTH PRIMARY
	SCHOOL
MR RIC WILLIAMS	RESIDENT OF GLENROY
MR ALLAN THOMSON	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
MS EVELYN NORTHEY	SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE
MR DAVID LLOYD	GO GREEN
MR BILL JOHNSEN	BOARD OF WORKS
MR JOHN PHILLIPS	CITY OF MELBOURNE
MR RUSSELL SMITH	FLEMINGTON ASSOCIATION
MR ALEX SMART	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
MRS BERYL PLUMRIDGE	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
MR NICK GRAESSER	GREENING OF BROADMEADOWS
MR TERENCE MULLANE	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS

The President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA, declared the meeting open at 8.00 pm.

2.0 APOLOGIES

MR WAYNE HARVEY	MR DAVID MULHOLLAND
MR JOHN McDOWALL	CR NORMA WILLOUGHBY
MRS DOROTHY THOMSON	CR BILL GARDENER
MR MARK BOLITHO	MR PETER PLUMRIDGE

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th February, 1991, were confirmed as circulated with the following exception:-

Page 3 Para 6 Line 4 to read -

"..... with the downstream area in the City of Melbourne a mix of residential and industrial."

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- .1 Proposal by the Broadmeadows Club for a senior football oval to be constructed in the Jacana Basin.

The Committee was advised that Mr Jim Kennan, MP, MLA, Deputy Premier, Member for Broadmeadows, has called a meeting to be held at 4 pm on Wednesday May 1st at the Broadmeadows Club to discuss the utilization of the area adjacent to the Broadmeadows Club building for a variety of sporting uses.

Discussion ensued during which the merits and negatives of the proposal by the Broadmeadows Club were considered. There was a general concern expressed by Committee members that any realignment of the creek to accommodate such a development would have an adverse effect upon the landscape significance of the creek valley in that area.

Cr Ingham moved, Mr Smart seconded

That the Association, being of the opinion that the Jacana Basin is of significant landscape importance, not give its support for any realignment of the Moonee Ponds Creek within that area.

Carried.

- .2 Proposal by the Northern Cycling Clubs for a road racing circuit to be constructed in the Jacana Basin.

The Committee was advised that the organisation known as the Northern Cycling Clubs has been renamed the Moonee Ponds Creek Road Cycling Circuit Committee and has submitted a revised proposal for a racing circuit now to be located along the Moonee Ponds Creek between Devereaux Street in the south to Johnstone Street in the north.

During discussion concerns were expressed regarding the exclusive nature of the use, and possible conflict between recreational users and competition racing cyclists, as well as the visual impact a path 5 metres side would have upon the Creek valley.

It was agreed that the proposal be considered as a possible use for the valley in the framing of the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan.

- .3 Greening of Broadmeadows

Mr Graesser advised that the community planting day at the Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve is scheduled for the 18th May, 1991. Preparation of the site was to commence on 22nd April.

- .4 1991 Urban Regeneration

Mr Smith requested a copy of the "Go Green and Urban Revegetation Program 1991" Agreement. Mr Thomson advised that the Agreement had been signed by himself and the Secretary, Mr Harvey. The Secretary to forward copy of the Agreement to Mr Smith.

Mr Smith circulated copy of the Preferred Development Concept Plan for the Creek between Ormond Road and the Yarra River, and described the concepts behind the proposals. Mr Smith extended an invitation to any person who could assist in the management of a site or in advertising the plan.

.5 Alcoa Grant

Planting days have been scheduled for Anzac Day, 25th April, and the 28th April, both commencing at 10 am at a site on the west side of the creek upstream of the Bell Street on ramp to the Tullamarine Freeway. David Lloyd informed the meeting that the banner had been prepared and was in place at the site.

.6 Tour of Metropolitan Sites

It was agreed that the organisation of the tour should be deferred until after the planting of the sites was well under way and the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept plan was further advanced.

.7 Concept Plan Report

Mr Johnsen presented an updated position statement on the concept plan detailing the current position of the various component reports. Copy of the summary statement tabled by Mr Johnsen is appended for members' information.

Mr Johnsen advised the meeting that the community workshop was scheduled for Saturday 25th May to be held at the Essendon Civic Centre commencing at 8.45 am. He explained that the timing of the workshop had been put back to allow an adequate time for the preparation and circulation of posters and brochures publicising the workshop, and to enable time for the component reports of the concept study to be presented at the workshop.

Discussion followed on the costs associated with the running of the workshop and areas where costs may be reduced.

Mr Smart moved, Cr Ingham seconded

That a letter be sent to the City of Essendon requesting a waiving, or a reduction, of their charge to the Association for the use of the Civic Centre for the Workshop.

Carried.

Concern was expressed by Mr Smith that the component reports were being prepared by the various consultants involved with no opportunity for the Association to comment at a draft report stage.

Mr Johnsen explained that it was the role of the consultants to prepare their reports providing professional advice within their areas of expertise. The recommendations presented in these reports would not necessarily be adopted. It was the role of the project manager to take the overview and to ensure that all aspects had been covered and weighted against each other.

Mr Johnsen further advised that the report papers would be available to members before the workshop and that the consultants would be available for questioning at the workshop.

.8 Assessment of Alternative Drainage Methods

There was extended and wide ranging discussion relating to possible methods of changing the nature of the controlled sections of the Creek towards a more natural character. It was generally agreed that the direction currently being pursued by consultants Scenic Spectrums and Neil Craigie and Associates was appropriate to the future direction of the creek's development. Mr Smith expressed concern that short term measures aimed at softening the visual impact of the existing concrete linings such as a series of weirs may be seen as contradictory to the City of Melbourne's Moonee Ponds Creek Recreation Study recommendations. However, the approach may receive support if placed in the context of a short term measure whilst the overall objective of returning the creek to more natural stream flow conditions is pursued.

.9 Inspection of the Moonee Ponds Creek

The meeting was advised that a highly successful bike tour of the creek had been undertaken on 23rd March, 1991. A suggestion by Cr Ingham that the tour become an annual event was taken up and agreed to. A proposal by Mr Lloyd that a tour be taken of the heritage sites along the creek was deferred until after the heritage report has been completed.

.10 Stockpiled Soil near Trestle Bridge

Mr Johnsen reported that the stockpile belonged to VicRoads. There appeared to be some confusion as to the material referred to, it being thought by some members that the material had been placed by the Board of Works. The matter to be checked.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

A summary of inwards and outwards correspondence was tabled for the information of committee members.

6.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

.1 Letter from Owen Street Residents' Group re: Land Movement, Owen Street, West Brunswick.

Correspondence from the Owen Street Residents' Group expressing concern at air and noise pollution, and vibration damage caused by vehicular use of the Tullamarine Freeway and suggesting a range of solutions to these problems, was considered by the Committee.

Cr Ingham advised that a problem also existed with subsidence of the creek bank caused by roadworks cut into the side of the bank by the Board of Works.

Cr Ingham moved, Mrs Plumridge seconded.

That the Association write to VicRoads and the Board of Works sharing the concerns of the Owen Street Residents' Group and enclosing copy of the Group's letter.

Carried.

.2 Melbourne's Docklands - Strategic Options

It was noted that the submission by the City of Melbourne pursued as a critical issue the need to more adequately provide for the completion of the ring of open space around the city, including the creation of a Moonee Ponds Creek wetlands park.

It was agreed that the Association should pursue the creation of the wetlands park.

Mr Smith moved, Mr Thomson seconded.

That the Association send a submission to the Docklands Task Force supporting the proposal of the City of Melbourne for the creation of a wetlands park on the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Carried.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

.1 Bike Path - City of Essendon.

The Committee was informed that the City of Essendon has scheduled works for the construction of a timber decking extension of the Moonee Ponds Creek Bike Path to connect between Kendall Street and Montague Street, Moonee Ponds.

Mr Thomson moved, Mr Smith seconded

That the Association forward a letter to the City of Essendon commending them for their action in constructing the link to the bike path between Kendall Street and Montague Street, Moonee Ponds.

Carried.

.2 Reggio Calabria Club Development

Mr McGrath reported that the club was required to submit a landscaping plan under the requirements of the planning permit for the development. He advised that the Club were agreeable to the concept of indigenous planting.

.3 Photographic Record of the Creek Valley

Mr Thomson suggested that a photographic record be kept of the creek valley tracing its redevelopment. The suggestion was taken up by the Committee with a request to be made to Mr John Gertsakis to take the photographs to record the existing conditions and future staged developments along the valley. Mr Phillips to contact Mr Gertsakis.

.4 Direct Seeding

Mr Lloyd informed the meeting that a direct seeding planting was to be tried in the Creek Valley by Go Green and the City of Broadmeadows.

.5. Yuroke Creek

Mr Mullane informed that a sum of \$500,000 had been allocated to the City of Broadmeadows by the Urban Land Authority through the Urban Infrastructure Fund for the development of open space along the Yuroke Creek. The allocation is for bike paths, tree plantings and landscaping.

.6. Rotary and Trees for Survival

The meeting was informed that Pascoe Vale Rotary had provided Pascoe Vale Girls' High School with trees for planting.

8.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 30th May, 1991, 8.00 pm. Venue - Flemington Library, 313 Racecourse Road, Flemington.



MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
HELD AT THE CITY OF MELBOURNE  
FLEMINGTON LIBRARY, 313 RACECOURSE ROAD, FLEMINGTON,  
ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY, 1991.

**1.0 PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

MR KELVIN THOMSON MLA	MEMBER FOR PASCOE VALE
CR ROSEMARY KERR	BROADMEADOWS CITY COUNCIL
CR KEVIN SHEAHAN	" " "
MR NICK GRAESSER	GREENING OF BROADMEADOWS
MR RAY WHITE	RESIDENT OF PASCOE VALE
MR RICK WILLIAMS	RESIDENT OF GLENROY
MR DAVID LLOYD	GOGREEN
MS EVELYN NORTHEY	SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE
CR JOE EDMONDS	CITY OF ESSENDON
MR TERRY MUNDY	STRATHMORE                      PROGRESS
	ASSOCIATION
MR ALEX SMART	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
MR BILL JOHNSEN	BOARD OF WORKS
MR JOHN PHILLIPS	CITY OF MELBOURNE
MRS SHARON KEPPEL	RESIDENT OF HADFIELD
MR ALAN THOMPSON	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
MR RUSSELL SMITH	FLEMINGTON ASSOCIATION
MR PETER LANSLEY	RESIDENT ASCOT VALE
MR WAYNE HARVEY	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS

The President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA, declared the meeting open at 8.05 pm.

**2.0 APOLOGIES**

MR PETER PLUMRIDGE  
MRS BERYL PLUMRIDGE  
CR TONY CAHILL  
MR PAUL McGRATH  
MRS DOROTHY THOMSON  
MR BILL DEVENEY  
CR BILL GARDNER.

The President, Mr Kelvin Thomson, warmly welcomed the new members of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association in Mrs Sharon Keppel and Mr Peter Lansley.

**3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th April, 1991, were confirmed as circulated.

**4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER MINUTES**

**4.1 A proposal by the Broadmeadows Club for a Senior Football Oval to be constructed in the Jacana Basin**

Wayne Harvey from the City of Broadmeadows advised that Broadmeadows Council had recently indicated its preferred option for development of the Jacana Basin. This option was to have a golf course constructed downstream from Johnstone Street to the retarding structure on the Moonee Ponds Creek. This information had been conveyed to the Broadmeadows Club for their information.

4.2 Greening of Broadmeadows

Nick Graesser, the Project Officer for the Greening of Broadmeadows, advised that the Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve was planted out with around 2,000 indigenous trees and shrubs on 18th May, 1991. This area was done with the help of local schools including -

Sancta Sophia College  
Glenroy Technical School  
Oak Park Primary School  
Glenroy West Primary School  
Oak Park Primary School  
Glenroy West Primary School  
Tenth Glenroy Cub Scouts.

A Community Planting Day was also held on the site to plant out the remaining areas. As a result of this Planting Day, Council in the interests of the park, has resulted in money being made available for cleaning up of certain areas of the park. A budget for the proposed works is currently being devised.

Other plantings along the creek have included Office of Correction plantings of around 1,000 indigenous shrubs in the Willowbrook Reserve and Attwood Creek, a tributary of the Moonee Ponds Creek. Various maintenance activities have been carried out on previous plantings.

4.3 Office-of-Corrections

Mr Wayne Harvey advised that the Hon Mal Sandon, Minister for Police and Corrective Services, was to commemorate the involvement of the Office of Corrections in the Greening of Broadmeadows Project by placing a plaque at the junction of the Yuroke and Moonee Ponds Creeks on Friday 14th June, 1991.

4.4 1991 Urban Regeneration

Russell Smith presented a position statement on the project to date. Some reservation was expressed with respect to difficulties being experienced in liaising with the Melbourne City Council. However, it was agreed that this matter would be resolved. Some difficulty was being experienced in the Fran Street Drain area in that much of the planting and preparation for planting had to be done with hand augering. The areas north of the City of Melbourne boundary would be co-ordinated by Councillor Andy Ingham from the City of Brunswick.

4.5 The Alcoa Grant

Mr Kelvin Thomson advised of the success of the planting days conducted on 25th and 28th April, 1991. The plantings, which resulted in some 3,000 trees being planted, was very successful and the Association recognises the support given by -

The Australian Trust for Volunteers  
The two schools which were actively involved  
The Office of Corrections  
Essendon City Council and  
GoGreen.

4.6 Photographic Record of the Creek Valley

Previous meetings have suggested that a photographic record be kept of the creek valley tracing its redevelopment. The suggestion was taken up by the Committee and it was agreed that David Lloyd would contact Mr John Gertsakis to take the photographs to record the existing conditions and future stage developments along the valley.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

A summary of inwards and outwards correspondence was tabled for the information of Committee members.

6.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Letter to the Essendon City Council

Mr Bill Johnsen from the Board of Works advised that the Essendon City Council had agreed to waive in the order of \$700-\$900 of the expenses associated with the Concept Plan Workshop held at the City of Essendon on 25th May, 1991. It was moved Mr Bill Johnsen and seconded Alec Smart that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Essendon City Council for their generosity in waiving part of the costs associated with the Workshop. Carried.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Concept Plan

Mr Bill Johnsen explained that the Workshop conducted on 25th May, 1991, at the City of Essendon, was extremely successful and that some seventy people attended the Workshop. Mr Johnsen distributed to the meeting a summary of the day's proceedings. He further advised that Denis Williams from Scenic Spectrums had subdivided the creek into ten reaches or sectors. Mr Johnsen advised that these reaches would form the framework upon which land management and recreational development for each sector was to be devised. Action plans were to be prepared between the respective Councils and Board of Works in the not-too-distant future for each of these sectors.

7.2 Melbourne's Docklands/Strategic Options

Mr Alex Smart advised the meeting that following the Concept Plan Workshop some urgency was required in making further submissions to the Docklands Task Force supporting the proposal of the City of Broadmeadows for the creation of a Wetlands Park on the Moonee Ponds Creek.

There was an extended wide-ranging discussion relating to the possible methods of effectively getting the Association's message to the Deputy Premier, Mr Jim Kennan, the Port of Melbourne Authority, and the Docklands Task Force. It was moved Alex Smart, seconded Kevin Sheahan, that the Association send a letter of support to the City of Melbourne's proposal of a Wetlands Park on the Moonee Ponds Creek to the Deputy Premier, the Hon Jim Kennan. Additionally, it was moved that deputations involving experts engaged by the Board of Works in the preparation of a Concept Plan, ie Mr Denis Williamson from Scenic Spectrums and David Lloyd from GoGreen, together with other interested Association members, the Docklands Task Force and the Port of Melbourne Authority. Carried.

Action: Membership to contact the Secretary as soon as possible with respect to participating in the Deputation and letter to be forwarded to the Deputy Premier, the Hon Jim Kennan MLA for Broadmeadows.

7.3 The Shire of Bulla

It was moved Kevin Sheahan, seconded Cr Rosemary Kerr, that a further invitation be extended to the Shire of Bulla seeking their membership to the Association, and that all subsequent minutes of the Association be forwarded to the Shire together with copies of the Concept Plan for the Moonee Ponds Creek. This motion was carried.

7.4 Archaeological and Historical Survey

Ms Evelyn Northey commented on the number of aboriginal sites that had been detected along the various sections of the Moonee Ponds Creek. Ms Northey enquired as to whether any member of the Wurundgeri aboriginal clan had commented on the archaeological and historical survey. David Lloyd was to enquire as to whether Fiona Weaver or Leigh McKenzie had spoken to any of the Wurundgeri clan. Ms Northey further advised that there was a need to promote by either newsletter or better use of local papers to promote the Concept Plan. It was decided that promotion of the Draft Concept Plan be referred to a future meeting of the Association.

Action: David Lloyd to contact Fiona Weaver and the Secretary to list promotion of the draft Concept Plan to a future meeting.

7.5 Open Space 2000

Lengthy discussion ensued with respect to possible sources of funds that the Association may be able to apply for to secure future works adjacent to the Moonee Ponds Creek.

It was moved Mr Thomson and seconded by Cr Kerr that the Association make application to the Board of Works for the following works:-

Signage associated with the Moonee Ponds Creek and Bike Paths \$10,000.00

Removal of Fencing to make the Creek more accessible in various locations \$20,000.00

Construction of a number of weirs below Brunswick Road \$40,000.00

Laying back the banks of the Moonee Ponds Creek downstream from the Retarding Basin adjacent to the railway trestle bridge \$20,000.00

The meeting was further advised that separate application had been made for funding to permit tree planting along the Moonee Ponds Creek to the value of \$10,000.00. The motion was carried and submission of the action is required. Bill Johnsen from the Board of Works and the Secretary to prepare submissions.

Further discussion ensued with respect to the \$40,000 allocated to the test section of weirs and the appropriateness or otherwise of this test section being undertaken in the vicinity of the Brunswick Road section of the Moonee Ponds Creek.

7.6 Reggio Calabria Club Development

The [City of Brunswick was requested at the next meeting to advise the Association of the time limits and the matters pertaining to the landscaping requirements pursuant to the Town Planning Permit for the development.

Action: Paul McGrath, City of Brunswick.

7.7 Tour of Metropolitan Sites

It was agreed that the Organisation should conduct a tour of Metropolitan sites having relevance to future development on the Moonee Ponds Creek. Some of the suggested sites included Scotchman's Creek, Gardiner's Creek and wetland development within the Sandown Racing Course.

7.8 Plantings Upstream from the Railway Trestle Bridge, Glenroy

Rick Williams raised the matter that some of the trees that were planted out during Bird Week and Arbour Week celebrations last year were subject to some stress, and in some instances had died. Nick Graesser from the Greening of Broadmeadows project advised that there had been some problem with overspray in the use of herbicides in the area and perhaps the mulch had been somewhat of a problem in some instances. The Office of Corrections had been engaged to infill and maintain these areas in the not too distant future.

**8.0 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer presented two financial statements, one being from March/April 1991, wherein the balance brought forward was \$10,227.94. At the conclusion of the month's transactions the final balance as at 18th April, 1991, stood at \$24,296.89. The Treasurer referred a report for the period covering April/May 1991 with an opening balance as at 19th April, 1991, of \$24,296.89 and at the conclusion of the period the balance as per statement issued on 29th May, 1991, was \$12,411.86.

Moved Cr Edmonds, seconded Alex Smart, that the report be received. Carried.

**9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 29th June, 1991, at 8.00 pm. Venue - the Mayoral area, City of Essendon, Pascoe Vale Road, Moonee Ponds.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
HELD AT THE MAYORAL AREA, ESSENDON CIVIC CENTRE  
PASCOE VALE ROAD, ESSENDON,  
ON THURSDAY 25TH JULY, 1991.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

MR KELVIN THOMSON MLA	MEMBER FOR PASCOE VALE
CR ROSEMARY KERR	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
MR RAY WHITE	RESIDENT OF GLENROY
MR BILL JOHNSEN	BOARD OF WORKS
MISS LOIS BINNIE	CITY OF ESSENDON
MRS SHARON KEPPEL	RESIDENT OF HADFIELD
MS ANN CREMEAN	RESIDENT OF ASCOT VALE
MR JOHN McDOWELL	CITY OF ESSENDON
MS EVELYN NORTHEY	SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE
MR PAUL McGRATH	CITY OF BRUNSWICK
MR RICK WILLIAMS	RESIDENT OF GLENROY
MR NICK GRAESSER	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
MS JO CONNELLAN	CITY OF BRUNSWICK
MR ALEX SMART	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
MR JOHN PHILLIPS	CITY OF MELBOURNE
MR RUSSELL SMITH	FLEMINGTON ASSOCIATION
MR ALLAN THOMSON	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
MR PETER PLUMRIDGE	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
MR JOE EDMONDS	CITY OF ESSENDON
MR WAYNE HARVEY	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
MR MARK BOLITHO	RESIDENT OF WESTMEADOWS

The President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA, declared the meeting open at 8.05 pm.

1.0 APOLOGIES

MRS BERYL PLUMRIDGE	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
CR KEVIN SHEAHAN	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th May, 1991, were confirmed with the following variations:

Under General Business, 7.2, in lieu of 'City of Broadmeadows', substitute 'City of Melbourne'.

Under 9.0 Date of Next Meeting, in lieu of '29th June' substitute '25th July, 1991'.

3.0 MELBOURNE'S DOCKLANDS DEVELOPMENT

The President, Mr Kelvin Thomson, warmly welcomed Ms Helen Davies, Director of the Docklands Task Force, and Mr Jim Holdsworth of the Planning Collaborative.

Ms Davies advised that the Docklands Task Force reported directly to Cabinet via the Hon David White, Minister for Industry and Manufacturing Development, on a wide ranging agenda. The greater dockland area occupies some 21 square kilometres in area. Ms Davies then advised the strategic timetabling relevant to the Docklands Task Force.

In summary, the key dates are set out below:

By mid August a Draft Strategy was prepared by the Docklands Task Force for Cabinet's consideration.

In early September there is to be an official launch of a Draft Strategy. Consultation will be invited on the Draft Strategy.

By the end of November 1992 submissions will close on comments relative to the Strategy, and by December 1992 there will be a finalisation of the Docklands Strategy. This will then be distributed to Cabinet, and shortly after the Docklands Task Force will be disbanded, having completed its terms of reference.

Jim Holdsworth then addressed the meeting, concentrating on the 250 hectares of area that the Port of Melbourne Authority will vacate over the next 25 years, ie the proposed Docklands Development Core area, generally bounded by South Wharf to the south, Spencer Street to the east, a general projection of Footscray Road in an east-west direction and the westerly boundary being a north-south projection of Graham Street.

To assist the membership, Jim drew a comparison in area terms with the Golden Mile having an area of approximately 160 hectares.

The following is a summary of the points raised by Jim in his presentation to the meeting.

1. The Task Force felt that there was a necessity to have better access to the water area of the development area.
2. The Port area was the biggest container port in the Southern Hemisphere and was approximately 130 years of age.
3. The area had a sense of isolation.
4. One of the greatest advantages of the site was its accessibility to the Central Business District. Greater accessibility to this area could be afforded through the extensions of Collins Street and Latrobe Street into the area.
5. The Public Transport Corporation has moved out of the area to South Dynon Road Spotswood.
6. Footscray Road was conceded to be a problem having current volumes in excess of 45,000 vehicles per day. It was felt that there was a necessity to have a north-south extension from Graham Street to improve the overall north-south movement of traffic in the area, both vehicular and rail. Indeed it was believed that this route would constitute the western boundary of the development core area.



7. The establishment of the western bypass created opportunities with respect to open space, residential use and water area development. It was pointed out that the relocation of the western bypass in a general westerly direction will in some ways detract from the opportunities to extend Appleton Dock areas into wharf extensions E, F and G. Clearly the further west the western bypass was to be aligned, the greater the protection to the estuary area of the Moonee Ponds Creek in its convolution with the Yarra River.
8. The Task Force believes that a bridge of some ten to twelve metres above the water level was the only viable option for both vehicle and rail transport northerly from Graham Street.
9. Estuary dredging would be required to facilitate the extensions of Appleton Dock into areas E, F and G. The least impact on the estuary or potential wetland area development of the Moonee Ponds Creek would be occasioned by development on Appleton Extensions E and F. Extension G would have a devastating effect, and prohibit any wetland development on the northern or western side of the Moonee Ponds Creek.
10. The Port of Melbourne Authority is conducting its own land use planning study, titled 'The Victorian Ports Land Use Plan', which is due for completion in February/March 1992. Bill Johnsen advised the Board of Works had given tacit approval to Extension E of the Appleton Dock extension, with preparedness to negotiate a strategy to minimise the impact on the Moonee Ponds Creek for Extension F, with proposed prohibition on Extension G.

A series of questions from the membership were then addressed by Jim and Helen, after which Kelvin Thomson thanked them both for their frankness and the opportunity to canvas the ideas and thoughts of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association on this important development. (See further in these minutes for actions relating to the deputation and the Docklands Task Force.)

#### 4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### 4.1 A Proposal by the Broadmeadows Council to establish a Golf Course within the Jacana Valley

Wayne Harvey from the City of Broadmeadows advised that Broadmeadows Council was still awaiting submissions from various consortiums to pursue the option of the development of a Golf Course downstream from Johnstone Street to the retarding structure on the Moonee Ponds Creek.

##### 4.2 Greening of Broadmeadows

Mr Nick Graesser, the Project Officer for the Greening of Broadmeadows, presented a diary of events (planting days and working bees) for the months of August and September, to the meeting.

These included a community tree planting day in Glenmeadows and Elliott Avenues in Broadmeadows on 10th August and 17th August the Reserve Court; 31st August below the Jacana Retarding Basin on the Moonee Ponds Creek off Valley Crescent; 1st September Roper Reserve; 2-6th September Schools Programme at both the Barry Road and Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve, a community planting day on 7th September at the Buchan Street Reserve 9th-13th September inclusive again the Schools Programme involved both at Barry Road and the Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserves; a Community Planting Day to be held at Barry Road on 14th September, and a further community planting day on 21st September at Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve. Members wishing to assist or come to these days are requested to contact Nick at the City of Broadmeadows for further details.

#### Office of Corrections

Wayne Harvey advised that the Hon Mal Sandon, Minister for Police and Corrective Services, was unable to commemorate the Office of Corrections involvement in the Greening of Broadmeadows as proposed on 14th June, 1991. Further arrangements are being made to commemorate the use of Office of Corrections personnel in the Greening of Broadmeadows project.

#### 1991 Urban Regeneration

Russell Smith advised that 4-5 community people had completed the training to facilitate the spring plantings. Discussions were continuing with the City of Melbourne, however because of the recent rains no sites had been defined as it was believed that further determination and identification of the sites would take place in the next 3-4 weeks.

#### Photographic Record of the Creek Valley

Because of the absence of David Lloyd, the matter will be listed for reconsideration at the next meeting.

#### Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan

Mr Bill Johnsen explained that a draft report had been released for discussion purposes. Copies of the draft report were tabled and comments were invited by the membership. Out of the workshop conducted on 25th May, 1991, 51 targets were identified from the various workshops. These were then categorised into broad target areas.

The report is then to be staged in two parts.

- (a) A search was undertaken into various aspects of the creek including -

Visual analysis  
Recreational opportunities  
Flora and fauna  
Management practices  
Heritage  
Pollution assessment  
Alternate drainage system  
Land capability  
Community consultation through a schools programme.

- (b) That second part was that the entire Moonee Ponds Creek from its confluence with the Yarra River to its upper reaches adjacent to Gellibrand Hill was then divided into ten reaches, and the land managers for each of these sections, in conjunction with Bill Johnsen, had listed a series of issues for each reach. The Concept Plan would then go through a vision for each of these reaches including the water course, the land management, social aspects through which an action plan would be devised.

It was anticipated that some 120-150 actions would be derived from the Concept Plan. An order of costs would be indicated, together with the agency responsible.

Bill Johnsen was looking for early comment to the Draft Concept Plan, and members were requested to contact Bill directly on 615 5194 to communicate these views.

The Concept Plan would be ready for draft release in September of 1991. The Association was to meet before its formal release to the public.

Need Release date.

#### 4.7 Docklands Task Force

John Phillips from the City of Melbourne presented a position statement as adopted by the City of Melbourne on 22nd July, 1991, for the Association's consideration. The option paper was titled 'The Victorian Ports Land Use Plan Options Paper'.

In summary the City of Melbourne supports the development of the Port of Melbourne consistent with Scenario B of the Options Paper, Victorian Ports Land Use Plan, excluding the extension of Appleton G Dock. This position was subject to -

- (i) Clarification of trade assumptions using the preparation of the plan, compared with information provided by the Docklands Task Force.

- (ii) Clarification of the extent of land outside the port boundaries likely to be required for port related activities such as port related industries.
- (iii) A full environmental effect statement being prepared for each option.
- (iv) Further detailed and immediate consideration being given to the traffic impacts of the long term development of the port.
- (v) The implementation of road and rail infrastructure prior to extensive works to implement the selected development options, before such facilities becoming operational.

4.8 Bill Johnsen from the Board of Works advised that the Board's position was that it was prepared to concur with the Appleton E extension and perhaps negotiate F and was completely opposed to Appleton G Extension.

After much discussion, it was subsequently moved by Ray White and seconded by Alex Smart that the Association advise both the Port of Melbourne Authority and the Docklands Task Force of its opposition to any extension of the Appleton Dock.

This motion was carried unanimously.

Further discussion then ensued with respect to the alignment of the western bypass from Graham Street northerly beyond Footscray Road to the Tullamarine Freeway.

It was moved by Wayne Harvey and seconded by John Phillips that the Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated advise both the Docklands Task Force and the Port of Melbourne Authority, together with VicRoads, that any proposed extension or construction of the western bypass is to be aligned to keep clear of the estuary area of the Moonee Ponds Creek and its environs. This motion was carried.

#### 4.9 Open Space 2000

Bill Johnsen gave a brief overview as to the Open Space 2000 Programme, and it was noted by the meeting that the Association had made application through the Board of Works to the Open Space 2000 Programme for signage associated with the Moonee Ponds Creek and Bike Paths of \$10,000; for removal of fencing to make the creek more accessible in various locations - \$20,000; construction of a number of weirs below Brunswick Road - \$40,000; laying back of the banks of the Moonee Ponds Creek downstream from the retarding basin adjacent to the Railway Trestle Bridge - \$20,000.

We have been asked to prioritise these - (\$50,000)  
make following recommendations -

It was further advised that a separate application had been made to the Board to enable planting to the value of \$10,000 adjacent to the Moonee Ponds Creek, with a further \$40,000 being allocated to the test section of weirs on the Moonee Ponds Creek adjacent to the Railway Trestle Bridge. The meeting noted these submissions.

#### 4.10 The Reggio Calabria Club Development

Mr Paul McGrath from the City of Brunswick advised that on three separate occasions now the City had sought from the Reggio Calabria Club details of a landscaping plan. It was anticipated that the Club would provide to the City details of the landscaping and the proposed timing of these developments.

It was moved by Ray White and seconded by John McDowall that the Association write to the City of Brunswick expressing concern at the delays in the landscaping of the Reggio Calabria Club and indeed seeking details of the proposed landscaping development. This motion was carried.

#### 4.11 Archaeological and Historical Survey

This matter was held over in the absence of David Lloyd not being able to report any contact with Fiona Weaver.

Given the absence of David Lloyd, the matter was held over and will be listed for the future meeting of the Association.

#### 4.12 Tour of Metropolitan Sites

This matter was held over from the previous meeting of the Association, and it was agreed that again the matter could be held over to a future meeting of the Association. It was agreed, however, that a tour would be conducted of sites within the Metropolitan area having relevance to the future development plans specified in the Concept Plan for the Moonee Ponds Creek.

#### TERS PERTAINING TO CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary distributed a list to the meeting of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous month.

### 6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

#### 6.2 Inwards Correspondence

6.1.1 It was moved that a letter of thanks be forwarded to VicRoads for their cheque for \$5,000 towards the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan, particularly the assessment of alternative drainage treatments.

6.1.2 Letter from City of Broadmeadows detailing the public meetings that have been called to facilitate the formation of advisory committees at both the Barry Road and Roper Reserves. A Public Meeting for Barry Road is to be called on 30th July, 1991, and for Roper Reserve a Public Meeting was to be convened on 1st August, 1991.

3 GoGreen: application forms, guidelines for the 1991/92 funding. It was agreed that submissions would be forwarded to GoGreen for plantings proposed in the following areas adjacent to the Boeing Road Reserve on the Moonee Ponds Creek, south of Devereaux Street in the Margaret Street area, Oak Park (Horseshoe Area), and the area adjacent to Brunswick Road.

Discussion then ensued with respect to the difficulty being experienced by a number of municipalities to maintain the planting and development that was being undertaken adjacent to the Moonee Ponds Creek. The City of Broadmeadows advised that they are coping, having regard to the employment of Nick Graesser and through the Greening of Broadmeadows Project. Cr Joe Edmonds advised that Essendon was having difficulties as was the City of Melbourne. Go-Green applications closed on the 31st July, 1991.

6.1. The Victorian National Parks Association, inviting a submission on native grasslands. It was advised that Dale Tomkins was providing input via the Concept Plan on grasslands associated with the Moonee Ponds Creek.

The City of Broadmeadows advised that within the Barry Road Feasibility Study Dale Tomkins again had been engaged to investigate areas of significant native grasses adjacent to the Yuroke Creek.

It was moved by Sharon Keppel and seconded by Bill Johnsen that the Secretary provide details to the National Parks Association of activities regarding native grasslands within the Moonee Ponds Creek and Yuroke Creek developments.

5 From the Department of Conservation and Environment seeking statements of expenditure with respect to \$2,000 provided to the Association via a Special Project Grant in May of 1990 to assist in the re-establishment of indigenous vegetation in the Moonee Ponds Creek Valley in Brunswick. It was agreed that representatives from the City of Brunswick and the Secretary would make a submission to the Department providing the details as sought.

#### 7.5 Outward Correspondence

There was no clarification sought on any of the items of outward correspondence.

## 7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance carried forward on 29th May, 1991, totalled \$12,411.86. For the period to 25th July, 1991, an income of \$30,063. Expenditure for the same period totalled \$31,007.76. For the balance at 25th July, 1991 was \$11,466.10. John Phillips from the City of Melbourne advised that there was a cheque for \$5,000 coming in the mail from the City of Melbourne.

*cheque in mail!*

It was moved Rick Williams and seconded John McDowall that the Treasurer's Report be received.

## 8.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 It was moved Russell Smith and seconded Ray White that the Association conduct a deputation to the Port of Melbourne Authority in the person of Leigh McKay. The deputation from the Association was to consist of Russell Smith, Alex Smart representing residents' groups, John Phillips from the City of Melbourne, Bill Johnsen from the Board of Works, also Dennis Williamson and David Lloyd would be involved in the deputation to convey the ecological argument. The Secretary and the President would attend the deputation subject to availability. Action: the Secretary to arrange deputation.

8.2 Cr Joe Edmonds from the City of Essendon advised that there had been a budget referral of some \$90,000 for a bike path construction adjacent to the Maribyrnong Creek. Essendon have experienced significant problems with the use of Board vehicles utilising these bike paths and could foresee ongoing problems with the use of bike paths adjacent to waterways. Wayne Harvey for the City of Broadmeadows advised that they have experienced similar problems in sections of the bike path adjacent to the Moonee Ponds Creek, however it was felt that some of the ongoing maintenance problems could be alleviated by the construction of bike paths at a higher structural strength in the reinforced concrete employed along the bike path adjacent to the Yuroke Creek.

To complement the gateway plantings being undertaken by the City of Broadmeadows on the Moonee Ponds Creek west of Pascoe Vale Road, the Association membership was invited to contact Ray White as to their availability for proposed community plantings on 31st August and 1st September, 1991.

## 9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 29th August, 1991, at 8 pm, the venue being the Gold Room, City of Broadmeadows, Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows.

The meeting closed at 10.45 pm.

*Gateway plantings difficult. ⇒ basically decided to work in with City of Broadmeadows*

4. Major recommendations: -

1. linear trail - constructed to bicycle standard - continuous from Docklands to Gellibrand Hill - 3 new areas required (start, finish, + middle (1.2 km gap between Primrose St + Van Berg Rd).
2. Land acquisition program.
3. Planning controls, land use & zoning rationalisation.
4. Education & Information Programs.

Reach - I

develop with extensive theme.



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION,  
INCORPORATED**

**HELD AT SILVER ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PASCOE VALE ROAD,  
BROADMEADOWS**

**THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST, 1991.**

**Present at Meeting:**

Mr. Kelvin Thomson, M.L.A.	Member for Pascoe Vale
Cr. Kevin Sheahan	City of Broadmeadows
Mr. Terence Mullane	City of Broadmeadows
Mr. Philip Radstake	Resident of Northcote
Mr. Russell Smith	Flemington Association
Mr. Rick Williams	Resident of Glenroy
Mr. Bill Johnsen	Board of Works
Ms. Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
Mr. Terry Munday	Strathmore Progress Assoc./Boeing Reserve
Mr. Allan Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Mr. Alex Smart	" "
Mr. Peter Plumridge	" "
Ms. Beryl Plumridge	" "
Ms. Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College
Cr. Andy Ingham	City of Brunswick
Ms. Jo Connellan	City of Brunswick
Mr. Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Mr. Nick Graesser	Greening of Broadmeadows
Cr. Joe Edmonds	City of Essendon

President, Mr. Kelvin Thomson, M.L.A. declared the meeting open at 8.15 p.m.

**1.0. Apologies:**

Mr. John McDowell	City of Essendon
Mr. Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows
Ms. Sharon Keppel	Resident of Hadfield
Ms. Dorothy Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Cr. Peter Scully	City of Essendon
Cr. Rosemary Kerr	City of Broadmeadows
Mr. Nick Ronan	Board of Works.

**2.0. Confirmation of Minutes:**

Minutes of previous meeting held on 25th July, 1991 were confirmed as circulated.

**3.0. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**3.1. Melbourne Docklands Development -**

Mr. Alex Smart advised that the deputation of himself, Messrs. Smith, Harvey, Phillips and Johnsen to the Port of Melbourne Authority had been well received, but that he had some doubts as to its effectiveness.

Mr. Johnsen who had attended representing the Board of Works expressed the view that the deputation had been highly effective as a forum for opening up discussions. One result of significance is the possible vesting of land along the creek by the Port of Melbourne Authority to the Board of Works for management purposes. As a result of the deputation, this is now being considered.

Mr. Smith supported Mr. Johnson's view. In his opinion, the deputation had succeeded in making the Moonee Ponds Creek an issue of significance and had caused a considerable shift in attitude.

3.2. Golf Course Proposal Jacana Basin Area -

Mr. Mullane of the City of Broadmeadows advised that, although there were no further developments to report in the matter of the golf course proposal, Broadmeadows Council had at its meeting of 29th July, 1991 reaffirmed its position of support for a golf course at that location.

In rejecting a submission for financial assistance from a private consortium, Council had resolved that Clubway Business Services Pty. Ltd. be advised that whilst Council desires to have a Public Golf Course developed in the Jacana Valley and would welcome a proposal on same, Council cannot agree to making any financial commitment to the Course proposal, as detailed by Clubway Business Services Pty. Ltd.

3.3. Greening of Broadmeadows -

Mr. Nick Graesser of the Greening of Broadmeadows informed the meeting that an application for funding had been made to Go Green for plantings along the Creek within the Broadmeadows Municipal area.

As part of the Spring planting festival, a community planting had been arranged for 11 a.m. on Saturday 31st August, 1991 on the eastern side of the creek below Valley Crescent. An invitation was extended to all members.

3.4. Urban Regeneration Programme -

Mr. Russell Smith advised that the programme within the City of Melbourne's Municipal area had stalled. There appeared to be little political support for the programme at the City of Melbourne.

A further complication was the ongoing pipeline construction works within the area. The best that could now be aimed for would be a late Spring planting.

Mr. Smith expressed the view that there was great potential within the City of Melbourne's area and called for assistance in approaching the City of Melbourne, aimed at gaining their support for the programme.

Mr. Kelvin Thomson advised that Go Green had expressed concern that nothing appeared to be happening with the grant. To keep faith with Go Green, the Association had a responsibility to get the project underway. A potential solution would be to use the grant money on a different project within the creek valley.

After a call for members' assistance, it was agreed that Ms. Lois Binnie should approach Mr. John McDowell of the City of Essendon and that he, Cr. Andy Ingham, Mr. Kelvin Thomson and Mr. Russell Smith should meet to further pursue the matter.

*J.W.G.*

3.5. Photographic Record -

In the absence of Mr. David Lloyd, the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. Kelvin Thomson presented a series of photographs taken of the creek valley by members of his staff. They were handed to the Acting Secretary for recording and safe keeping.

3.6. Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan -

Mr. Kelvin Thomson stated that members should have received Version 4 of the draft concept plan. It was intended that a draft be released for public comment in the not too distant future. The release would be in a draft form, the adopted plan being finalised subsequent to the receipt of public comments.

Mr. Thomson said that the time was now appropriate to work through the concept plan in some detail. The Association should look to approving a document for circulation for public comment.

Mr. Johnsen informed the meeting that the creek valley had been broken into ten reaches. The issues for each reach had been discussed at officer level with the Municipal and other bodies directly involved with that reach. Such matters as land purchase and the trail that had implications beyond an individual reach had been considered by the Steering Committee, as a whole.

Version 4 reflected the comments from this process.

The total cost of development was estimated at less than \$5,000,000. Given the spread of this expenditure over a five year period, and given the number of bodies involved, Mr. Johnsen expressed the opinion that such an expenditure was not unrealistic. Much of the Board of Work's component was already tied up as budgeted maintenance items and, similarly, large part of Vic Road's expenditure was already budgeted as part of these re-establishment programmes.

Mr. Johnsen then called for comments, advising that Version 5 would be prepared taking on board these comments.

The following comments were made:-

Introduction - Cr. Ingham - would like acknowledgment of Aboriginal heritage included in the introduction.

Theme and Vision - Mr. Russell Smith - references to the linear 'bike path' should instead be 'shared footway' or 'trail'.

Trail Network - Mr. Russell Smith - reference should be made to lateral feeder paths; these should be shown and highlighted.

Mr. Philip Radstake - mention should be made of maintenance of the trails and problems of surface deterioration addressed.

Land Acquisition Programme - Mr. Smith - the sequence of the listing on the left hand side made it very difficult to follow. A geographical order of listing rather than one based on priority would assist understanding of the plan.

Planning Controls - Mr. Smith - the statement referring to 'the community turning its back to the creek' should be softened as a number of properties now made use of the creek valley. Mr. Kelvin Thomson suggested the wording "in the past the Community has turned its back on the creek"

Mr. Smith expressed concern at the acceptance of the zoning "Proposed Open Space". he expressed the view that this should be rezoned to "Public Open Space" to ensure its use for that purpose and to remove any doubt as to its purpose.

Mr. Johnsen explained that he had deliberately left the matter in a vague state in order to avoid locking the Association into an expensive administrative process. He explained that any rezoning would require a soil contamination report.

Mr. Kelvin Thomson expressed the view that the EPA should be approached to clarify the situation as it applied to such land.

Reach 1 -

- Mr. Russell Smith - "Tidal waste land" should be referenced as 'tidal unused land.'
- Mr. Kelvin Thomson - would like details of the order of costs.

Reach 3 -

- Mr. Russell Smith - reference to the 'Western Bypass' should be referenced as 'proposed Western Bypass'.

Reach 4 -

- Cr. Ingham - would like to see the inclusion of a section dealing with the erosion of the embankment and reference made to remnant vegetation.

Reach 7 -

Mr. Nick Graesser - the reach should be referred to as the Oak Park Reach. The use of Oaklands caused confusion with Oaklands Park, higher in the catchment.

Mr. Alan Thomson - after the fourth line the continuation should be "and is unlined and straight for the remainder"

Reach 10 -

Cr. Sheahan - mention should be made of the incompatible use of land along the creek by the Oaklands Hunt Club. A course of action needed to be formed to address the problems of silt and pollutants entering the creek at this location.

General -

Mr. Johnsen advised that the concept plan was reaching the end of the content phase. Issues such as how the document was to be presented should now be considered. He believed that the draft should be held open for discussion and comment for several months, and that as widespread a distribution as possible should be aimed for.

In answer to questions from the meeting, he advised that some issues such as the purchases of the Morgan's Industrial Complex and the construction of a footbridge at Royal Park had not been included in the costings as the cost of these was such that it would unreasonably distort the costing of the balance of the programmed works.

He also advised that the matter of a green link through to the Moonee Ponds Creek would be included in the report, with reference being made to the Yuroke Creek link.

3.7. Reggio Calabria Club Development -

Mr. Paul McGrath advised that the Reggio Calabria Club had been requested by the Town Planning Department of the City of Brunswick to provide landscape detail plans on two occasions within the past couple of months. They were expecting the submission of plans.

He also advised that it was proposed to amend the original approved concept. The buildings will now not be as high as was originally envisaged. Plans detailing the variation were expected soon.

With respect to the tree planting and landscaping, there appeared to have developed a confusion in the mind of the club that the Moonee Ponds Creek Association and Go Green will do the planting and landscaping works.

To remove this confusion it was moved that a letter be sent to the Reggio Calabria Club -

- pointing out the importance of indigenous species planting along the valley corridor and neighbouring areas of the creek;
- reminding the Club that landscaping is required by the planning permit allowing the development;
- stating that the Association will not carry out any planting or landscaping works but will assist in providing suitable tree and shrub tubes. The Club will need to make due provision for the planting and landscaping at the sole cost of the Club.

A copy of this letter to be sent to the City of Brunswick, along with a request that the amending and landscaping plans be forwarded to the Association.

Moved: Mr. Terry Mandy - Seconded: Cr. Andy Ingham - Carried.

3.8. Archaeological and Historical Survey -

In the absence of Mr. Lloyd, this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

3.9. Tour of Metropolitan Sites -

Mr.Kelvin Thomson advised that Sunday 13th October was proposed as the date to tour various sites within the metropolitan area. It was envisaged that the tour would commenced at either 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

The tour would require a bus and a request was made that any Municipality, or organisation, that could make a bus available for the day contact himself or Mr.Harvey.

3.10. Gateway Plantings -

Mr.Kelvin Thomson advised that difficulties had been experienced in preparing sites for the early part of Spring. In the circumstances, he believed that it was better from the Association's point of view to tag along with the Greening of Broadmeadows programme.

A planting of E.Melliadora was scheduled for a site near the Pascoe Vale Road bridge. This would be undertaken using Office of Corrections persons, as the use of weed matting and the specialist requirements need for planting the box species made it unsuited to a community planting.

Mr.Loie Binnie advised that the City of Essendon had scheduled a planting off Pascoe Vale Road for the last weekend in September. It was agreed that the Association should assist with the planting.

4.0. Correspondence:

The Acting Secretary distributed a list to members of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous month.

5. Matters Arising from Correspondence:

5.1. Notes on Deputation to Port of Melbourne Authority -

Mr.Russell Smith reminded other members of the Deputation that their notes were to be submitted to the Secretary, Mr.Harvey, who was to prepare a written Submission to the Authority.

He expressed the opinion that a similar deputation should be made to the Docklands Task Force.

Mr.Johnsen advised that the Board of Works had made their submission to the Authority.

5.2. Letter from Ms.Anne Creamean -

It was agreed that Ms.Creamean's proposal should be looked at in the context of the concept plan and an appropriate response decided upon.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Cr. Kevin Sheahan reported the following:

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT - AUGUST 1991

		\$	C
Balance Brought Forward @ 25.7.'91 (1)		11,467	10
Income:			
	\$	C	
Memberships	6	00	6 00
SUB-TOTAL		11,472	10
Expenditure:			
	\$	C	
Govt. charges (2)	27	47	27 47
<u>BALANCE @ 27.8.'91</u>		<u>11,445</u>	<u>63</u>

Account Reconciliation:

Balance as per statement	11,453.39
less unrepresented cheques	7.76
<u>Actual Balance @ 27.8.'91</u>	<u>11,445.63</u>

Notes:

- 1 The Treasurer's Report of June/July 1991 contained an arithmetic error that understated the balance @ 25.7.'91 by \$1.00.
- 2 The Govt. charges listed in this report are the accumulated values for the period 31.5.'91 - 27.8.'91 as the Treasurer's Report for June/July was prepared without access to a bank statement.

Motion Put - that the Treasurer's report be received.  
Moved Cr. Andy Ingham, seconded Mr. Nick Graesser - Carried.

7. General Business:

7.1. Open Space 2000 -

The meeting was advised that Messrs, Kelvin Thomson, Harvey and Lloyd had met with the Board of Works personnel administering the Open Space 2000 programme to pursue the Association's application for Grant moneys.

They had been requested to establish the Association's priority for works, including in the listing the application made by the City of Essendon for a picnic area to be established at the Boeing Reserved (estimated and applied for value \$25,000).

Including applications made by the Western Region of the Board of Works for creek treatment works, the City of Essendon's application and the Association's application a total of \$219,000, had been requested for the Moonee Ponds Creek Valley. It was likely that only \$80,000 would be made available, thereby necessitating a prioritization of projects.

Mr. Kelvin Thomson expressed the view that the Western Region Board of Works projects were all but covered by the Association's proposals. These could be carried out by the Association, with the Western Region doing the works.

He suggested the following prioritization:-

-	trail weir project	\$40,000
-	removal of fencing (involving Office of Corrections)	\$10,000
-	Landscaping and creek treatments	\$20,000
-	City of Essendon - Boeing Reserve Picnic Area	\$10,000

with the proviso that additional money granted by the Board, if any, would be allocated to the Boeing Reserve picnic area up to the applied for amount of \$25,000.

Outside this ranking, Mr. Thomson suggested that:

- signing, could be pursued through the Northern Area Improvement Fund;
- trees, Go Green to be approached as a possible supply source;
- the Board of Works Western Region's proposals be given the lowest priority.

Considerable discussion followed Mr. Thomson's suggestions. It was apparent that there was considerable support for the proposed picnic area at Boeing Reserve. Ms. Binnie advised that the City of Essendon would not be in a position to fund the shortfall in moneys for the project.

In light of these comments, it was agreed that the Board's Open Space 2000 be approached for funding of \$95,000, thus allowing the full funding of the Boeing Reserve project.



Cr.Ingham questioned whether or not funding through Open Space 2000 was to be an ongoing arrangement.

Mr.Bill Johnsen replied that the proposed action plan was to provide project funding based on the programme set by the concept plan. This would spread over several years.

7.2. Use of Recycled Paper for Agenda and Minutes -

Cr.Ingham requested that future agenda and minutes be printed double sided on recycled paper.

The Acting Secretary was referred to Ms.Grace Embling of the Town Clerk's Department, City of Brunswick, for details of recycled paper suited to photo copying.

7.3. Tree Planting with Port of Melbourne Authority Area -

Mr.Russell Smith requested that a letter be sent to the Port of Melbourne Authority offering trees for planting this year.

7.4. Northwest Community Radio Station Transmission -

Mr.Kelvin Thomson advised that the station would transmit next at 3.30 p.m.Tuesday 3rd September from Middle Street Hadfield on 98.4 FM Band. Volunteers to assist with the programme's transmission were invited to attend.

8.0. Date of Next Meeting:

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 1991 at 8 P.M.

VENUE: CITY OF COBURG.

ACACIA ROOM, COUNCILLORS' SUITES,  
CNR.ELM GROVE & BELL STREET, COBURG.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.25 P.M.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK  
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**Held at Acacia Room, Councillors' Suites  
Cnr Elm Grove & Bell Street, Coburg**

Thursday 10 October 1991

**PRESENT AT MEETING**

E. Northey	Sancta Sophia College
Scott Wright	Melbourne Water
Bill Johnsen	Melbourne Water
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Phillip Radstake	Resident of Northcote
John Phillips	City of Melbourne
Cr Anna Petrai	Cr - City of Coburg
Sharon Keppel	Resident
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows
Russell Smith	Flemington Association
Joe Edmonds	Essendon Council
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale - Naturalists
John McDowall	City of Essendon
Mark Bolitho	Resident of Broadmeadows
Ray White	Resident of Pascoe Vale
Beryl Plummidge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
David Mulholland	Coburg City Council
Nick Graesser	Greening of Broadmeadows
Kelvin Thomson	MLA for Pascoe Vale

President, Mr Kelvin Thomson, M.L.A. declared the meeting open at 8:10 pm

**1.0 APOLOGIES**

Joe Connellan	City of Brunswick
Rick Williams	Resident of Glenroy
Cr Kevin Sheahan	City of Broadmeadows

**2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of previous meeting held on 29 August 1991 were confirmed as circulated.

**3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**3.1 Melbourne Docklands Development**

Mr Bill Johnsen advised that Melbourne Water had received a response from the Port of Melbourne Authority, stating a preference that Appleton Dock proposed extension EFG proceed in the future.

John Phillips of the City of Melbourne reiterated the Council's support for the development of the Port of Melbourne consistent with scenario B of the Options Paper, Victorian Ports Land Use Plan, excluding the extension of Appleton G Dock. It was advised that at this stage the City of Melbourne has not finalised a position on the Victorian Ports Land Use Plan or Docklands Strategy, awaiting the release of draft strategies of these documents in November 1991. However, in formulating Councils position on each of these matters, consideration will be given to the Concept Plan proposal to create a wetland park in the area.

### 3.2 Golf Course Proposal, Jacana Basin Area.

Mr Wayne Harvey of the City of Broadmeadows advised that while the Council has a preferred option there is currently no live proposal for a golf course and the matter will not be pursued in the near future due to financial constraints.

### 3.3 Greening of Broadmeadows

Mr Nick Graesser of the Greening of Broadmeadows informed the meeting that as part of the spring planting festival, a community planting day had been arranged for 11:00 am on Sunday 27 October 1991 below the Pascoe Vale Road bridge. Melways Ref: 16 H9

With the help of the Pascoe Vale Rotary Club and Strathmore Lions Club it is expected that 500 trees will be planted.

Nick Graesser also advised that a public meeting was also held on 6 October to involve the community in planning the Kingsford-Smith-Ulm Reserve to ensure compatibility with the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan.

### 3.4 Urban Regeneration Program

John Phillips of the City of Melbourne referred to a letter sent to the Association from the City of Melbourne stating that the revegetation program would not proceed this year due to a number of identifiable conflicts which include:

- i) The assessment of alternative drainage treatment options put forward as part of the Concept Plan and
- ii) The complications associated with the ongoing pipeline construction works in the area.

Mr Phillips said that because reach 3 and 4 of the creek between Arden Street and Brunswick Road have been prone to flood in the past, proposals to physically shape land form and revegetate the creek environs must be considered in the context of the creeks overall hydrology. There was a need to fully evaluate both conflicting proposals and the staged works required to achieve the final concept plan vision before planting decisions were made.

Mr Phillips advised there remained the option of planting along the line of the pipeline works in the vicinity of Delhi Reserve. The City of Melbourne was unable to provide mulch due to commitments with the Royal Park revegetation programme.

Mr Russell Smith expressed disappointment at the City of Melbourne's decision but advised that 1000 trees could still be planted along the pipeline at Delhi Court.

Discussion then ensued with respect to reallocating tubestock of larger trees being 9 months old from the City of Melbourne to other locations in Brunswick and Essendon.

Paul McGrath from the City of Brunswick agreed to pick up the 5000 trees allocated by Go Green and hold them at the Brunswick nursery until other Councils could take delivery. The Cities of Melbourne, Essendon, Brunswick and Broadmeadows will each take 1000 trees and the Port of Melbourne Authority is likely to take 1000 trees depending on suitability of species type.

Nick Graesser of Greening of Broadmeadows advised that the Office of Corrections had been previously involved in a potting up program and that this option was a potential solution.

It was advised that the Broadmeadows could take up the balance of the trees. The Kingsford-Smith-Ulm Reserve was preferred as a site for future plantings of Go Green tubestock.

### 3.5 Photographic Record

In the absence of Mr David Lloyd the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

### 3.6 Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan

Mr Bill Johnsen of Melbourne Water advised that a draft version 5 of the Concept Plan had been released for public comment and for the formal attention of each affected Council.

In a letter accompanying version 5 of the Concept Plan Melbourne Water requested that Councils consider adopting the draft Concept Plan and in particular 3 recommendations:

- i) Incorporate the concept plan as a reference document into the statutory planning process for your Council and undertake any zoning or planning control indicated in the concept plan within your responsibility.
- ii) Adopting a policy for Council actions along the creek based on the theme of the concept plan i.e. a focus on the creek as an open space and recreation resource.
- iii) Use the action program as a basis for future budget considerations.

Mr Johnsen advised that the draft version 5 of the concept plan would be considered at the meeting cycles of all Councils towards the end of October.

Following confirmation of the Councils decisions, Melbourne Water intends to publish the adopted plan on 23 October with an official launch of the Concept Plan on 15 November 1991.

Following the official launch, the draft concept plan would be released for public comment for 2 months.

Bill Johnsen informed the meeting that the version 5 method of denoting timing accompanying the action program recommendations was too confining and would be altered from a yearly basis to the following:

- . Now - immediate
- . Short - medium (3 years)
- . Long term (beyond 5 years)

Discussion then ensued about incorporation of the concept plan into all planning schemes of affected Councils.

John Phillips of the City of Melbourne suggested that the Department of Planning and Housing or Melbourne Water should exhibit a planning scheme amendment in order to ensure a regional perspective is taken on this important project. Bill Johnsen advised that the Department of Planning and Housing representative on the Concept Plan Steering Committee had withdrawn and that the Department had requested that all reference to the Department of Planning and Housing in the Concept Plan be deleted.

Mr Johnsen then called for comments advising that the draft concept plan would be prepared taking into account these comments.

The following comments were made:

Introduction - Mr Russell Smith - reference should be made that seeks to stimulate community groups achieving implementation of the plan beyond strict compliance with the concept plan. The intention is to development momentum.

Trail Network - Mr Wayne Harvey of City of Broadmeadows - presented a brochure 'Darebin Creek Pathway' as a model reference document for the Moonee Ponds Creek.

### 3.7 Reggio Calabria Club Development

Mr Paul McGrath advised that the landscape plans have not been received at the Town Planning Department of the City of Brunswick.

However, the Reggio Calabria Club have bought native plants and in co-operation with advice given from Go Green are undertaking some plantings.

Direct seeding on the batters of Brunswick Road in conjunction with Go Green and along the perimeter fencing of the Tullamarine Freeway have commenced.

### 3.8 Archaeological and Historical Survey

In the absence of Mr Lloyd, this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

### 3.9 Tour of Metropolitan Sites

Mr Kelvin Thompson proposed that 24 November was a possible date for the day tour.

However, Mr Bill Johnsen informed the meeting that this date would clash with the opening of the Yarra Bike Path by Melbourne Water.

The metropolitan sites tour was postponed to be determined for a future date. Bill Johnsen extended an invitation to all members to attend the Yarra Bike Path opening which commences at Finns Reserve, Lower Templestowe on Sunday 24 November.

For further information telephone Bill Johnsen on 615-5945.

### 3.10 Gateway Plantings

Mr Kelvin Thomson advised that plantings would take place on 12 October on the south side of the creek west of Pascoe Vale Road with access from Mascoma Street.

The subject of advertising the planting day by raising banners on site was then discussed. It would appear that from experience banners are in place for a mixed period of time before being stolen.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary distributed a list to members of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous month.

Wayne Harvey read a letter sent from Vic Roads concerning the proposed Western Bypass (Stage 2) lower Yarra crossing. A plan with 3 optional road alignments was attached.

Vic Roads stated that "while the competing needs of the Docklands Development and the Port of Melbourne have a major influence on the location of the Western Bypass, it may be possible to reduce the impact of the road on the Moonee Ponds Creek environs by minor shifts in the alignment and by careful planning, design and construction of the road."

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

There were no issues raised in the correspondence which required action.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Cr Kevin Sheahan or a report this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 Cowans/Morgans Land

Kelvin Thomson advised that he would attend a meeting to be held on 14 October with Mr Basil Elms planning consultant who represents Morgans to discuss the future of the site. Bill Johnsen confirmed that he had been in discussions with Morgans with regard to Action Program 8.14 of the concept plan.

Discussion then ensued about obtaining public access in the short term along the creeks edge at Morgans and on the Cowans land on the west bank of the creek downstream of Jacana Basin.

### 7.2 Vic Roads and Tullamarine Freeway exit at Brunswick Road

Paul McGrath of City of Brunswick advised that the soil remaining from construction of the rising main pipeline was being mounded to create a sound and visual barrier to the Tullamarine Freeway.

Melbourne Water has agreed to use available equipment in the area to shape the mounds and remove chain wire fencing.

The local community would be involved in planting in the local area.

Vic Roads is involved in a study on noise attenuation with the option of continuing the construction of a pine fence along the Freeway. Paul McGrath will contact Brunswick Councillors and put them in contact with Mr Scott Wright of Melbourne Water who is co-ordinating the landscaping aspects of the project.

### 7.3 Area Improvement Program 1991/92

Kelvin Thomson advised that the applications for 1992 Area Improvement Grants for community projects would close on 31 October 1991.

The Association had been successful in the past with a \$25,000 grant from the Northern Area Improvement Fund for development of the concept plan.

Funds would normally be approved and made available in March 1992.

Mr Thomson stated that an application for \$10,000 to install a signage system along the creek would be made.

Wayne Harvey raised the question whether funds to design and publish a brochure similar to the 'Darebin Creek Pathway' were within the guidelines of the Area Improvement Grants. The brochure could focus on the concept plan.

Bill Johnsen stated that bicycle groups would be the most appropriate community group to make application.

Kelvin Thomson stated that there was no current pamphlet on the Moonee Ponds creek bike path and recalled that City of Essendon produced a pamphlet some years ago covering only 13 km.

Bill Johnsen stated that there was scope for funding from the program for developing further two major aspects of the concept plan.

- i) Co-ordinated management study
- ii) Educational and information interpretation programs.

Mr Alex Smart stated that the Area Improvement Programs should be presented with the work achieved from the \$25,000 funding of the concept plan. This suggestion was well received by the meeting and Bill Johnsen responded by saying the Resource Documents had been printed at 100 copies with 30 copies to be sent to the Association and 5-10 copies to each member Council.

Mr Russell Smith then asked for a cost break down on the concept plan process and indicated the need for a balance sheet to detail expenditure on all aspects of the plan.

#### Planting Techniques

Cr Joe Edmonds advised that there had been a 50% loss rate of plants at a site planted on Anzac Day despite good conditions of soil, plentiful rain and good tubestock. Another problem was infestation of weeds at the site. This observation led to a general discussion of planting technique and the merits of mulch vis-a-vis weedmat. Mr Nick Graesser of Greening Broadmeadows stated that dense plantings achieved the desired result as the canopy closure is more important than nurturing individual species. In these conditions a 50% die back can be tolerated.

Kelvin Thomson suggested a working bee at the Anzac Day planting site using experienced people to weed and ensure the remaining trees are not destroyed.

A report on the success rate on the Anzac Day site in the City of Essendon and the Mascoma Street plantings where weedmat was used with mixed success was called for by Mr Thomson.

Nick Graesser stated there was no perfect solution in employing the various techniques of weedmat in its various forms (i.e. plastic/biodegradable) or mulch.

Mr Graesser informed the meeting that weedmat squares will be used at the 27 October plantings in Broadmeadows.

#### Secretary's Position

Mr Wayne Harvey announced his retirement from the position of Secretary and nominated John Phillips as Secretary for the next 12 months. There were no objections and Mr Phillips was duly elected.



Mr Kelvin Thomson thanked Mr Harvey for his hard work and thoroughness in fulfilling all the obligations of Secretary.

The meeting concurred with these sentiments of a job well done.

NOTE:

The change of address for all correspondence to the Secretary:

Mr John Phillips  
c/- Strategic Planning Branch  
City of Melbourne  
7th Floor  
200 Little Collins Street  
Melbourne 3000

GPO BOX 1603M  
Melbourne 3001

Telephone: 658-8417

Fax: 650-3572

Spring Clean Up

Cr Joe Edmonds advised of a Melbourne Water annual spring clean up on Sunday 20 October 1991 at Ormond Park, Essendon.

Date of Next Meeting

DATE THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1991 at 8 PM

VENUE CITY OF BRUNSWICK  
CNR DAWSON STREET & SYDNEY ROAD  
BRUNSWICK

MEETING CLOSED AT 10:30 PM.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Held at Mayor's Room  
City of Brunswick  
Cnr Dawson Street & Sydney Road Brunswick  
Thursday 21 November 1991

PRESENT AT MEETING

		<u>Telephone</u>
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick	380-3403
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows	301-3332
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon	377-8797
Ann Cremean	Resident Ascot Vale	370-7605
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists	350-6833
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists	350-3124
Cr Andy Ingham	City of Brunswick	380-3209
Philip Radstake	Resident of Northcote	
L. Benincasa	Resident of Brunswick	
Helen Crowther	Resident of Brunswick	
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows	301-3200
Cr Kevin Sheahan	City of Broadmeadows	301-0552
Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College	306-4976
Bill Johnsen	Melbourne Water	615-5945
Ric Williams	Resident of Glenroy	339-3633
Terry Mundy	Boeing Reserve/Strathmore Progress Association	458-3633
Kelvin Thomson	President MCPA	306-9023
John Phillips	City of Melbourne (Minute Secretary)	658-8417

President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA declared the meeting open at 8:15 pm.

1.0

APOLOGIES

Cr Peter Scully	City of Essendon
Jo Connellan	City of Brunswick
John McDowall	City of Essendon
Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Cr Mike Hill	City of Brunswick
Alan & Dorothy Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Sharon Keppel	Resident of Hadfield
Cr Rosemary Kerr	City of Broadmeadows

2.0

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 October 1991 were confirmed as circulated.

Moved Wayne Harvey seconded Paul McGrath carried.

3.0

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1

Melbourne Docklands Development

John Phillips of the City of Melbourne referred to a letter from the Port of Melbourne Authority dated 29 October 1991 in which the Association's offer of 1000 trees for planting on the east side of the Moonee Ponds Creek south of Footscray Road was declined.

\* 3.1.1 POSTSCRIPT:

The Draft strategy for Redevelopment of Melbourne Docklands was received by the Secretary Mr John Phillips on 25 November 1991. A submission statement will be drafted for ratification by the MPCA at its next meeting.

3.2

Greening of Broadmeadows

Nick Graesser of the Greening of Broadmeadows informed the meeting that the plantings in the vicinity of the Edith Bendall Community Hall, Pascoe Vale on 27 October 1991 was a great success.

With the help of Pascoe Vale Rotary the community planted approximately 350 trees and shrubs using weedmats.

The Office of Corrections planted a further 500 trees later in the following week. Residents have been involved in watering and maintaining the trees.

3.3

Urban Regeneration Program

Paul McGrath of the City of Brunswick informed the meeting that Brunswick had picked up the 5000 trees allocated by GoGreen to the Flemington Area and with the help of Sandy Dickinson of GoGreen distributed the plants equally between the Cities of Essendon, Broadmeadows and Brunswick. The Port of Melbourne Authority declined the Association's offer of 1000 trees from the total Flemington area grant.

3.5

Photographic Record

In the absence of Mr David Lloyd the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

3.6

Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan

Bill Johnsen of Melbourne Water referred the meeting to two brochures produced as part of the final public consultation phase of the draft concept plan. The brochures are available for wide distribution.

The first brochure titled 'Putting a Pond back on the Creek' specifically refers to the trial weir project which is being built on the concrete drain section of the creek near Mount Alexander Road.

The second brochure briefly outlines the preparation of the draft concept plan and calls for community comment and submissions which will be received until 2 March 1992.

Copies of the draft concept plan are free of charge and can be obtained from Kelvin Thomson MLA, Moonee Ponds Creek Association, 122 Snell Grove, Oak Park, Victoria 3046; Open Space, Waterways and Environment Directorate, Melbourne Water, 625 Little Collins Street, Melbourne 3000; Melbourne Water Regional Offices; and local council offices.

Further information can be obtained by telephone from Kelvin Thomson, 306-9023, or Bill Johnsen, Melbourne Water, 615-5945.

Bill Johnsen informed the meeting that Melbourne Water will charge a nominal fee of \$10 per set for the Research Papers accompanying the draft concept plan.

Kelvin Thomson asked that the conditions of the Area Improvement Grant be looked at to determine whether the Association can make a nominal charge for the Research Papers. The intention of the charge is to encourage genuine use of the research papers.

Following discussion the meeting agreed that sets of Research Papers should be placed in municipal libraries of each Council.

Action: Council representatives, MPCA.

Bill Johnsen then spoke about the launch of the concept plan on 22 November 1991 at Delhi Reserve.

An invitation to all Delhi Court residents abutting the reserve was made by letter.

Kelvin Thomson felt that there may still be concern in the local community about the trial weir project and a wider resident distribution in the Travencore area is needed.

Kelvin Thomson then thanked Bill Johnsen for the professional approach taken throughout the concept plan process.

The meeting concurred with these sentiments of a job well done and thanked Mr Johnsen.

3.6

Reggio Calabria Club Development

Paul McGrath of Brunswick Council informed the meeting that some planting work had started along the Freeway but GoGreen will not do any direct seeding this year. GoGreen was reported to be frustrated with the current state of affairs.

Kelvin Thomson asked whether the landscape plans had been received by Council.

Paul McGrath stated that the planting plans had still not been produced, although detailed landscape plans was a condition on the town planning permit.

3.7

Archaeological and Historical Survey

In the absence of Mr David Lloyd the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

3.8

Tour of Metropolitan Sites

This matter was deferred until a future date is determined in the new year.

3.9

Working Bee Anzac Day Plantings

Kelvin Thomson reported that a Working Bee of the Pascoe Vale Naturalists would take place on 25 November 1991 along the creek adjacent to Pascoe Vale Road and Bell Street-Freeway ramp.

The site needed much attention to weeding and general maintenance.

Wayne Harvey asked whether the City of Essendon had set about maintaining the Bell Street batters at the Anzac Day planting site.

Lois Binnie of the City of Essendon stated that one additional staff member and spray unit were assigned to the area to attend to the weed problem.

4.0

CORRESPONDENCE

The secretary distributed a list to members of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous month.

A letter from Melbourne Water dated 11 November 1991 requesting the final instalment of \$10,000 from the Association for the Concept Plan was read to the meeting and this was accepted;

Moved Mr Alex Smart seconded Mrs Beryl Plumridge carried.

5.0

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

The letter from Open Space 2000 dated 6 November 1991 regarding the approval of \$80,000 grant for creek improvements was discussed at some length.

Wayne Harvey requested that the Association check the conditions of the grant and seek guidance from Melbourne Water as to how the money will be apportioned and allocated to each project area along the creek during 1992. Kelvin Thomson stated that it was the responsibility of the Association to determine the particular area where the project money is spent.

Wayne Harvey referred to the grant application on file and clarified for the meeting that the Open Space 2000 application was generally not area specific but concerned with projects along the length of the creek. The exception was laying back the creek banks adjacent to Railway Trestle Bridge, project work at Boeing Reserve, and weir construction at Ascot Vale.

Nick Graesser of Greening of Broadmeadows asked whether there was money for the Trestle Bridge area, and noted that John Curran of Melbourne Water had devised plans.

Kelvin Thomson stated that although the money had not been granted for this specific project area, future Open Space 2000 money was available for the works.

Discussion then centred on forming a subcommittee of the Association to allocate grant money to specific project areas.

Alex Smart stated that this could be best achieved by meeting Melbourne Water officers on site and arranging working bees in conjunction with Melbourne Water and Council operations.

Kelvin Thomson called for volunteers to join the subcommittee to oversee the expenditure of Open Space 2000 grant funds.

The members of the subcommittee was confirmed as follows:

. Alex Smart, Nick Graesser, Lois Binnie, Josephine Connellan, John Phillips.

Action

Kelvin Thomson agreed to assemble the subcommittee to meet Melbourne Water and provide the appropriate response.

6.

TREASURERS REPORT

6.1

The balance carried forward on 27 August 1991 totalled \$11,453.39 . For the period to 21 November 1991, an income of \$5,000.

Expenditure for the same period totalled \$7.91 .

For the balance at 21 November 1991, the amount was \$16,445.48 .

6.2

Discussion then ensued with regards to the Flemington Project income from GoGreen of \$2,000.00.

Kelvin Thomson stated that the Association will authorise disimbursement of the money to each of the three Councils which took up the plants and to cover associated costs.

Wayne Harvey requested that the Councils send a breakdown of their costs to John Phillips so that the Secretary could provide an explanation to GoGreen on where the money was spent.

The Councils request for reimbursement will be coordinated by the Secretary and forwarded to the Treasurer for action.

Action

Nick Graesser, Paul McGrath, Lois Binnie.

7.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1

Rapid Transit Link

John Phillips presented information on this matter as per the position statement attached to the agenda paper. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for Transport stating the Associations position preferring the standard gauge line route via Sunshine and opposing the Moonee Ponds Creek/Tullamarine Freeway route alignment.

Action: The Secretary to invite the relevant Public Transport Corporation officer to address the second meeting of the Association in the New Year.

7.2

Kelvin Thomson advised that application for funds was being made for tree planting at Herbert Street, Oak Park, and that the expertise from members of a bird observers club was being sought with respect to suitable species to attract fauna.

7.3

Kelvin Thomson advised that as an incorporated body the Association is required to hold an Annual General Meeting to elect office bearers and attend to other matters as required in the articles of association. The date of the Annual General Meeting was not fixed but will be held as the second meeting of the Association in February or March 1992.

7.4

Kelvin Thomson stated there is a need to appoint an independent auditor to audit the Association's financial records prior to the Annual General Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding a number of suitable appointments, and the meeting agreed that the Treasurer should approach a professional auditor and report back to the next meeting with a recommendation to be ratified by the Association.

Action: Treasurer.

7.5

John Phillips reported that written legal advice had not yet been obtained from the City of Melbourne legal officer with respect to legal liability of public officials elected under the Association's Incorporation Act.

The matter will be reported to the earliest meeting once the advice is received.

7.6

The meeting considered the proposed residential subdivision of the Cowans Land, Broadmeadows, and canvassed the following issues: open space provision, traffic, accessibility to the site and impact on the creek.

Cr Kevin Sheehan stated that the project site is one of the last large private land parcels in the vicinity of the creek, and the proposed project provides a mix of dwelling density types to achieve urban consolidation objectives.

The City of Broadmeadows will place the proposal on public display for comment prior to a Council decision whether or not to support a planning scheme rezoning amendment.

The meeting agreed that the Cowans Land developer be invited to speak to the next meeting of the Association, and that the Association make submission to the developer with regard to the proposal.

Action: John Phillips, Wayne Harvey.

7.7

Alex Smart reported that the Keilor Plains Society growing Australian Plants are active in the Moonee Ponds creek valley and requested further information on their work.

The Society has found 30 indigenous species at Strathnaver Reserve Strathmore, and have been assisted by Dale Tomlinson of GoGreen.

7.8

Alex Smart advised that the \$8,000 held by the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) as payment from Southern Paper Converters has still not been allocated to the Moonee Ponds/Yuroke Creek valleys. This is despite numerous requests from the City of Broadmeadows to release the money.

Following discussion the meeting agreed that the Association should write to the ACF requesting the money be allocated to the Moonee Ponds Creek Association for works.

Action: John Phillips.

7.9

Ric Williams stated there was a need for signage on the escarpment in the vicinity of trestle bridge Jacana Reach, indicating where the creek linear bike track is.



John Phillips advised that funding for such signage may be made available through the Area Improvement Grants.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

DATE: Thursday 30 January 1992  
TIME: 8:00 pm  
VENUE: Flemington Library  
313 Racecourse Road Flemington  
Melways Reference: 42 K1

MEETING CLOSED AT 10:15 pm

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

of

**MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

Held at Flemington Library  
313 Racecourse Road  
Flemington

Thursday 30 January 1992

PRESENT AT MEETING

Helen Crewther	Far North West Brunswick Resident Group
Sharon Keppel	Resident of Hadfield
Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College
Ann Cremean	Resident of Ascot Vale
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Allan Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Ric Williams	Resident of Glenroy
Kaye Oddie	North Melbourne Association
Ray White	Pascoe Vale Resident
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows
Philip Radstake	Resident of Northcote
Kelvin Thomson	Chairman of MPCA
John Phillips	City of Melbourne
	(Minute Secretary) Tel: 658-8417 Fax: 650-3572

Chairman, Mr. Kelvin Thomson MLA declared the meeting open at 8:10 pm.

1.0

APOLOGIES

Cr. Peter Scully	City of Essendon
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
John McDowall	City of Essendon
Cr. Andy Ingham	City of Brunswick
Jo Connellan	City of Brunswick
Cr. Rosemary Kerr	City of Broadmeadows
Cr. Kevin Sheahan	City of Broadmeadows
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows
Allison Turner	City of Broadmeadows
Dorothy Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Peter & Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Terry Munday	Strathmore Progress Association
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists

2.0

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 November 1991 were confirmed as circulated.

Moved Paul McGrath seconded Allan Thomson.

3.0

GUEST SPEAKER

Cowans Land Residential proposal, City of Broadmeadows.

* Mr Basil Elms	* Mr Rod Hearn
Land Use Advisory Service	Project Director

Mr Basil Elms outlined the existing conditions of the site as follows:

- . Bounded by the Moonee Ponds Creek, Western Ringroad, Tullamarine Freeway and standard gauge line. (Melways Ref: 16 B2)
- . Cowan's property (7 hectares) is zoned Light Industrial with a current live permit for 99 factory unit buildings.
- . Morgan's property (2.25 hectares) abutting the creek is zoned General Industrial.

The proposal for the total 9.25 hectare site is as follows:

- . Approximately 1200 dwellings.
- . Access to the site via two separate points at Coventry Street and Outlook Drive which would not be interconnected thus preventing through traffic.
- . Negotiations with Morgan's in the valley to redevelop the land for public open space with potential for billabong landscape treatment.

Following discussion of the proposal, Kelvin Thomson summarised the main issues as follows:

Positive benefits

- . Remove factories from land west of the creek at Morgan's.
- . Develop open space with indigenous vegetation on the Morgan's site.

Negative features

- . Vehicular access via the road bridge across creek.
- . The extent to which housing (density and scale) may extend down the escarpment hill towards the creek.

The meeting thanked Mr Basil Elms for this enlightening address.

4.0

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1

Subcommittee to oversee expenditure of Open Space 2000 Grants.

Due to the Christmas-New Year holiday period the subcommittee has not yet formed, but Kelvin Thomson agreed to set future dates at the next meeting.

#### 4.2

#### Melbourne Docklands Development

John Phillips of the City of Melbourne referred to plans attached to the agenda paper showing the preferred draft development strategy for both Docklands Taskforce and the Victorian Ports Land Use Plan.

Each of the plans, if implemented, would dramatically alter the existing topographical features of the Moonee Ponds Creek estuary and destroy the vision set out in Reach 1 of the Concept Plan for a large wetlands area with isolated bird habitat.

The major issues of conflict with the Reach 1 preferred option are:

- 1/ Construction of Appleton F and G Docks with consequent dredging of the estuary.
- 2/ The extension of the proposed Western Bypass south of Footscray Road to Graham Street Port Melbourne via a low level bridge of 11 metres across the Moonee Ponds Creek estuary and Yarra River.
- 3/ Diversion and realignment of the creek into two narrow canals flowing into Victoria Dock with little area of wetlands.

In submissions to the relevant planning bodies the Association has, and will continue to, reiterate its strong desire for high quality open space including an isolated nature area within the wetlands estuarine option at the mouth of the Moonee Ponds Creek.

#### 5.0

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary distributed a list to members of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous two months.

#### 6.0

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

#### 6.1

Kelvin Thomson read to the meeting a letter from a Melbourne Water employee, Mr Gregory Walker, who has spent the past 22 years working along the Moonee Ponds Creek. The insights and experiences set out in the letter are particularly interesting in view of the Concept Plan proposal to establish a coordinated management practice along the creek.

The meeting agreed to invite Mr Walker to a future meeting of the Association to hear first hand his experiences and views on the past and future of the creek.

#### 6.2

Kelvin Thomson received a letter from Corporate Sponsors regarding a National Clean-Up Day on Sunday 1 March 1992.

Following adverse press coverage of a littered site near Dynon Road West Melbourne, it was agreed that available resources should be spent cleaning this area up. Wayne Harvey of the City of Broadmeadows stated that public involvement in clean-up days had been disappointing in the past despite the time and resources involved in organising the days.

Kelvin Thomson felt that there was a need for more adequate publicity.

Volunteers for 1 March 1992 Clean-Up Day, telephone Kelvin Thomson 306-9023

6.3

Kelvin Thomson also received a letter from concerned local residents regarding mini-bike riders destroying recent plantings on the Bell Street batters.

The matter is to be referred to Scott Wright of Melbourne Water for inclusion in the Concept Plan Action Program to prevent off-road access.

7.0

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Cr. Kevin Sheahan the matter was deferred until the next meeting, which is the Annual General Meeting. Discussion then ensued on the requirement for an independent audit of the Association's finances, referred to in paragraph 7.4 of the Minutes of the meeting held 21 November 1991.

#### Action

Wayne Harvey agreed to work with Cr. Kevin Sheahan to ensure an auditor's statement is presented at the 19 March 1992 A.G.M.

8.0

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1

Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan.

Kelvin Thomson referred to the feature article in 'The Age' Saturday 28 December 1991 titled 'Saving a City's Lost Creek' as an example of the good publicity the Concept Plan was receiving.

There have been numerous enquires to Kelvin Thomson's office and the general tenor is one of support for the Concept Plan.

8.2

Helen Crewther reported some adverse reaction to the Concept Plan with some local residents complaining of a mosquito problem and clearing exotic species of trees (i.e. willows etc.).

8.3

Ann Cremean stated that the draft Concept Plan had one major oversight, being the lack of an address and closing date for submissions. The green pamphlet which contains the relevant submissions information was often not attached to the Concept Plan, and there is concern some people who wished to make comment have not been able to.

Kelvin Thomson advised the meeting that every Concept Plan sent from his office contained the green pamphlet.

8.4

Other General Business

- The application made by the Association and Keilor Plans Society to the Department of Conservation and Environment to fence and signpost a remnant site at Strathnaver Reserve has not progressed.

Action

Kelvin Thomson agreed to enquire on the status of the application.

- Ann Cremean drew attention to a degraded remnant vegetation site near Willowbrook Reserve West Meadows which had been trodden by cattle.

Action

Wayne Harvey will investigate and contact the Shire of Bulla.

- Paul McGrath reported on the Brunswick road freeway exit project with Melbourne Water. The Office of Corrections may be used if the resident tree planting day is not successful.

Kelvin Thomson suggested an extensive letterbox distribution in the surrounding area advertising the planting day.

- Kelvin Thomson stated that the Association must ensure that previous planting day areas are maintained and not left to decline.

There is a need to consolidate the previous planting sites, with the following areas considered a good starting point:

- . Glenroy - weed infestation, need to replant.
- . Strathmore - West side Boeing Reserve, poor condition.  
East side Boeing Reserve, good condition.
- . Strathmore North - Primary School.  
Students are keen to be involved in plantings.
- . Pascoe Vale Road ) ongoing weeding required,
- . Edith Bendall Community Hall ) replacement of certain
- . Bell Street embankment ) trees, otherwise in good shape.

The meeting considered that arrangements should be made with Councils to maintain the above sites before Autumn.

Action

Council representatives.

- Kelvin Thomson reported that VicRoads had been mowing down the trees along with the grass on the Bell Street embankment. Following discussions, VicRoads has now staked trees and several hundred are surviving.

In future plantings, Kelvin Thomson suggested the Association may purchase weedmats instead of using mulch. Mulch is difficult to transport, and is often in short supply.

Paul McGrath of the City of Brunswick further suggested a presentation board for day plantings indicating the mature species type so that people could see what the site may look like in 10-20 years.

- Kelvin Thomson reported that a \$3,250 grant had been received from the 1992 Urban Regeneration Fund for the Herbert Street area, Pascoe Vale.

Nick Graesser of the City of Broadmeadows was presently considering species type in association with the bird observers club and would organise a community tree planting day. Site preparation has already commenced with a weed eradication programme.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE : Thursday 19 March 1992  
TIME : 8:00 pm  
VENUE : Essendon Civic Centre  
Mayoral Room  
Cnr. Kellaway Ave. & Pascoe Vale Rd  
Moonee Ponds  
(enter from Pascoe Vale Road)  
MELWAYS REFERENCE : 28 J6

MEETING CLOSED AT 10:30 pm.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**HELD AT CITY OF ESSENDON CIVIC CENTRE  
Pascoe Vale Road, Moonee Ponds  
Thursday, 19 March 1992, 8.00pm**

**Present at Meeting:**

Scott Wright	Melbourne Water
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Gregory Walker	Observer (Melbourne Water Employee)
Sharon Keppel	Hadfield Resident
Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows
Mark Boyle	City of Essendon
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
Kathy Duncan	Shire of Bulla
Rosemary Kerr	City of Broadmeadows
Ric Williams	Glenroy
Kevin Sheahan	City of Broadmeadows
Bill Kardamitsis	Observer (ALP candidate, Federal Seat of Wills)
Ray White	Resident of Essendon
Kelvin Thomson	MLA, Pascoe Vale
Terry Mundy	Strathmore Progress Assoc
John Phillips	City of Melbourne

President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA declared the Annual General meeting open at 8.10pm.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Anne Cremean	Resident Ascot Vale
Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Jo Connellan	City of Brunswick
Cr. Andy Ingham	City of Brunswick

Kelvin Thomson welcomed the following people on behalf of the Association who observed the meeting: Mr Bill Kardamitsis, Mr Gregory Walker and Cr. Kathy Duncan.



## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 January 1992 were confirmed as circulated.

Moved Wayne Harvey; seconded Evelyn Northey; Carried.

## 3. TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Cr Kevin Sheahan reported the following Statement of Accounts for the Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc. dated 12 March 1992.

Motion Put - that the Treasurers report be received.

Moved Wayne Harvey; seconded Sharon Keppel; Carried

## 4. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS (1992)

The Secretary to the Moonee Ponds Creek Association (Part 1991) Mr John Phillips, advised that there had only been one nomination for each of the office bearer positions.

The nominations were as follows:

President:	Mr Kelvin Thomson
Vice President:	Mr Ray White
Treasurer:	Mr Alex Smart
Secretary:	Mr John Phillips

Those personnel were duly elected to the positions to which they nominated.

Moved John Phillips; seconded Kevin Sheahan; Carried

Mr Kelvin Thomson expressed thanks to Cr Kevin Sheahan on behalf of the Association for his work as Treasurer over the past year. The meeting concurred with these sentiments and thanked the outgoing Treasurer.

Moved Kelvin Thomson; seconded John Phillips; Carried.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 5.1 Cowans Land Residential proposal:

Wayne Harvey advised that the public exhibition of the rezoning proposal would be some time in the future with much detail to be further resolved.

### 5.2 Subcommittee to Oversee Expenditure of Open Space 2000 Grants

The subcommittee met in early March 1992, and discussed with Melbourne Water officers the works required as part of the \$10,000 grant for removing chain wire fencing along the creek.

The subcommittee resolved to start work in the vicinity of the Strathmore South Primary School and move south along the creek. The Maribyrnong Region of Melbourne Water will carry out the work with the view to removing fencing which runs both across the creek and adjacent to it. Fence removal will not be indiscriminate, but assessed according to whether or not it is advantageous to public access, safety requirements etc.

### 5.3 National Clean-up Day, 1 March 1992

Kelvin Thomson reported that many of the groups who had previously expressed an interest, were not in fact available on the day.

Wayne Harvey reported that the City of Broadmeadows had an excellent response with up to 50 people assisting with the clean-up in the Barry Road/Yuroke Creek valley area. This response went against the trend of previous years.

### 5.4 Brunswick Road - Freeway Exist Park Project

Paul McGrath of the City of Brunswick advised that the area was too large for the students of Queens Park Secondary College to plant out on their own. Melbourne Water and the City of Brunswick will do the majority of the plantings with cooperation with the school.

The City of Brunswick will aid the students in explaining planting techniques and the design concepts of the park.

An extensive letter-box drop will be carried out in the surrounding residential areas to promote involvement in the planting days.

#### 5.5 Flemington Trial Weir Project

Greg Walker advised that problems had arisen in implementing the trial weir due to the need to fill the deep centre channel and prevent the potential danger of people falling in deep water holes. The main wall of the weir has been constructed however and sluice gates will be in place in the near future.

### 6. **CORRESPONDENCE: MATTERS ARISING**

The secretary distributed a list to members of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous 2 months.

6.1 A letter received from the Department of Conservation and Environment declined funding for a joint application made between the Association and the Keilor Plains Society for Growing Australian Native Plants for a project at Strathnaver Reserve.

6.2 A letter received from the Northern Region Commission was discussed at length. Wayne Harvey of the City of Broadmeadows advised that the proposed E14 Bypass Road would not impact on the Concept Plan proposals for the Jacana retarding basin area. All landscape works proposed by the City of Broadmeadows in the Yuroke Creek Valley were mindful of the potential impact of the E14 reserve.

Action Wayne Harvey will report to the next meeting to explain the potential impacts if any, of the E14 road reservation.

### 7. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

7.1 Ray White advised that the City of Broadmeadows has offered the foyer of the Municipal Offices as a display area for local non-commercial community groups to mount static displays, (ie. posters - pamphlets etc). For further information contact the City of Broadmeadows on telephone 301 3200.

7.2 Nick Graesser from Greening of Broadmeadows advised that a cheque for \$3,250 had been received from the 1992 Urban Regeneration Fund for the Herbert Street area, Pascoe Vale.

Weed control has been carried out and mulch is being prepared for the site. It is intended to plant all strata of native vegetation from ground covers through to shrubs and trees.

The planting day is set for Saturday 16 May 1992 at Herbert Street Reserve Pascoe Vale (Melways Ref 16 H8) commencing at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to participate in this community planting day.

Contact: Nick Graesser on telephone 301 3200

- 7.3 Nick Graesser reported on the project work at Kingsford-Smith Ulm Reserve, Glenroy in which a resident design workshop took place. Issues addressed at the meeting included:
- . better access from the higher slopes to the creek valley;
  - . a passive informal native vegetation theme;
  - . regenerating neglected areas and reducing fire hazards;
  - . various limitations with landscaping steep slopes.
- Earthworks associated with the design concept will commence almost immediately.
- 7.4 Greg Walker advised that Melbourne Water is soon to commence works laying back the banks of the creek between Trestle Bridge and Strathnaver Reserve.
- 7.5 Nick Graessar from Greening of Broadmeadows reported that a more extensive use of woodchip mulch will be used in future to reduce maintenance costs to two visits each year per site. Greg Walker advised that Melbourne Water was watering all planting plots along the creek in Broadmeadows on average, once every 2 weeks.
- 7.6 Terry Mundy of Strathmore Progress Association referred to the Meeting Minutes of 30 January 1992 with regard to the Autumn 1990 plantings, and the status of various sites. The previous Minutes incorrectly named the west side of Boeing Reserve as being in poor condition. The area in poor condition is infact the west side of the creek in the vicinity of Strathnaver Reserve between Nursery Corner City of Essendon.
- 7.7 Mark Boyle of the City of Essendon reported that he had met with Andrew Straker of GoGreen to discuss with the Strathmore North Primary School a planting day as part of Arbor Week.

The City of Essendon will provide 300 plants and mulch and the students will do the plantings which include native grasses and provide ongoing maintenance.

The motion was put that the Association provide financial assistance to buy mulch for the Strathmore North Primary School Project. The cost of the mulch is \$450.

Moved Terry Mundy; Seconded Ray White; Carried.  
Action: Treasurer

- 7.8 Kelvin Thomson advised that the Pascoe Vale Naturalists had successfully weeded the Bell Street embankment.

Mark Boyle of the City of Essendon advised that maintenance of the Bell Street embankment with a spray unit will commence shortly, eradicating further weed problems.

- 7.9 Kelvin Thomson discussed the Melbourne Water restructure and its impact on works and maintenance responsibilities for the Moonee Ponds Creek. Scott Wright of Melbourne Water advised that whole catchments were to be the basis of regional administration with the Maribymong Region taking responsibility for the entire creek.

Action: Scott Wright to report to the next meeting on the impact of Melbourne Water restructure on the creek.

- 7.10 The meeting expressed its sincere thanks to Mr David Lloyd from Greening Australia and Chairman of the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan Steering Committee for all his dedicated hard work in helping to make the Concept Plan document a great success.

The meeting wished David well in his new career position in Townsville, Queensland.

Kelvin Thomson requested that a Greening Australia representative be nominated to attend Association meetings in the future.

- 7.11 Wayne Harvey advised that a further 2km bike path extension along the Yuroke Creek will be constructed in the next 12-15 week period.

- 7.12 Wayne Harvey then spoke about the City of Broadmeadow's proposal to develop a series of billabong pondages in conjunction with a golf course to enable a permanent reliable water supply to be established for watering the golf course. It was explained that water drawn from the Moonee Ponds Creek into the billabongs would only occur in peak flow periods.

Wayne Harvey expressed the City of Broadmeadows' frustration however, in gaining the necessary hydrological study information from Melbourne water required to establish peak flow periods. The installation of a hydrological gauge monitoring unit at Jacana Basin is estimated to cost \$16,000, but it is the contention of the City of Broadmeadows that this sum of works is not required when the hydrological figures must have been previously collected and held by Melbourne Water.

Ray White expressed concern that a golf course would primarily be interested in the water storage component and less concerned with wetlands.

Ray White stated the Association should not support a golf course water storage proposal which is not included in the Concept Plan proposal.

Wayne Harvey stated that the City of Broadmeadows was very conscious of greening the area and through working in consultation with Melbourne Water, the wetlands proposal at Jacana Basin will be developed as a significant flora and fauna site.

Kelvin Thomson stated that drawing water from the creek for the purpose of maintaining a permanent watering supply for a golf course was potentially controversial. There may be possible adverse environmental conditions downstream if too much water is drawn.

Alex Smart commented that fauna does not discriminate between golf courses and other types of open space and felt the idea of golf club fees paying for redevelopment of the creek at a time of government financial stringency was a good one.

The Motion was put that Melbourne Water be requested to give full hydrological information on creek flows to the City of Broadmeadows to assess the golf course pondage proposal at Jacana Basin and ensure adequate waterflow is maintained in the creek. Moved Wayne Harvey; seconded Alex Smart; Carried.

- 7.13 Scott Wright of Melbourne Water distributed the final background and resource document produced as part of the concept plan process.

The "Alternative Drainage Assessment for Moonee Ponds Creek" by Scenic Spectrums and Neil Craigie will be made available at Council offices and in Municipal Libraries.

Action: Council Representatives.

- 7.14 As detailed in the Treasurers Report the balance of the Flemington Project Account is \$1,992.24.

The Minutes of the Associations' meeting held on 21 November 1991 record that the M.P.C.A will authorise equal disbursement of the money to each of the three Councils which took up the plants and to cover associated costs. Therefore the Councils of Brunswick, Essendon and Broadmeadows are each entitled to the sum of \$664.00 to be paid by the Moonee Ponds Creek Association.

Action: Treasurer

#### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DATE: Thursday 30 April 1992

TIME: 8.00pm

VENUE: City of Broadmeadows Municipal Offices  
The Silver Room'  
Pascoe Vale Road  
Broadmeadows

MELWAYS REFERENCE: 6 G8

**MEETING CLOSED AT 9.45pm**

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC  
12.3.92

A. Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan Account

Income

City of Broadmeadows	\$5,000
City of Brunswick	\$5,000
City of Coburg	\$5,000
City of Essendon	\$5,000
City of Melbourne	\$5,000
VicRoads	\$5,000
Northern Area Improvement Programme	\$25,000

Sub Total	\$55,000
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Expenditure

Melbourne Water	\$55,000
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Sub Total	\$55,000
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BALANCE

\$ NIL

B. Flemington Project Account

Income

Go. Green	\$2,000
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Sub Total	\$2,000
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Expenditure

Russell Smith	\$7.76
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Sub Total	\$7.76
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BALANCE AS AT 12.3.92

\$1,992.24

C. Administration Account

Income

Membership & Donations	\$382.00
Nett Interest	\$107.27
Greening Australia (Alcoa Grant)	\$4,000.00

Sub Total	\$4,489.27
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Expenditure

F.I.D.	\$36.03
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Sub Total	\$36.03
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BALANCE AS AT 12.3.92

\$4,453.24



Telecom Credit Union Account  
(Consolidated Cash Balance)

CURRENT ASSETS

Flemington Project Account	\$1,992.24
Administration Account	\$4,453.24
Unpresented Melbourne Water Cheque No 104079	\$10,000.00

SUB TOTAL	<u>\$16,445.48</u>
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LESS LIABILITIES

Melbourne Water	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
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SUB TOTAL	\$10,000.00
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SURPLUS AVAILABLE AS AT 12.3.92

\$6,445.48

I have examined the above accounts and certify them as true and correct.

Kevin Patrick SHEAHAN, Treasurer..... *Kevin Sheahan*.....

Athol Bruce ATTWATER B.Eco. Auditor..... *A. B. Attwater*.....

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**HELD AT CITY OF BROADMEADOWS MUNICIPAL OFFICES  
'THE SILVER ROOM'  
PASCOE VALE ROAD BROADMEADOWS**

Thursday 30 April 1992, 8:00 pm

**Present at Meeting**

Kay White	20 Alfred Road Essendon
Phillip Radstake	5/5 Emmaline St., Northcote
Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College
David Mulholland	Coburg City Council
Cllr. Kathy Duncan	Shire of Bulla
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists (Treasurer)
Tony Smith	Strathmore Sports Club (PO Box 256 Essendon 3040)
David Runnalls	Shire of Bulla
Cllr. Joe Edmonds	City of Essendon
Ann Cremean	Resident of Ascot Vale
Mark Boyle	City of Essendon
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows
Sharon Keppel	Hadfield Resident
Cllr Rosemary Kerr	City of Broadmeadows
Gregory Walker	Observer (Melbourne Water)
Scott Wright	Melbourne Water
Kelvin Thomson	MLA Pascoe Vale (President)
John Phillips	City of Melbourne (Minute Secretary)

President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA declared the meeting open at 8:15 pm.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Anna Petrou	Coburg City Council
Cllr May Stone	City of Broadmeadows
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows
Sandy Dickinson	Greening Australia (Vic)
Gordon Davies	Melbourne Water
Jo Connellan	City of Brunswick
Cllr Peter Scully	City of Essendon

Kelvin Thomson welcomed the following people to the meeting:

Cllr Cathy Duncan, David Runnalls, Tony Smith.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 March 1992 were confirmed as circulated.  
Moved Sharon Keppel, seconded Paul McGrath, carried.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Cowans Land Residential Proposal.

Wayne Harvey reported that the City of Broadmeadows at its April meeting resolved to prepare a Planning Scheme Amendment to rezone the site for residential use. The amendment will be exhibited for public comment in late May.

3.2 Expenditure of Open Space 2000 Grants.

Scott Wright of Melbourne Water advised that there was no further action to report on the \$10,000 grant for removal of chain wire fence along the creek.

3.3 Brunswick Road - Freeway Exit Park Project.

Paul McGrath of the City of Brunswick reported that Queens Park Secondary College was reluctant to do the planting's at this time.

The City of Brunswick is preparing a community mail-out to organise a planting day during Arbour week 11-17 May. The Brunswick Tree Group is expected to help in the planting.

3.4 Flemington Trial Weir Project.

Scott Wright advised Melbourne Water will fill the centre low flow channel with rock by the end of June. The sluice gates will then be put in place to dam the water over the concrete.

3.5 E14 Road Reserve (Western Ring Road to Somerton Road).

Wayne Harvey spoke to the meeting with the aid of aerial photographs, explaining the proposed route of the E14 road.

It was concluded that the proposed route is outside the concept plan area.

Kelvin Thomson stated that there was no need to comment further on the issue in response to the Northern Region Commission's letter dated 2 March 1992.

3.6 Ray White asked the meeting whether anyone with photography skills could volunteer to mount a static display of MPCA activities along the creek. It is envisaged to mount the display by the next meeting of the Association.

Kelvin Thomson suggested the display could be moved to various locations (i.e. libraries, schools) along the creek.

Alex Smart stated funds to cover costs should come from the MPCA budget to reimburse the photographer.

3.7 Herbert Street Project/Arbour Week.

Wayne Harvey advised that the 16 May 1992 Herbert Street Reserve planting day was incorporated into the City of Broadmeadows events calendar.

Kelvin Thomson requested that an information leaflet be widely distributed to the local community giving notice of the planting day.

Lois Binnie informed the meeting of the Shire of Essendon's planting day at Strathnaver and Boeing Reserves on 16 May 1992 in which 450 plants are to be planted.

- 3.8 Greg Walker advised that Melbourne Water will commence laying back the banks of the creek between Trestle Bridge and Strathnaver Reserve (East side, City of Broadmeadows) before the end of the financial year in June.

Kelvin Thomson stated there was a need to take a series of photographs of the area before Melbourne Water commences laying back the banks.

- 3.9 Mark Boyle reported that the site near Strathmore North Primary School, Mascorna Street, had been sprayed and ripped prior to rotary hoeing. Planting's with the school will occur during Arbour Week.

- 3.10 Evelyn Northey of Santa Sophia College reported that a planting day at Kingsford Smith/Ulm Reserve has been organised with Nick Graesser of Greening of Broadmeadows for 19 May 1992. Evelyn Northey stated she has a photograph of the area taken over 40 years ago which may be of interest.

- 3.11 Melbourne Water: Regional responsibilities.

Scott Wright advised that Yarra Region based at Plenty Road, Mill Park (PO Box 92 Bundoora 3083) held primary responsibility for the creek from the headwaters south to Brunswick-Ormond Road. South of Brunswick Road in the City of Melbourne area is the responsibility of Maribyrnong Region based at St. Albans Road Sunshine 3020. The responsible Drainage Operations Engineers from both regions of Melbourne Water will attend the next meeting of the Association.

- 3.12 Golf Course Proposal - Jacana Basin.

Wayne Harvey advised that a meeting between the City of Broadmeadows and Melbourne Water will take place in mid May to best guess the minimum-maximum flows of the creek at Jacana to obviate the need for a \$16,000 hydrological gauge monitoring unit.

- 3.13 Concept Plan.

Scott Wright advised that a final Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan Steering Committee meeting will be held to incorporate all community comments on the draft plan and formalise the final plan for the Association's endorsement.

#### Action

Kelvin Thomson and Scott Wright will set a date for the Steering Group meeting prior to the next meeting of the Association.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 The Secretary read a letter to the meeting received from Mr Roger Jones with regard to the trial weir at Flemington.

Kelvin Thomson commented that algae growth in still shallow warm waters of the creek was a problem which the run and riffle sections being designed and built along the creek would help in preventing.

Alex Smart stated that it is just a trial weir and therefore the whole community is anxious to find out what happens and learn from the problems which might arise.

Kelvin Thomson felt a potential algae bloom was not an argument for not proceeding with the trial weir but requested Melbourne Water to undertake regular monitoring of the project.

Discussion ensued about the likely smell of algae in the creek.

Cllr. Joe Edmonds of the City of Essendon stated that in meetings with the Area Commissioners of Melbourne Water, it has been reported that many scientific tests indicate algae does not have a particularly offensive odour.

- 4.2 The Secretary read a late letter received from the Australian Conservation Foundation with regard to \$8,000 held in trust from the Southern Paper Converter's fine.

Action

Wayne Harvey and John Phillips to meet the ACF to seek the release of the money for creek works.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there has been problems in changing signatures at the bank leading to a delay in paying the member Councils' the Flemington Project money as set out in the Minutes (paragraph 7.14) of the Association's meeting held on 19 March 1992. The monies will be paid as soon as possible.

A cheque for the sum of \$3,250 from Greening Australia (Vic) was banked into the Association's account.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Grant Applications.

Paul McGrath reported that the Open Space 2000 applications close on 15 May 1992 and requested that the Association make a number of major applications to implement the Concept Plan.

Kelvin Thomson asked for interested members to form a sub-committee to consider both Open Space 2000 applications and Greening Australia (Vic) applications which also close on 15 May 1992.

The motion was put that the group consisting of the following members: Wayne Harvey, Lois Binnie, Ray White, Cllr. Joe Edmonds, Paul McGrath and Kelvin Thomson, meet to list projects suitable for Open Space 2000 funding in 1992-3.

Moved Cllr. Joe Edmonds, Seconded Wayne Harvey, Carried.

- 6.2 John Phillips reported that the City of Melbourne had made Open Space application for a shared bike-walking path with landscape works between the Inner Circle Railway Park project and the Moonee Ponds Creek, opening the prospect for a direct link with the Merri Creek - Yarra Trail.

- 6.3 Wayne Harvey reported on events surrounding the Greening of Broadmeadows program and distributed a brochure on the dates of planting's over the coming months.

Contact Wayne Harvey or Nick Graesser of the City of Broadmeadows for further information (Telephone 301-3200).

Wayne Harvey also advised that Greening Australia has conducted direct seeding trials at the Yuroke Creek valley park and that the Urban Land Authority was sponsoring tree planting in the City of Broadmeadows at cost of \$15,000.

- 6.4 Anne Cremean reported that a grasslands officer of the Department of Conservation & Environment would inspect Strathnaver Reserve to assess its significance. Anne Cremean stated she would contact the City of Essendon to consider further funds for Strathnaver Reserve, in particular removing the chain-wire fencing.

Ray White advised the meeting of a number of funding sources for tree planting including Save the Bush Program and One Billion Trees Project.

Anne Cremean stated these programs were appropriate to Strathnaver Reserve and would investigate further.

- 6.5 Tony Smith of Strathmore Sports Club advised the meeting of the Lebanon Reserve Draft Master Plan for reserve utilisation.

Kelvin Thomson requested that the Association see the draft Master Plan before finalisation, particularly in view of the Association's and Melbourne Water's desire to remove the chain-wire fencing in the area as set out in the Concept Plan.

- 6.6 Greg Walker reported that the Moonee Ponds Creek bike path is being restored following completion of the Fanny Street Sewer works with part funding from the City of Essendon and Melbourne Water.

- 6.7 Kelvin Thomson advised that he will meet the Essendon Lions Club to ensure that their plans for 5 Mile Creek Reserve are in line with the Concept Plan.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DATE	Thursday 11 June 1992
TIME	8:00 pm
VENUE	Coburg Town Hall
MELWAYS REFERENCE	17.J12
MEETING CLOSED AT	9:30 pm.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.**

held at City of Coburg Town Hall  
Acacia Room, Cnr. Elm Grove and Bell Street Coburg  
**28 January 1993**

***PRESENT AT MEETING***

John Phillips	City of Melbourne (Secretary)
Ann Cremean	Resident of Ascot Vale
Ric Williams	Resident of Glenroy
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Mark Boyle	City of Essendon
Tony Smith	Strathmore Sports Club
Cr. Joe Edmonds	City of Essendon
Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College
Terry Mundy	Strathmore Progress Association
Philip Radstake	Resident of Northcote
Eric Ward	Brunswick Tree Group
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows
Cr. Max Stone	City of Broadmeadows
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows
David Mulholland	City of Coburg

Acting Chair John Phillips, declared the meeting open at 8.15 pm.

***1. APOLOGIES***

Kelvin Thomson (President)	MLA Pascoe Vale
Cr. Rosemary Kerr	City of Broadmeadows
Cr. Sharron Keppel	City of Broadmeadows
Cr. Norma Willoughby	City of Coburg
Cr. Peter Scully	City of Essendon
Cr. Cathy Lanigan	City of Brunswick
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Alex Smart (Treasurer)	Pascoe Vale Naturalists

***2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES***

Evelyn Northey requested that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 November 1992 be amended to include Evelyn Northey and Cr. Rosemary Kerr as present at the meeting. The Minutes of 26 November 1992 with amendments were then confirmed.

Moved: Paul McGrath      Seconded: Wayne Harvey      Carried

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Jacana Valley Golf Course Proposal**

Wayne Harvey informed the meeting that Council's preferred consortia has not responded in recent months and Council may consider a fresh call for expressions of interest. It is now unlikely golf course works will proceed in the near future.

#### **3.2 ~~Open Space 2000/~~ now Parks and Waterways Program**

John Phillips informed the meeting of the name change of this Program and of the advise received from Alex Smart. The Minister for Environment and Natural Resources wrote to Alex Smart informing him that the Open Space 2000 Advisory Council has been disbanded. A new advisory body dealing with grant applications from community groups will be established. Grants have been divided separately into Agency Grants [Councils etc.] and Community Grants. The closing date for Community Grants is 2 April 1993. An Open Day is being held at Burnley Horticulture College on Sunday 14 March 1993 to offer assistance to community groups and answer questions with regard to applications and ensuring they are consistent with the Programs' priorities.

#### **3.3 Flemington / Trestle Bridge Trial Weirs**

Wayne Harvey moved the following motion; that the Association write to Melbourne Water, Yarra and Maribyrnong Regions, expressing disappointment that the trial weir projects at Flemington and Trestle Bridge, Glenroy have not been completed and to seek an urgent meeting with Melbourne Water to address the outstanding works. Seconded: Terry Mundy Carried

#### **3.4 Signage Sub-Committee**

John Phillips reported that Melbourne Water is currently in the process of selecting tenders for the manufacture contract of metropolitan trail signs including the Moonee Ponds Creek. David Ritman of Melbourne Water will be shortly contacting the Council representatives of Melbourne, Essendon and Broadmeadows to confirm the likely date [late April] and arrangements for delivery.

#### **3.5 Federal Funding Local Capital Works Program**

Wayne Harvey advised that the City of Broadmeadows is experiencing difficulties with the urban wetlands proposal along the Yuroke Creek and Melbourne Waters' desire to be involved in its design.

The City of Broadmeadows has commenced its involvement in the Job Skills Program which is employing 25 people involved in revegetation works along waterways.

#### **3.6 Strathmore Sports Club Plans - Lebanon Reserve**

Tony Smith reported that the Federal funding application had been declined. There are no plans in the near future to do works near the creek.

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 The Secretary John Phillips, distributed a list of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous month.

### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

5.1 Western Ring Road Exotic Species Plantings



Eric Ward moved the motion that the Association at its next meeting review the response of VicRoads with respect to the Association's letter of concern dated 17 December 1992 and consider requesting removal of existing exotic species.

Seconded: Cr. Joe Edmonds Carried.

#### **6. TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer Alex Smart, submitted in absentia a financial status report dated 31 December 1992, [see attached]. In the income column the \$2,000 from Greening Australia Vic. is for revegetation works near Koala Cr. upstream of Mickleham Rd. and the \$5,000 is a grant from the Northern Area Improvement Fund as matching contribution for the Trail Sign Project.

Motion put that the Treasurers report be received;

Moved: Nick Graesser Seconded: David Mulholland Carried.

#### **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

7.1 Ann Cremean reported on the Plants of the Merri Creek and Moonee Ponds Creek Project Committee which is aiming to extend consistent indigenous planting throughout the northern area waterways and where possible establish cross links such as the Inner Circle Park.

7.2 Paul McGrath and Ann Cremean reported on the City of Brunswick Youth Services Project which is being developed as part of the Land Care Environment Action Program [LEAP]. Ann Cremean proposed that the Project give the Moonee Ponds Creek high priority. As a sponsor the Association would provide the TAFE College with work plan ideas drawn from the action program for the creek reaches. The LEAP sub-committee of the Association will meet prior to further meetings with the City of Brunswick and will report back to the next meeting of the Association.

7.3 Nick Graesser advised that Sue Godfrey has been appointed the new project officer with Greening of Broadmeadows and can be contacted on telephone: 301-3332.

7.4 Eric Ward reported on the remnant indigenous vegetation site near Union Street West Brunswick. A recent study prepared by Darcy Duggan concerning the site is now available. Eric Ward stated Melbourne Water arm mowers have been responsible for cutting new plantings in the area and weed infestation is a major problem.

#### **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

DATE: Thursday 4 March 1993

TIME: 8.00pm

VENUE: Fleming Park -City of Brunswick Parks and Gardens Nursery  
Cross Street, Brunswick East.

MELWAYS REF. 29 K8

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 1992

		\$	¢
Balance Brought Forward		12,707.	42
Income :			
Tony Smith - Membership	2.00		
Greening Australia, Victoria	2000.00		
City of Melbourne	500.00		
Northern <del>Region Commission</del> <i>Arctimprovement.</i>	5000.00	7,502.	00
BALANCE AS AT 31.12.92		20,209.	42

Expenditure :

City of Brunswick	2000.00	2,000.	00
BALANCE AS AS 31.12.92		18,209.	42

Account Reconciliation :

Balance as per statement	18,209.	42
Less unrepresented cheques		NIL
<u>Actual Balance at 31-12-92.</u>	<u>18,209.</u>	<u>42</u>

*Alan Grant*  
28/1/93

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 1992

	\$	¢
Balance Brought Forward	12,713.	42
Income :		
SUB-TOTAL	12,713.	42
Expenditure :		
FID Bank Charges		6. 00
BALANCE AS AT 30.11.92	12,707.	42

Account Reconciliation :

Balance as per statement	12,707. 42
Less unrepresented cheques	NIL
Actual Balance at 30.11.92	<u>12,707. 42</u>

*Alia Smart*  
 28/1/93.

# MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEETING DATE: Thursday 4 March 1993  
TIME: 8.00pm  
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Nursery  
Cross Street, Brunswick East.  
MELWAYS REF: 29 K8

## AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of the past AGM held 19 March 1992 and last meeting of 28 January 1993.
3. TREASURERS REPORT ( Audit of the Association's transactions during the last preceding year.)
4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION
  - 4.1 The officers of the Association shall be:
    - (1) A President
    - (2) A Vice President
    - (3) A Treasurer
    - (4) A Secretary
  - 4.2 Nomination of candidates for election as officers of the Association:
    - a) shall be made in writing, signed by one member of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate ( which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
    - b) shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before 4 March 1993, the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting; and
    - c) the ballot for the election of the members of the Committee shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
6. CORRESPONDENCE
7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE
8. GENERAL BUSINESS
9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING





## 5.5 Greening of Broadmeadows

Nick Graesser advised that program had two outstanding community grants to be completed. In regard to heritage site Fiona Weaver to visit to give consultancy advice.

Moved Wayne Harvey

Approval up to an upper limit of \$500 be granted for the appointment of Fiona Weaver for Greening of Broadmeadows heritage project.

Seconded Alex Smart

CARRIED

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The Secretary David Mulholland distributed a list of inward and outward correspondence from previous month. (Refer Attachment 1).

6.2 In addition President Kelvin Thomson advised of the following additional correspondence received.  
Additional Inwards Correspondence.

9th December 1992

Laurinda Gardner  
Manager Strategic Planning  
City of Melbourne.

Enclosing \$500 to MPCA and advising of Councillor representative Cr. Deane Reynolds.

22 January 1993

Greening Aust. Victoria Inc.

Advising of Community Grants 1993/94 of up to \$5000. Closing 2 April 1993.

12 January 1993

Open Space 2000  
C/- Geoff Vincent  
Manager  
Metropolitan Open Space  
Strategy Division

Advising of receipt of revised project application for "Protection of identified Aboriginal sites"  
Grant agreement form to be forwarded and then \$5000 to be forwarded.

23 February 1993

P.J. Lenthall  
Manager River Operations  
Waterways Division  
Melbourne Parks & Waterways.

Trial weirs at Flemington and Glenroy.  
Advising of progress.

25 January 1993

Colleen Lethbridge  
Melbourne Co-ordinator  
Clean-up Day.

Advising of Clean-up Day on Sunday, 7th March 1993.

23 February 1993

Bill Collins  
Manager Road Design  
VICROADS.

Advising on landscaping policy for Outer Ring Road.

16 February 1993

Eric Ward  
119 Edward Street  
Brunswick.

Suggesting contact be made with Melbourne Zoo and invitation to attend meeting.

Additional Outwards Correspondence.

24th February 1993

Ms. P. Feilman  
Chairperson  
Zoological Board of  
Victoria

Invitation to attend meeting of MPCA Inc.  
and enclosing copy of Moonee Ponds Creek  
Concept Plan.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Trial Weirs - Flemington and Trestle Bridge. Wayne Harvey to contact Nick Ronan relating to outstanding issues.
- 7.2 Clean-up Day - 7th March 1993.  
Coburg and Broadmeadows Councils reported that there were several sites in each municipality involved in clean up day.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1 Coburg Environment Award Winner.  
Alex Smart reported that committee member Beryl Plumridge had been presented with Coburg Environment Award.
- 8.2 Bell Street/Pascoe Vale Road plantings.  
Alex Smart reported that some of the Office of Corrections plantings had taken off.
- 8.3 Image and Soundscape of Merri Creek.  
Production to be shown at Coburg Progress Theatre during Arbor Week by Pascoe Vale Naturalists.
- 8.4 Greening of Broadmeadows.  
Nick Graesser reported that native herbs and grasses were being grown in Broadmeadows.
- 8.5 Greening Australia Brochures - Concept Plan.  
Kelvin Thomson reported that brochures were now available for each reach of creek. Copies of brochures can be obtained from Kelvin Thomson.
- 8.6 Broadmeadows Environmental Strategy  
Kelvin Thomson advised of meeting to be held at Broadmeadows Municipal Offices on 11th March 1993 at 7.30 p.m.
- 8.7 Moonee Ponds Creek Community Grant  
Kelvin Thomson advised that Lions Club of Coburg had received \$4500 for proposal for lake in five mile creek.
- 8.8 Autumn Planting projects.  
Lois Binnie distributed a list of proposed community plantings for Autumn/Spring 1993 in City of Essendon (refer Attachment 3). Dates will be available for next meeting. Wayne Harvey advised that community planting program was being developed for areas upstream of Mickleham Road and Yuroke Creek.





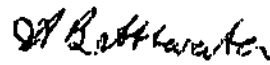
**Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc**  
**Statement of Income and Expenditure for One Year Ended 31/01/93**

Opening Balance (01/02/92)		\$18,445.48
 <b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Northern Region Commission	\$15 000.00	
Greening Australia Victoria Inc.	6 250.00	
Credit Union Interest	714.89	
City of Melbourne	500.00	
Membership	60.00	
Other Donations	56.00	21 580.69
		38 029.17
 <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Melbourne Water	12 000.00	
City of Broadmeadows	3 916.00	
City of Brunswick	2 668.00	
City of Essendon	666.00	
Stephen Wood (Photographer)	470.00	
Neil Moorhouse (Artwork)	90.00	
FID etc	6.75	19 816.75
		18 209.42
Closing Balance (31/01/93)		18 209.42



Treasurer

I have examined the books, find everything in order and the money in the Credit Co-op Account as stated



Auditor

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

Held at Flemington Library, 313 Racecourse Road, Flemington.  
Thursday, 15th April 1993.

**Present**

Kelvin Thomson  
David Mulholland  
Lois Binnie  
Bill Johnsen  
Anne Cremean  
Phillip Radstake  
Tony Smith  
Cr. Cathy Duncan  
Cr. Dean Reynolds  
Lynn Sweeney  
Nick Graesser

MLA Pascoe Vale  
Coburg Council  
Essendon Council  
Melbourne Parks & Waterways  
Ascot Vale Resident  
Northcote Resident  
Strathmore Sports Club  
Shire of Bulla  
Melbourne Council  
Melbourne Council  
Broadmeadows Council

Chairperson Kelvin Thomson declared the meeting open at 8.05 p.m.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Paul McGrath  
Mark Boyle  
Cr. Joe Edmonds  
David Runnells  
Wayne Harvey  
Beryl Plumridge  
Peter Plumridge  
Alex Smart  
Cr. R. Kerr  
Cr. S. Keppel

Brunswick Council  
Essendon Council  
Essendon Council  
Shire of Bulla  
Broadmeadows Council  
Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
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Broadmeadows Council  
Broadmeadows Council

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved Lois Binnie  
That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March 1993 be confirmed.  
CARRIED

Seconded Tony Radstake  
CARRIED

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 3.1 Final Concept Plan Reports

Bill Johnsen from Melbourne Parks & Waterways reported on this item.

Moved A. Cremean

Seconded N. Graesser

1. That the recommendations of the Vegetation Sub-Committee be forwarded to the relevant Councils and Melbourne Water for approval.
2. Subject to approval being received from the Councils and Melbourne Water, the recommendations be included as Addendum 1 to the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan.

#### 3.2 Landcare Environment Action Program (LEAP)

Anne Cremean reported on this item. A proposal has been prepared around a joint Essendon and Brunswick Council project on Strathnaver Reserve.

Discussion with the State Co-ordinator of LEAP, Lois Brown, has indicated that funding may be a problem. It was suggested that the Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc. become a sponsor and the day to day organisation be the responsibilities of the the two Councils involved.

Moved Anne Cremean

Seconded Tony Smith

- (a) That the Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc. support the application made to LEAP.
- (b) Kelvin Thomson to write covering letter application.

#### 3.3 Trestle Bridge Works - City of Broadmeadows.

Nick Grasser reported that earthworks were to be completed within the next four weeks.

Following that for a further 4 weeks, horticultural works would be undertaken and completed.

Broadmeadows Council are to repair bicycle path with funding from Melbourne Water.

#### 3.4 Parks & Waterways Programme 1993/94

Sub Committee consisting of Kelvin Thomson, David Mulholland and Wayne Harvey prepared the applications 011 and 014 (refer Concept Plan) totalling \$10,000 and a further application for \$5,000 for plants and other landscape materials for Community Planting Days.

3.5 Greening of Broadmeadows

Nick Grasser reported that Fiona Weaver had inspected several sites. As a result of this initial funding may need to be redirected.

3.6 Flemington Trial Weir

It was noted that the weir was still not in operation. It was suggested that Kelvin Thomson and David Mulholland monitor and if not completed by the 1st May 1993, to then send a letter to Jeff Bray, Manager Waterways Division, Melbourne Water.

3.7 Image and Soundscape Merri Creek

Kelvin Thomson brought to the attention of members the Merri Creek Image and Soundscape to be held at the Progress Theatre on Tuesday, 4th May 1993. This will be organised by the Pascoe Vale Naturalists.

3.8 Autumn Planting Projects

Planting days to be held as follows;

Broadmeadows	Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve Saturday, 8th May 1993 at 11.00 am
Coburg	Olver Reserve Sunday, 16th May 1993 at 10.00 am
Essendon	Hilda Street Saturday, 15th May 1993 at 10.00 am
	Cross Keys Reserve Sunday, 16th May 1993 at 10.00 am
	Boeing Reserve Sunday, 23rd May 1993 at 10.00 am

3.9 Needlegrass

It was suggested that this matter be pursued with Melbourne Water.

#### 4. FUTURE DIRECTIONS - MOONEE PONDS CREEK

Kelvin Thomson requested views from each of the members present about how they say the future of the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Comments were as follows;

Use of the concept plan central to future strategy for the Creek.

Remnant vegetation extremely important, need to be careful about planting types.

Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc. should monitor what has been planted and problems so that these are not repeated in future plantings.

Need to recreate access for children to a semi natural play area. Currently unsatisfactory.

Need planting aims.

5 Mile Creek area has a great potential.

Need to continue 'push' for greening of Creek including conserving remnants and improving profile of Creek.

Publicity important.

Need to document strategy plan outcomes.

Use of GIS system currently being developed for Merri Creek for Moonee Ponds Creek.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 The Secretary, David Mulholland distributed a list of inwards correspondence and outwards correspondence from the previous month.

5.2 In addition the following were tabled at the meeting.

##### Inwards correspondence

12th March 1993

Colin Leigh  
Principal Planner  
Parks & Waterways Planning,  
Melbourne Parks & Waterways

Advising of workshop on  
26th March 1993 to develop  
inner urban strategic outlined  
for Parks & Waterways Programme.

6th April 1993

Colin Leigh  
Inner Urban Open Space Outline  
Melbourne Parks & Waterways

Forwarding additional comments/  
changes relating to the issues  
paper for Inner Urban Strategic  
Open Space Outline.

23rd March 1993

From G Shaw  
Drainage & Waterways Engineer  
Yarra Region

Advising of Programme for  
Landscaping and weir works  
at the trestle bridge.

5th April 1993

Alex Smart

Advising that Mr John Gertsakis is  
keen to show approximately 300 slides  
of the Moonee Ponds Creek.  
Pascoe Vale Naturalist will organise a  
seperate slide night in the future.

Outwards correspondence

1st April 1993

Melbourne Parks & Waterways

Applications for 1993/94 Community  
grants.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, Alex Smart, Kelvin Thomson advised that  
there was approximately \$7,000 in the Bank.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, 27th May 1993

Time: 8.00 pm

Venue: Shire of Bulla

Greenvale Recreation Centre

Barrymore Road (Refer attached Melway Map 179 B 11)

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Held at Greenvale Recreation Centre  
Barrymore Road, Greenvale  
Thursday, 27th May 1993.

Present

Kelvin Thomson  
David Mulholland  
Tony Smith  
Mark Boyle  
Nick Graesser  
Evelyn Northey  
Phillip Radstake  
Ric Williams  
Cr. Kathy Duncan  
Paul McGrath  
David Runnels

MLA Pascoe Vale  
Coburg Council  
Strathmore Sports Club  
Essendon Council  
Broadmeadows Council  
Sancta Sophia College  
Northcote Resident  
Glenroy Resident  
Shire of Bulla  
Brunswick Council  
Shire of Bulla

Chairperson Kelvin Thomson declared the meeting open at 8.10 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES

Lynn Sweeney  
Wayne Harvey  
Alex Smart  
Terry Mundy

Melbourne Council  
Broadmeadows Council  
Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Strathmore Progress Association

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Kathy Duncan  
That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 1993 be confirmed.  
Seconded Nick Graesser  
CARRIED

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Final Concept Plan Reports

The recommendations of the Vegetation Sub-Committee were forwarded to the relevant Councils and Melbourne Water, week beginning 17 May 1993.

3.2 Trestle Bridge Works - City of Broadmeadows

Nick Graesser reported that earthworks were completed.

Horticultural works would be undertaken and completed.



3.3 Parks & Waterways Programme 1993/94

Applications 011 and 014 for plants and other landscape materials for Community Planting Days were lodged. A meeting was held with Mr. Mark Coffee of Greening Australia to inspect proposed planting sites in Coburg, Brunswick and Essendon.

3.4 Flemington Trial Weir

Works completed on 27 May 1993 and weir now in operation.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 The Secretary, David Mulholland, distributed a list of inwards and outwards correspondence from the previous month (copy attached).

4.2 In addition, the following were tabled at the meeting.

Inwards Correspondence

26 May 1993

Mr. Terry Mundy  
Strathmore Progress Assoc.

Land behind Mobil Service Station to be sold by Melbourne Water (btw. Pascoe Vale Road/Creek).

Land in question - tree planting by Association back in 1991.

Proposed auction is 10th June 1993.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

David Mulholland and Kelvin Thompson to contact David Knipe, Ray Marginson and Geoff Floyd from Parks & Waterways regarding the proposed auction and the lack of consultation, the inconsistency with the concept plan (Page 7) and why the Committee was not advised of the intention to sell the land in question.

Moved Tony Smith

Seconded Rick Williams

That MPCA Inc. oppose the sale of the site between Pascoe Vale Road and the creek behind Mobil Service Station.

CARRIED

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The President (in the Treasurer's absence) tabled financial statements for January - April 1993 and Statement of Income and Expenditure up to 31st January 1993. These are all attached.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Signage Moonee Ponds Creek

Nick Graesser reported that the signage was received and now required to get them placed in appropriate places.

7.2 New Members

Ian Pratchett  
82 Moonee Blvd.  
Glenroy 3046

John Munday  
65 Moonee Blvd.  
Glenroy 3046

7.3 Lionsville Inc. Landscaping

David Mulholland advised the Committee that Lionsville Inc. had engaged Coburg Council to undertake \$12,000 worth of landscaping works adjacent to Moonee Ponds Creek, north of Moreland Road.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, 1st July 1993.  
Time: 8.00 p.m.  
Venue: City of Essendon  
Cnr. Kellaway Avenue and Pascoe Vale Road  
Moonee Ponds.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Meeting: 8.00 pm, Thursday 27th May 1993

Venue: Greenvale Recreation Centre  
Barrymore Road, GREENVALE  
(Melway 179 B 11)

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of 15th April 1993
3. Matters arising from minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Matters arising from the correspondence
6. Treasurers Report
7. General Business
8. Date of Next Meeting



### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 3.1 Final Concept Plan Reports

David Mulholland reported that replies regarding the Vegetation Sub-Committee recommendations were received from Broadmeadows City Council which approves of the amendments.

Ross Young from the Lands & Waterways section of Melbourne Water supported the recommendation and would like to further discuss management with the committee. Ross or his representative to be invited to the next meeting.

Paul McGrath advised that Brunswick Council also have approved the amendments. Letter to be forthcoming.

#### 3.2 Land In Pascoe Vale Road, Strathmore

The MPCA Inc. sent a letter to Melbourne Water opposing the sale of this land.

Kelvin Thompson contacted officers in Melbourne Water and requested an on-site meeting held on Monday, 31 May 1993 with Ross Young and Peter Sharp. Pascoe Vale Naturalists also put forward a vigorous case.

Melbourne Water agreed to postpone the auction on the condition that Essendon Council considers purchasing the land at their next Council meeting.

Cr. Joe Edmonds reported on Essendon City Council's resolution that the Council apply for funding to purchase the land for open space.

Another possibility is to apply for funding from VicRoads, however this was not a preferred option.

The MPCA should write to the Essendon City Council congratulating them on applying for funding of purchasing the site and encouraging them to secure the site for Public Open Space.

Moved Alex Smart  
That MPCA Inc. put continuing pressure on Melbourne Water and to write to VicRoads regarding issues of safety if Melbourne Water sells the land.

CARRIED

#### 3.3 Signage Moonee Ponds Creek

Nick Graesser reported that signs were ready to be erected in conjunction with Broadmeadows Council Jobskills program.

3.4 Lionsville Inc. Landscaping

David Mulholland reported that he was contacted by the Coburg Courier who wished to do an article on the project.

The landscaping works adjacent to Moonee Ponds Creek, north of Moreland Road will be completed in the next ten days with 1000-1500 native plants to be planted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary, David Mulholland, distributed a list of inwards and outwards correspondence from the previous month (copy attached).

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved Alex Smart  
That MPCA Inc. pay \$2910 to Greening Australia.

Seconded Mark Boyle

CARRIED.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS/REPORTS

6.1 Greening Australia

David Young reported on funding changes where grants will still be offered but upon recommendation to the Minister at State level Greening Australia is still contracted to continue education to councils and schools. Approval of grants should be known by end of September 1993.

6.2 Friends of Royal Park West

Michael Cerandell reported that the group formed three years ago in which the major activity of the group is re-vegetation, re-generation, enhancing the amenity of the area near the freeway in Parkville (Manningham Street).

A Sunday site visit will be organised during late August. Further details at next meeting.

6.3 Attwood Greening Group

Cr. Kathy Duncan reported that Attwood Greening Group will join the MPCA Inc.

6.4 Kingsford Smith Reserve

Evelyn Northey reported that trees had been planted at Kingsford Smith Reserve and the Koori Garden was open.

6.5 Greening Broadmeadows

Nick Graesser reported the heavy planting was almost finished - three weeks away from finish of the program.

A grant of \$2442 was submitted to the Committee for the restoration of habitat - Michelham Road.

Moved Alex Smart  
That an account for \$2422 be paid to City of Broadmeadows for "Restoration of Degraded Habitat" project.

Seconded Kathy Duncan  
CARRIED

6.6 Five Mile Creek

Mark Boyle reported that 5000 plants will be planted at Five Mile Creek.

Also the Jobskills program planting 1000 plants at Boeing Reserve and Strathmather Reserve.

6.7 Boeing Reserve

Terry Mundy reported on planting at Boeing Reserve being very successful.

Trestle bridge works are almost completed.

Grants received for a BBQ - area is being grassed and made suitable for usage.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, 12 August 1993.  
Time: 8.00 p.m.  
Venue: City of Broadmeadows  
Silver Room, Municipal Offices  
Pascoe vale Road, Broadmeadows.

The Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

Held at Broadmeadows Town Hall  
Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows  
Thursday, 12th August 1993.

**Present**

Kelvin Thomson	MLA Pascoe Vale
David Mulholland	Coburg Council
Bob Ran	City of Broadmeadows
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Paul McGrath	Brunswick Council
Cr. Kathy Duncan	Shire of Bulla
Cr. Joe Edmonds	Essendon Council
Philip Radstake	Northcote Resident
Terry Quirk	Moonee Ponds Resident
Michael Pickering	Moonee Ponds Resident
Eric Northeast	Attwood Resident Action Group
Ross Young	Melbourne Water - Yarra Region
Craig Medcalf	Melbourne Water - Yarra Region
Rodger Lord	Melbourne Water
Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College
Tony Smith	Strathmore Sports Club
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
Cr. Rosemary Kerr	City of Broadmeadows
Terry Mundy	Strathmore Sports Club

Chairperson Kelvin Thomson declared the meeting open at 8.05 p.m.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Dorothy Thompson	Pascoe Vale naturalists
David Runnells	Shire of Bulla
Mark Boyle	Essendon Council
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows
Terry Mullane	City of Broadmeadows

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved: Paul McGrath

Seconded: Terry Mundy

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 1993 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**



### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 3.1 Final Concept Plan Reports

Letters from Brunswick, Essendon, Shire of Bulla Council were received approving the amendments, now completing the list of Councils and Authorities contacted regarding the amendments to the Concept Plan.

Moved: Cr. Joe Edmonds  
Seconded: Alex Smart

That the amendments be formally incorporated in the Concept Plan.

CARRIED

David Mulholland and Kelvin Thompson to make the appropriate arrangements of the format and distribution of amendments.

Rodger Lord from Melbourne Water reported on maintenance issues of grass cutting and re-vegetation. Ross will be mapping remnants along the creek and requires information from various groups including the MPCA.

#### 3.2 Land in Pascoe Vale Road, Strathmore

Letter received from VicRoads advising that it will not interfere in the matter because it is a Private Sale, however if it were to get to Auction stage the issue of access would be brought up.

Ross Young assured the committee that the MPCA would be involved in the matter with a finalisation of the issue by mid September. Discussions were on-going between Melbourne Water and Essendon Council.

David Mulholland to write a letter to the Mobil Station near the site to ask for their thoughts and opinion on the land.

#### 3.3 Signage Moonee Ponds Creek

Project completed. The Department of Planning required evidence of completion of project. That information has been passed on.

#### 3.4 Lionsville Inc. Landscaping

An article following up the landscaping works adjacent to Moonee Ponds Cree, north of Moreland Road was published in the Coburg Courier.

The project is now completed.

3.5 Friends of Royal Park West

David Mulholland to contact Michael Cerandell regarding a Sunday site visit to Manningham Street, Parkville

The date and time of this visit will be distributed with minutes.

3.6 Greening Broadmeadows

The account for \$2,422 was paid to the City of Broadmeadows for "Restoration of Degraded Habitat" project.

3.7 Greening Australia Inc.

The account for \$2,910 was paid to Greening Australia.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary, David Mulholland, distributed a list of inwards and outwards correspondence from the previous month (copy attached).

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Kelvin Thompson to prepare an application for assistance from GAV'S Green Task Force with projects being planned or undertaken.

Any other applicants to contact David Mulholland.

5.2 A letter was sent to Andrew Shannon from the Community Grants Programme (Parks & Waterways Programme) enclosing the Final Report for Open Space 2000 Programme, and helping promoting MPCA events for example the Spring Planting Festivals and sites interested in planting.

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### 7.3 Shire of Bulla

#### Attwood Residents Group

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Maximum planting has occurred, can't plant any more until more land is opened up.

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There was concern that there are no representatives from the Northern and Western suburbs on the Advisory Council. Eric Mitchell (City of Springvale) called Alex Smart and offered himself as a contact person if there were any issues that needed to be followed through.

### 7.6 South of the Trestle Bridge

The planting of 3000 plants/grasses/roots is substantially complete.

The bike path needs to be reinstated. Quotes are being attained by the City of Essendon.

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Ross young to organise a meeting with the Operations Manager and the Essendon Action Group.

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#### 7.8 General

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A bike ride is to be organised to look at the areas of the creek that the MPCA, Melbourne Water and various Councils have been active in.

#### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, 16th September 1993  
Time: 8.00 pm  
Venue: Coburg City Council  
Acacia Room, Elm Grove (Bell Street), COBURG

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Melbourne Water - Preston Office  
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\$30,000  
\$10,000

The meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.

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		\$	¢
Balance Brought Forward		13,527.	10
Income :			
J. Edmunds - Membership	2.00		
I. Pratchett	2.00		
J. Munday	2.00		
E. Northey	2.00		
R. McGrath	2.00	10.	00
		<u>13,537.</u>	<u>10</u>
BALANCE AS AT 31.8.93		13,537.	10

Expenditure :

F.I.D. Charge	0.01		
BADT Charge	6.00	6.	01
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*Alan Sweet*  
28/10/93

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 1993

	\$	¢
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**THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**MEETING: 8:00 pm Thursday 21 November 1991**

**VENUE: Mayors Room, City of Brunswick  
Corner Dawson Street & Sydney Road Brunswick**

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10 OCTOBER 1991.
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
  - 3.1 Melbourne Docklands Development
  - 3.2 Greening of Broadmeadows
  - 3.3 Urban Regeneration Programme
  - 3.4 Photographic record of Moonee Ponds Creek Valley
  - 3.5 Draft Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan and official launch  
Friday 22 November 1991 10:30 am Delhi Reserve. Melway 29  
B12
  - 3.6 Reggio Calabria Club Development
  - 3.7 Archaeological and Historical survey
  - 3.8 Tour of Metropolitan sites
  - 3.9 Working Bee - Anzac Day Plantings
4. CORRESPONDENCE
  - 4.1 Inwards Correspondence
  - 4.2 Outwards Correspondence
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE
6. TREASURER'S REPORT (See Attachment)
7. GENERAL BUSINESS
  - 7.1 Rapid Transit Link. Melbourne Airport
  - 7.2 Applications for Funds Herbert Street Oak Park
  - 7.3 Future Annual General Meeting
  - 7.4 Annual Auditing of Finances
  - 7.5 Legal Liability of Officers Elected under Associations  
Incorporation Act
8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

3 October 1991

Greening Australia, Vic

Seeking notification of intended sites for re-allocating tubestock from MCC area.

31 October 1991

Port of Melbourne Authority

Declines MPCA offer of 1000 tress due to lack of funds.

11 November 1991

Melbourne Water

Statement of expenditure on the concept plan including request for final instalment of \$10,000 from MPCA.

6 November 1991

Open Space 2000  
Melbourne Water

Approval of grant for creek improvements totally \$80,000.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

29 October 1991

Dept of Planning & Housing

Expression of interest made for Area Improvement Grant applications.

19 November 1991

Dept of Planning & Housing

Detailed application made for Area Improvement Grants re: 3 projects.  
(i) Management and Coordination Review  
(ii) Linear Path Signage System  
(iii) Pathway Guide Brochure

## RAPID TRANSIT LINK

The Victorian State Government is examining options for establishing a Rapid Transit Link (RTL) between Spencer Street Station and Melbourne Airport. The overall travel time between termini is projected to be 15-20 minutes. The project will be financed by three major revenue sources:

- Rapid Passenger Transit
- Rapid Freight Transit
- Commercial Development at Termini

Expressions of interest in financing, design, construction, and operation of the RTL are expected to be called in early 1992.

A public consultation process has been designed to identify and reconcile where possible, union, local council, business group and community based issues before the final project parameters are determined. An independent panel will be established to assess submissions and make comment to the government.

### Routes and Technology

Neither the route nor the technology have been selected for the RTL at this time.

The three routes which have been considered in preliminary assessments to date are:

- Tullamarine Freeway/Moonee Ponds Creek
- Footscray-Sunshine-Keilor rail links (standard gauge line reservations).
- Broadmeadows Railway Reserve (Metplan 1988 option) and (Melbourne Airport Strategy July 1989).

It is probable that a preferred route will be decided as an outcome of the consultation process. The technologies being considered will be largely determined once a route is selected and the following issues are resolved:

- Capital and recurrent costs
- Environmental factors
- Operating speed, frequency of service (number of operating units)
- Integration with current public transportation facilities.

### Moonee Ponds Creek Route

The proposed alignment along the Moonee Ponds Creek/Tullamarine Freeway presents the opportunity to construct a new advanced technology system in contrast to the traditional steel track system available on the two alternative routes.

However, the Moonee Ponds Creek is the most environmentally sensitive route and is the subject of a concept plan supported by Council to regenerate the creek to a natural state.

The Rapid Transit Link is one of a number of proposed developments which may have a visual and land use impact on the Moonee Ponds Creek valley including the proposed Western Bypass and Tullamarine Freeway widening.

#### Existing Rail Reservation Routes

A significant revenue source is expected to be the carriage of high value air freight.

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#### Policy Implications/Conclusions

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2. Confirmation of Minutes of 28th October 1993
3. Matters arising from Minutes
  - 3.1 Cowan's Land
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  - 3.3 Slope Planting - Melbourne Water (Ross Young & Rodger Lord to be in attendance)
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David Runnells  
Cr Cathy Duncan

Essendon Council  
Broadmeadows Council  
Shire of Bulla  
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## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Rosemary Kerr

Seconded Paul McGrath

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 1993 be confirmed.

CARRIED

## 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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Site visit to be held on Sunday, 26th September 1993 at 10.30a.m.  
Melway Ref 29 D11

### 3.2 Final Concept Plan Reports

David Mulholland drafted a letter regarding the amendments to the Concept Plan to be sent to various organisations who have the concept plan. Letter to be sent.

### 3.3 Land in Pascoe Vale Road, Strathmore

Discussions are still continuing between Essendon Council and Melbourne Water.

### 3.4 Working Bee at Strathnaver Reserve

Report that the Working Bee held on the 5th September 1993 was very successful with planting and weeding taking place.

### 3.5 Essendon Action Group

Inspection of the area of the sewerage collapse occurred on Tuesday, August 17th 1993 at 4.00pm by Kelvin Thomson. MPCA Inc to continue to pursue the timeline and completion of works.

Kelvin Thomson wrote to the EPA to look at the quality of water in the Creek, which was a concern.

Craig Medcalf reported on the timelines where works South of Moreland Road will be finished by the end of October 1993. The section to Lawson Street by the end of December 1993 and all works will be completed by the end of January 1994.

A meeting will be held on Friday 17th September 1993 with Rob Skinner from Melbourne Water at the corner of Albion and Lawson Street.

3.6 Bike Ride Along Creek

David Mulholland reported that Nicholas Elliot, Bicycle Co-ordinator at Coburg (Brunswick and Northcote) was keen to talk to the Essendon Bicycle Program Co-ordinator, Adrian Weedon as to set up a Bike Ride along the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Kelvin Thomson will be contacting Adrian Weedon regarding Bike Ride.

3.7 Strathmore North Primary School

Kelvin Thomson spoke to the students on September 1st, 1993 who are conducting a study on the Moonee Ponds Creek.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary, David Mulholland, distributed a list of inwards and outwards correspondence from the previous month.

Moved: Alex Smart  
Seconded: Rosemary Kerr

That the list of correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. TREASURERS REPORT

Nil

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Melbourne Council - Excess Plants

Kelvin Thomson spoke to Darcy Dugan at Melbourne who advised that there were excess plants from the Inner Circle Railway Project. Kelvin took about 300 plants which need to be planted rather quickly and contacted the Pascoe Vale Naturalists to work with Coburg Council in relation to these plants.

Any other interested groups should contact Kelvin Thomson. Mark Boyle reported that on October 12 1993 a planting day will be held with Strathmore High.

Kelvin will make initial contact for October 12th.

7.2 Greening of Broadmeadows

Nick Graesser reported on the Calendar of Events for the Greening of Broadmeadows for Spring 1993 (Calendar of Events attached).

7.3 Five Mile Creek

Mark Boyle reported that 1000 plants had been planted at Boeing Reserve.

Planting had also occurred at Five Mile Creek and Cross Keys Reserve.

7.4 Melbourne Water

Craig Medcalf reported that the Yarra Region had produced its Annual Report. Copies were distributed to members.

Craig also spoke to Bill Johnson regarding the Weir at Flemington Road and advised the area is being monitored for 12 months to check for odour, mosquitos and silt build up.

At present very happy with the way things are going - bird life now occurring.

7.5 Broadmeadows Council

Nick Graesser introduced Merideth Henkel who is the Project Officer at Broadmeadows for Greening Broadmeadows. Nick's focus will be more on environmental issues and Meredith to attend future meetings.

7.6 Cowan's Land

Rosemary Kerr reported her concerns over Cowan's Land, and advised that the Morgans Factories were relocating to Campbellfield.

Moved: Rosemary Kerr                      Seconded: Alex Smart

That the MPCA Inc write to John Karageorge, City of Broadmeadows

- (i) Requesting a report from the City of Broadmeadows regarding the rezoning of the land and where the land is at now for next meeting. Advise Broadmeadows Council that the MPCA Inc does not support the residential development of Morgan site.
- ii) Advise that MPCA Inc. view is that land be retained as Public Open Space and that there should be focus on creek and not allowing access over the creek.

Carried

7.7 Jacana - Golf Course

NSW Developers have a proposal to develop 18 Hole Golf Course. If formal proposal goes ahead the MPCA Inc. wished to be consulted on the plans and proposal.

7.8 Conservation Strategy - Essendon Council

Anne Casey reported on the Conservation Strategy being conducted at Essendon which will be looking at Pollution, Parks, What Programmes are offered by Council, what certain community groups are doing. Anne advised that a letter had been sent to the MPCA Inc regarding whether anyone in Association would like to be a member of Anne's Steering Committee.

7.9 Flemington Association

Malcolm Snow reported that the Flemington Association had developed a plan for planting along the creek, in particular at Macaulay Street, Flemington where a Broad Planting Scheme is in place and a report will be ready regarding the progress of the Scheme at the next meeting.

Strategic Planning Work is also being conducted on the Docklands area which encompasses parts of the Moonee Ponds Creek. The area is required to be protected and Melbourne Council is aware of it.

7.10 Strathmore - Boeing Reserve

Terry Mundy reported that he recently inspected the site of recent planting and noticed erosion near the granite (near the Trestle Bridge) was occurring.

Also the bike track is in need of repairs - the Essendon side is fixed, however, the Broadmeadows side is not fixed. Melbourne Water is to do the work then is to invoice Broadmeadows.

7.11 LEAP: (Landcare Environmental Action Programme)

Tony Smith reported that CERES in Brunswick were proposing using 250 people on this program from which the MPCA Inc could use some resources that are available.

Moved: Tony Smith

Seconded: Terry Mundy

That the MPCA Inc write to CERES in Brunswick advising that the Committee is interested if people are available for projects and that the Association is happy to support the program.

Carried

#### 7.12 Railway Land

Paul McGrath reported that the Cities of Melbourne and Fitzroy and the Conservation Department are working on Inner Circle railway land and completing pathways linking Merri/Moonee Ponds Creek. \$100,000 was spent which completed the pathway thus creating a good link.

#### 7.13 Docklands

Phillip Radstake reported that he had visited the area and taken photos. Concerned about new planting and whether trees and shrubs are suitable for the Salt Marsh.

Craig Medcalf to conduct a report on the original vegetation and whether trees and shrubs are suitable for the Salt Marsh.

#### 7.14 Coburg Council

David Mulholland reported that the Project with Lionsville Inc landscaping was completed. The mesh fence near the bridge has been removed and pine logs have been put in place.

David also reported that the Coburg Council were drafting their Corporate Plan and Under the "Environment" Goal, "Conservation" Objective was the strategy "To implement in co-operation with other authorities the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan".

#### 7.15 Environmental Flow Requirements of Australia's Waterways Initiative

Tony Smith reported an advertisement in the paper regarding applicants for a research project. This initiative aims to provide national support for research, information sharing, education, decision making and monitoring in relation to the environmental flow requirements of Australia's waterways, to assist in the ecologically sustainable use of water.

Raised for information and attention if necessary.

#### 8. Date of Next Meeting

Date: Thursday October 28, 1993

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: City of Brunswick - Parks and Gardens Nursery  
Fleming Park, Cross Street, Brunswick East Melway Ref 29K8

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC**

Held at Flemington Library, 315 Racecourse Road, Flemington, January 27th, 1994.

**Present:**

Kelvin Thomson	MLA Pascoe Vale
David Mulholland	Coburg City Council
Malcolm Snow	City of Melbourne
Philip Radstake	Northcote Resident
Bob Rau	Broadmeadows Council
Anne Cremean	Broadmeadows Council
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Greg Mulcahy	Coburg City Council
Ken Mathers	VicRoads
Jackie Ross	VicRoads
Councillor Joe Edmonds	City of Essendon
Terry Mundy	Strathmore Progress Association
Russell Smith	Flemington Association

Kelvin Thomson declared the meeting open at 8.05 p.m.

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Allan Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Craig Medcalf	Melbourne Water
Tony Smith	Strathmore Sports Club

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved Paul McGrath

Seconded Beryl Plumridge

That the Minutes of the meeting, as amended, held on 2nd December, 1993, be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 Cowan's Land**

Bob Rau reported nothing further at this time.

**3.2 Land in Pascoe Vale Road, Strathmore**

Councillor Joe Edmonds reported that Essendon has a letter from VicRoads advising that the sale of land will be put on hold indefinitely. Melbourne Water now regard land to be of value for catchment purposes.

Alex Smart reported on the deputation to see Minister Coleman with Councillor Joe Edmonds and Ian Davis MLA Essendon.

### 3.3 Water Quality

Bob Rau questioned time-frame required for further water quality investigations. Letter to be sent to EPA and Melbourne Water requesting details of time-frame and extent of investigation to be undertaken.

### 3.4 Essendon Action Group - Lawson Street.

Item deferred to next meeting.

### 3.5 Bike Ride

David Mulholland advised that Nicholas Elliott Bicycle Co-ordinator for Coburg, Brunswick and Northcote is happy to organise a Moonee Ponds Creek bike ride.

Date: March 5th, 1994 at 2.00 p.m.  
Starting point: Jacana near Johnston Street or Westmeadows Shopping Centre

Bike trailer and community bus to be organised. Communication to members to be organised.

### 3.6 Local Conservation Strategy - Essendon

Deferred to next meeting

### 3.7 Concept Plan

Russell Smith advised that he had seen a fenced area with bulldozers (thinks Melbourne Water) in the vicinity of Arden Street on the Kensington side of Creek.

Malcolm Snow to make some enquiries.

### 3.8 Widening of Tullamarine Freeway.

It was agreed that an on-site meeting be organised with VicRoads representatives to further discuss.

Committee members to be involved, Kelvin Thomson, David Mulholland, Bob Rau, Paul McGrath, Russell Smith and Malcolm Snow. Stephen Wright and Bill Johnsen to be also invited.

### 3.9 Funding of Projects

Russell Smith asked what project was about. Joe Edmonds to follow up with officers. Revegetation committee to have a further meeting. To also include Greg Mulcahy.





7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Widening of Tullamarine Freeway

Ken Mathers (Project Manager) and Jackie Ross (Landscape Adviser) from VicRoads were in attendance at the meeting to discuss the proposed project.

Main points of discussion were:-

- Minister for Roads announced section from Mt Alexander Road to Bell Street to be widened to three lanes each direction.
- Premier would also like Transit lane for buses, taxis. This would require new carriageway.
- VicRoads aware of Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan through Bill Johnsen.
- Work will commence next financial year and take 2-3 years to construct.
- Significant works required in vicinity of Bell Street.
- VicRoads favour central 'New Jersey' barrier with landscaping and noise attention measures on perimeter.
- Association view this project as an opportunity for VicRoads to reverse damage created by original freeway construction in 1960.
- Public consultation will be involved as planning scheme amendment is required.
- Planning needs to consider
  - Effect of additional run-off from carriageways on creek.
  - Noise level
  - Landscaping
- Freeway west of Bell Street to Bulla Road would be widened into median.
- West of Bulla Road - do nothing at this stage.
- At Mt Alexander Road, end would require construction of ramps ultimately required for Western By-pass.
- Ultimate solution is to have Western Bypass constructed at same time.

Kelvin Thomson thanked Ken and Jackie for their advice and advised of the need for on-site discussions in future. Work created the opportunity for Tullamarine Freeway to be established as 'Gateway' to Melbourne. Moonee Ponds Creek needed to be developed to produce this gateway.

Ken advised that he would return to discuss project after concepts have been developed.

(Item 3.8 also refers)

#### 7.2 Moonee Ponds Creek Footbridge, Brunswick Road

Paul McGrath advised of successful funding application for new footbridge under Brunswick Road linking Brunswick and Essendon.

Total project \$60,000.

#### 7.3 Merri Creek Concept Plan

Alex Smart reported that draft plan is open for public comment until mid-March, 1994.

Alex requested two copies. David Mulholland to supply.

#### 7.4 Norm Share Photographs

Coburg Historical Society now has photos taken by ex-Coburg Superintendent Parks, Norm Share, over many years.

#### 7.5 Greening Australia Victoria

A directory of community groups has been distributed by Greening Australia, Victoria.

#### 7.6 Jacana Grass Fires

Kelvin Thomson reported on a 'Broadmeadows Observer' article on grass fires in Jacana. MFB report favourable on conservation practices.

#### 7.7 Moonee Ponds Creek Escarpment

Anne Cremean referred the Moonee Ponds Creek escarpment for discussion at next meeting.

### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

Date: Thursday March 3rd. 1994  
Venue: Essendon Civic Centre  
Corner Kellaway Avenue & Pascoe Vale Road  
Moonee Ponds.

Time: 8.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

**MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Meeting Date: Thursday March 3rd, 1994  
Time: 8.00 p.m.  
Venue: Essendon Civic Centre  
Cnr Kellaway Avenue & Pascoe Vale Road  
Moonee Ponds  
Melways Ref: Map 28 J6

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of past AGM held 4 March 1993 and last meeting 27 January 1994
3. Treasurers Report (Audit of the Association's transaction during the last preceding year).
4. Election of Officers of the Association.
  - 4.1 The Officers of the Association shall be:-
    - (1) President
    - (2) Vice President
    - (3) Treasurer
    - (4) Secretary (City of Brunswick have nominated Paul McGrath for this position).
  - 4.2 Nomination of candidates for election as officers of the Association
    - (a) Shall be made in writing, signed by one member of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination)
    - (b) Shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than seven days before 3rd March, 1994, the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.
    - (c) The ballot for the election of the members of the Committee shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes
6. Correspondence
7. Matters arising from the correspondence
8. General Business
9. Date of Next Meeting



4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following nominations were received:-

President	Kelvin Thomson
Vice President	Tony Smith
Treasurer/Public Officer	Alex Smart
Secretary	Paul McGrath

There being no other nominations received the above positions and the above nominations were declared elected.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH JANUARY 1994**

5.1 Lois Binnie should have been included as an apology.

5.2 **Bike Ride**

To occur on Saturday 19th March at 2.00p.m.

Starting Point:- north end of footbridge Coghill Street, Westmeadows (Melway Reference Map 6 A6) Bike Ride to continue south. Community bus and bicycle trailer will collect at southern end. A flyer promoting the bike ride is being distributed to all members.

Moved Paul McGrath

Seconded Allan Thomson

That the \$15 charge for the community bus be approved for payment.

**CARRIED**

5.3 **Essendon Local Conservation Strategy**

Tony Smith reported on the progress of the Essendon Local Conservation Strategy to date.

An Issues paper will be available for comment shortly.

May 1994 the draft plan will be issued for comment.

August 1994 plan will be presented to Council for approval.

**5.4 Strathmore North Primary School - Book Quotation**

Moved Joe Edmonds

Seconded Paul McGrath

that the following action be taken:-

- i) Tony Smith to have a discussion with Margaret Bainbridge, Deputy Principal about the print run.
- ii) MPCA Inc. offer the school a subsidy of \$1 per copy.
- iii) Paul McGrath to forward a copy of the 1994/95 National Landcare Application to Margaret Bainbridge so that the school may make an application under this program.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 Broadmeadows Golf Course**

Kelvin Thomson reported that a recent article in the 'Broadmeadows Observer' indicated that Melbourne Water had expressed concern about the Broadmeadows Golf Course Proposal.

**5.6 Arden Street Land**

Malcolm Snow had reported that the land was being utilised by Melbourne Water as a temporary depot whilst they are repairing the Epsom Road sewer. It is expected that the depot would remain in its current location for a further 3 months.

Moved David Mulholland

Seconded Allan Thomson

that a letter be forwarded to Melbourne Water:-

- a) Noting that MPCA Inc. have noted the use by Melbourne Water of this land.
- b) Requesting that Melbourne Water restore and landscape the land following their temporary use as a depot.

**5.7 Funding of Projects**

Joe Edmonds reported that Lois Binnie would report on this matter at the next meeting.

**5.8 Brunswick Road Footbridge Project**

Paul McGrath indicated that a photograph had appeared in the local Brunswick newspaper showing the Brunswick and Essendon Bicycle Co-ordinators at the site of the proposed footbridge.

5.9 Moonee Ponds Creek Escarpment

Referred to next meeting for a report by Anne Cremean.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Paul McGrath reported on behalf of the revegetation planting sub-committee that the following applications be submitted:-

National Landcare Program 1994/95.  
Wright Street site, Westmeadows \$5,000.

Parks and Waterways Community Grant Applications 1994/95.  
Essendon Screen planting - Lebanon Reserve \$1,000.  
Broadmeadows-Bass Street riparian planting (opposite Lebanon Reserve) \$1,000.  
Coburg-Moreland Road planting, The Boulevard Planting \$1,000.  
Brunswick-Denzil Reserve \$1,000.

It was also reported that Roger Lord had forwarded comments about planting along the creek.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Northern Areas Improvement Program - Signage Project

Kelvin Thomson reported that the Department of Planning were chasing a final report on this project. David Mulholland advised that project had in fact been a joint Melbourne Water/MPCA Inc. Project with Melbourne Water the installation authority. David Mulholland to fax correspondence to Kelvin Thomson.

8.2 Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 6th March 1994

Beryl Plumridge reported that the following activities were to occur in Coburg.

KCBC - Saturday 5th March North Coburg Industrial Estate between 9.00a.m. and 12.30p.m.

On the Sunday 6th March between 9.00a.m. and 1.00p.m. Merri Creek (at Harding Street footbridge).

Lake Reserve

Westbreen Creek/Gavin Park

8.3 Allan Thomson reported on a article which appeared in the Melbourne Age recently on the return of Lorikeets to the Metropolitan area. Allan also noted that the Lorikeets had been observed around the Pascoe Vale area.

8.4 Paul Dingle the Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Essendon Local Conservation Strategy reported briefly on the strategy. Comments on the Issue Paper to be released on the 11th March 1994 should be reported back to Ann Casey as soon as possible.

8.5 Statement of Rules

David Mulholland raised the issue, on behalf of Bob Rau, of the effect of amalgamation on Local Government representation on the committee. The matter was discussed and after reading the appropriate paragraph in the statement of rules was not considered to be an issue.

8.6 Old Gas and Fuel Depot - Moreland Road, Coburg

Greg Mulcahy reported that recently he had observed open gates at this site and what seemed to be unauthorised tipping at the site.

Secretary to follow up with Gas and Fuel on the current situation.

8.7 Brunswick Tree Group

Kelvin Thomson reported that the Brunswick Tree Group meet at the Union Street site between 10.00a.m. and 12 noon on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

8.8 Parks and Waterways Program - Community Plantings 1994

Paul McGrath, on behalf of the Revegetation sub committee reported that the following projects had been planned for community plantings during 1994.

Brunswick \$1,000

Essendon \$1,000

Plantings to occur on either side of the new footbridge at Brunswick Road.

Broadmeadows \$1,000

Strathnaver Reserve, Chris Court area.

Coburg \$1,000

The Boulevard and Moreland Road sites.

It was also reported as a resource sharing exercise that seeds collected along the creek where being shared between the four Council Parks and Gardens Sections.



8.9 Essendon Council raised the possibility of the recycling of the creek water for watering of sports ground. Melbourne Water are to investigate the reuse possibility.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

Date: Thursday 14th April 1994  
Venue: Broadmeadows Town Hall  
Time: 8.00p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.05p.m.

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MINUTES OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC  
HELD AT MORELAND CITY COUNCIL  
PARKS & GARDENS NURSERY  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1994  
COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM

**PRESENT:**

Kelvin Thomson	MLA Pascoe Vale
Paul McGrath	Moreland City Council
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Allan Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Terry Mundy	Boeing Reserve Advisory Committee
Tony Smith	Strathmore Sports Club
Cr Joe Edmunds	City of Essendon
Tom Baker	Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek
Karyn Judkins	City of Essendon

**1. APOLOGIES**

Ann Cremean	City of Broadmeadows
Bob Rau	City of Broadmeadows
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM MEETING JULY 21, 1994**

**MOVED:** Terry Mundy  
**SECONDED:** Paul McGrath

That the Minutes be received.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Recent local newspaper articles have indicated a commencement date for the construction of the Golf Course in the Jacana Valley. This Association has not received copies of the development plans promised to it at the initial development announcement. The Secretary should contact the City of Broadmeadows to see if they can receive a set of plans.

Terry Mundy spoke about the City of Essendon Family Celebration Day to be held at Boeing Reserve on Sunday, August 28, 1994. Terry handed out a flier illustrating activities to be held on the day. Ann Cremean is to undertake walks through the Strathnaver Grassland Area.

Kelvin Thomson met with Barry Gough from the City of Essendon and John Warburton from the Moreland City Council for a photo shot of the new bridge crossing, the Creek near Brunswick Road. This new bridge only goes to enforce the need to construct more access bridges across the Creek.

A letter to Melbourne Parks and Waterway seeking further support to develop a network of pathways should be written.

Two guests were introduced to the meeting:

- Mr Tom Baker - Convenor of the Friends of the Upper Moonee Ponds Creek

Tom spoke about this recently formed group who are particularly concerned the Creek around Attwood and Westmeadows Areas. Tom has sighted a large range of birds in this area and would like to maintain habitat to keep them around.

Tom referred to a pocket of land along Mickelham Road between the Creek and Attwood Research Centre which the Shire of Bulla was zoned light industrial which could lead to future problems along the Creek.

The meeting agreed that the Association should contact Cr Kathy Duncan or David Runnals from the Shire of Bulla to see if they can answer any questions in respect to this area.

To organise an inspection of this area and other matters regarding this position of the Moonee Ponds Creek Tom Baker can be contacted on 338 0839.

- Karyn Judkins - City of Essendon

Karyn has replaced Lois Binnie who was moved to the City of Nunawading. Karyn was welcomed and wished the best in filling the very large void that will be felt by this Association and the Essendon community with Lois' departure.

The Secretary will send a letter of good wishes and thanks to Lois Binnie.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of inward and outward correspondence was presented to the Committee.

Additional item presented by Kelvin Thomson.

- Greening Australia Inc (Vic) - Will have a display at the Royal Melbourne Show.

- Moreland City Council - An invitation to meet the Commissioners of the Moreland City Council on September 6.

This correspondence was received.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

Alex Smart has been proposed as this Associations representative on the Melbourne Water Northern Tributaries Regional Open Space Plan Working Group.

Alex will promote the Moonee Ponds Creek concept plan and all issues relating to waterways. If any one has any thoughts or ideas they should contact Alex Smart.

Alex Smart and Paul McGrath have met with Melbourne Parks and Waterways Officers to sign the relevant forms following four successful grants for works to be undertaken along the Creek.

A planning application has been received by the Moreland City Council from the Reggio Calabria Club to erect four large floodlit signs on their property facing onto the Tullamarine Freeway.

There was much discussion about this project which is designed to raise funds for the Club.

Cr Joe Edmunds will see if the City of Essendon and its Officers have any interest in this matter and will confer with Kelvin.

It was agreed that a group from this Association should meet with the Reggio Calabria Club to discuss this matter further. The Group should be - Kelvin Thomson, Cr Joe Edmunds and Alex Smart.

**6. TREASURERS REPORT**

A sheet showing the Treasurers Report for the months of May, June and July, 1994, was presented to the meeting by Alex Smart.

It was moved by Alex Smart and seconded by Tony Smith that this report be accepted.

This Treasurers Report was accepted.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Joe Edmunds stated that the City of Essendon Conservation Strategy will be approved at the next Council.

Anne Casey who was the officer on this project will be leaving the City of Essendon to undertake a similar project for the City of Keilor.

Alan Thomson and Alex Smart spoke on the publication "Plants of the Merri Creek" which was released recently: The Pascoe Vale Naturalists have copies of the excellent book for sale.

Terry Mundy has concerns about excavations being carried out near Boeing Reserve that are encroaching onto Creek land.

The earthworks on the new oval at Boeing Reserve are quite steep and dangerous and are also encroaching onto the blue path. The Secretary should write to the City of Essendon to see if they can soften the steepness of the bank.

A special request is made to anyone who has any of the Associations display material or has any photographs or material that could be used in future promotions. This information can be returned to Kelvin Thomson's office at 122 Snell Grove or contact Paul McGrath on 380 3403 to organise collection

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, October 6, 2994  
Commencing 8.10 pm  
Flemington Library  
313 Racecourse Road  
Flemington

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED.

Held at Melbourne Water - Preston Office  
Chifley Drive and Gower Street, Preston  
December 2, 1993

Present:	Mahes Maheswaran	Coburg City Council
	Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
	Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
	Mark Boyle	City of Essendon
	Phillip Radstake	Resident of Northcote
	Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
	Ann Cremean	City of Broadmeadows
	Bob Rau	City of Broadmeadows
	Craig Medcalf	Melbourne Water
	Cr. Kathy Duncan	Shire of Bulla
	Greg Lee	City of Melbourne
	Roger Lord	Melbourne Water, Yarra Region
	Ross Young	Melbourne Water, Yarra Region
	Tony Smith	Strathmore Sports Club
	Kelvin Thomson	MLA Pascoe Vale
	Vivien Riali	Coburg City Council

Ross Young in the absence of Kelvin Thomson declared the meeting open at 8.15 pm.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
David Runnells	Shire of Bulla
Cr Joe Edmonds	City of Essendon
David Mulholland	City of Coburg

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved: Phillip Radstake                      Seconded: Beryl Plumridge

That the minutes of the meeting as amended held on October 28, 1993 be confirmed.

CARRIED

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

3.1 **Cowan's Land**

Bob Rau reported that discussions had been held with John Karageorge who was aware of the concept plan. A meeting will be held at the Broadmeadows Town Hall on December 15, 1993, which is a pre-application meeting where it is envisaged that the formal application will be applied for in March which will be followed by Public Consultation.

Kelvin Thompson took over the chair.

3.2 **Land in Pascoe Vale Road, Strathmore**

Ross Young reported that no correspondence has been received back from Essendon Council. Ross indicated that he is still fighting hard to reserve the land as Public Open Space.

Alex Smart reported that an approach will be made to the Member of Essendon, <sup>Jan</sup> Ann Davis and a deputation will be made to the Minister for Natural Resources, Geoffrey Coleman.

Alex Smart and Joe Edmonds will be pursuing the matter.

3.3. **Water Quality**

Ross Young commented on the recent letter received from the EPA. More investigations will be carried out. The water quality officer is attempting to pinpoint where the nutrients are and to identify the problem and its source.

3.4 Essendon Action Group-Lawson Street

Ross Young reported that the operations section will be finished by Christmas.

Roger Lord also reported that the Landscape Architect was drawing up plans regarding planting in Fanny Street.

Kelvin Thompson also cited Melbourne Water circular letters to residents and updating the Community with its works, indicating that stages 1, 2, 4 were complete and stage 3 would be complete by the end of the year.

3.5 Bike Ride

The bike ride held on Sunday, November 7, 1993 at the Coburg Leisure Centre was reported as being very successful.

3.6 Local Conservation Strategy - Essendon

Tony Smith reported that strategy plans were being drawn up for every park and Public Open Space in Essendon.

Tony also reported on Five Mile Creek being a target for work at re-establishing the green link. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas to contact Tony.

3.7 Concept Plan

~~Clarification was made regarding the Concept Plan that it is not an implementation plan.~~

Anne Cremean will liase with Roger Lord in <sup>developing a</sup> looking at Target Strips and giving priority to certain areas including contacting the various Councils to look at areas in more detail and reporting back to the Committee.  
*revegetation policy for Creek.*

3.8 Widening of Tullamarine Freeway - Bell Street to Flemington Road

Kelvin Thomson to ring VicRoads to make enquiries regarding the widening of the freeway and Vivien Riali to send a follow up letter to the first letter to the VicRoads Chief Executive.

3.9 Funding of Projects

Greg Lee reported that the Flemington Association would work on projects with Melbourne council.

Anne Cremean while working on her report to conduct a ring around to get it started.



3.10 Land upstream of Mickleham Road to Wright Street

Roger Lord reported that the long term objective is to fence the whole site and retain as a retarding basin site. There is a need to survey the whole Melbourne Water Boundary Property.

In the short term, remnants are required to be identified that are urgent and require protection immediately, thus fencing these areas off immediately.

3.11 Catchment and Land protection Act

Ross Young handed out a summary concerning the proposed new Catchment and Land Protection Legislation for Victoria for those interested in the aims of the Act.

3.12 Mower Slashing

Roger Lord reported that sites along the creek had been identified which require monitoring and to identify that when seeding not to slash.

3.13 Slope Planting

Roger reported that after speaking to Peter Renkin regarding planting near concrete, was advised that such planting would compromise the concrete. He also said that trees planted would impose on the carrying capacity of the creek.

However ground cover and scrubs do not pose a problem. Sites need to be identified and Peter Renkin will assist the MPCA Inc with this project.

Ann Cremean while conducting her report, with members help to pick out certain sites so that site visits can be arranged with Peter.

3.14 Incorporated Association

Alex Smith reported that the letter and cheque from the MPCA Inc. was received however the cheque was destroyed by the letter opening machine.

A new cheque is required to be signed.

3.15 Trial Weir

Craig Medcalf followed up the associated costs with the weir where \$30,000 was the initial cost while the total is \$40,000.

An evaluation of the success of the trial weir will be conducted in 1994 with an on-site inspection looking at the advantages and disadvantages of it.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of inwards and outwards correspondence was distributed.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alex Smart tabled a statement for the month of October 1993.

Please see attached .

Kelvin Thompson reported that he was approached by students who attended Strathmore North Primary School who wish to publish their work/studies conducted on the creek asking the MPCA Inc. to support them.

The students are to come back with quotes and then approach the MPCA Inc.

Moved: Alex Smart

Seconded: Beryl Plumridge

That the MPCA:

- (1) Accept the Financial Statement
- (2) Support the Strathmore North Primary School

**CARRIED**

7. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

7.1 **Golf Course - Broadmeadows**

Kelvin Thompson reported that he had spoken to David McDermott of Sportscope Australia who are behind the latest Golf Course proposal near the Western Ring Road and Broadmeadows Club.

Previous concerns related to adequate creek flow - to not draw on water from the creek, no run off from the course into the creek, access to the creek to be maintained and no reduction in safety.

David McDermott is to be invited to come along to the next meeting to talk about the issues/concerns.

A letter is to be written to Sportscope Australia relating to issues and concerns.





4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 1995

It was moved: Tom Baker  
That the minutes be received.

Seconded: Terry Mundy

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Tullamarine Freeway Widening

VicRoads representatives who were invited were unable to attend this meeting.

General discussions were held on what action this association should take in regard to the proposed widening works. Terry Mundy stated that the main charter of this association is in respect to creek issues and that we should take an overall view of any works.

Kelvin Thomson stated that the Freeway Development will have major impact on the creek, pathways and general open space and so this association should provide support to all groups opposing works.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee should meet with these groups to discuss what sort of assistance is required.

VicRoads should be contacted again to see if a representative can attend a future meeting.

Ken Mathew

Gas & Fuel Site

The Appeal by Lance Chapple has been dropped and so the residential development will continue.

The developers should be contacted in regard to there plans for planting along the creek. It may also be appropriate to provide them with a copy of the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan to keep them aware of their responsibilities in regard to the creek.

Clean Up Day

Clean Up Day was successful with sites held at

- Westmeadows - Koala Crescent
- Shankland Ave - Meadow Heights
- Coburg Industrial Sites around Richards Reserve
- Gavin Park - Along Merlynston Creek

The good work at these sites was spoilt by heavy rains several days after the clean up.

A special note should be made of the fact that the FAC provided a truck for the clean up site at Shankland Avenue.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of inward and outward correspondence was presented to the meeting.

This correspondence was received.

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

A meeting will be held at the Moreland City Council Nursery on 22 March 1995 to discuss appropriate sites for Melbourne Parks and Waterways Community Grants.

## 8. TREASURERS REPORT

As presented in the A.G.M. Statement of Income and Expenditure.

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Following the clean up at the Koala Crescent Westmeadows site a boat used for the job was covered in oil and took some hard work to clean it.

Hume City Council officers have now recognised this as the dirtiest site in their municipality. The E.P.A. are inspecting sites in this area but a letter registering concerns about the continued oil flow should be written to the E.P.A. and the Hume City Council.

### Autumn Plantings

Boeing Reserve: Continue with planting program

Braddy Reserve ) New planting along area adjacent to proposed  
Denzil Don Reserve ) freeway works

Brentwood Avenue Pascoe Vale South: area adjacent to the Gas & Fuel Site Development.

Kelvin Thomson proposed that the relevant Councils Moonee Valley and Moreland should apply for Melbourne Water funding to enable the last section of pathway to be constructed south of Moreland Road.

The Council co-operation is essential as this will be a costly project because of the limited access at the rear of properties along the creek. The Council Bicycle Co-ordinators should be contacted to encourage application for Melbourne Water Funding.

### NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27 April 1995  
Flemington Library  
Meeting Room 3 (Upstairs)  
313 Racecourse Road  
FLEMINGTON

Commencing at 8.00pm

### SPECIAL NOTE

New Association Secretary  
Karyn Judkins  
City of Moonee Valley  
P O Box 126  
MOONEE PONDS 3039  
Telephone: 243 8716

**MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**

**THURSDAY 27TH APRIL, 1995**

**AT THE FLEMINGTON LIBRARY**

**PRESENT:**

Kelvin Thompson	M.L.A. Pascoe Vale
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Joe Edmonds	Strathmore Resident
Roger Lord	Melbourne Water
Tony Smith	Essendon, Broadmeadows, Keilor Cricket As
Angelo Kourambas	City of Melbourne
Philip Radstake	Northcote Resident
Karyn Judkins	Moonee Valley City Council
Mark Boyle	Moonee Valley City Council

**1. APOLOGIES**

Paul McGrath	Moreland City Council
Merideth Henkel	City of Hume
Alexandra Watt	Strathmore Resident
Alan Thompson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Dorothy Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was moved: Joe Edmonds                      Seconded: Philip Radstake  
That the minutes be received

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

It was agreed that we should invite a Vic Roads representative to a future meeting. Ken Mathers was recommended.

**3.1 Presentation - Roger Lord**

Roger Lord from Melbourne Water gave a presentation on Wright Street, Westmeadows. He discussed his work on the Management Plan for the area which includes the development of 9 management zones. These have been mapped according to the vegetation types and level of significance. One of the goals was to achieve a mix of dense indigenous planting and open grasslands.

Kelvin Thompson enquired about other projects Melbourne Water could assist with. The need for a bicycle link to Gelibrand Park was discussed.

*Conves. re bike links.*

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of inward and outward correspondence was presented at the meeting.

The correspondence was received.

#### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

*update 3*  
The request from Julie Collins (Strathmore Primary School) was discussed, for \$2.00 per copy of the Moonee Ponds Creek book, at a total cost of \$400.00. This was agreed to; however Tony Smith is to contact the school to suggest production cost reductions. Treasurer to organise payment on completion of the work.

Discussions were held on the possibility of the association taking on a jobskills person, to project ideas and knowledge about the M.P.C.A.

It was moved: Joe Edmonds                      Seconded: Tony Smith  
that we employ a jobskills person, providing we have a say in the selection process.

Paul McGrath is to be approached in regard to providing office space for the individual chosen. Alex Smart, Tony Smith and Kelvin Thompson are prepared to help with employment process.

*5*  
Discussion was held about the need for a bicycle link at Hopetoun Street and the need for a timber board walk structure. There was uncertainty as to whether it should be located on the Essendon or Moreland side of the creek. Awaiting quotes from both municipalities.

*2*  
It was suggested that we write to Peter Rankin (Water Operations Manager - Yarra Region) regarding erosion along the Moonee Ponds Creek down stream from Primrose Street Essendon, Parallel with Vanberg Road.

Moved: Tony Smith                      Seconded: Joe Edmonds

#### 6. TREASURERS REPORT

As per last month. No financial transactions.

#### 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Kelvin Thompson reported on discussions with Suzanne Lechte (Executive Director - Northern Region Commission). Suzanne is to be invited to one of our meetings to speak about the Environmental strategy for the Northern Region.

It was reported that Tony Bentleigh from Melbourne Water is looking at 93-94 grant projects to determine how successful they have been. We need to confirm sites and work completed.



7. **GENERAL BUSINESS (cont'd)**

The M.P.C.P community grant application did not contain enough detail according to Andrew Shannon from Melbourne Water. Kelvin Thompson has followed this up.

Autumn tree planting programme is to commence. Planting dates:

Fanny Street	10 am, Saturday 28th May
Braddy Reserve	10 am, Sunday 7th May (scouts to attend)
Lebanon Reserve	10 am, Sunday 14th May
Lebanon Reserve	10 am, Tuesday 16th May (Strathmore Primary School)

Kelvin Thompson made comments on the Western Bypass Report, particularly in relation to the references to the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan. It was stated in the report that the State Government is to provide assistance to implement plan, where conflicts occur between the bypass and the creek.

Foaming in the Creek at Strathmore & Pascoe Vale South was discussed. Locals rang the E.P.A, and the drain was identified. It was recommended that Vince Pettigrove (Water Quality Officer - Melbourne Parks and Waterways) be contacted to advise us on this matter.

99 Reports are outstanding with Melbourne Parks and Waterways. Files need to be closed.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The 8th June 1995  
Moonee-Valley Civic Centre  
Mayoral area  
Cnr Kellaway Ave & Pascoe Vale Rd  
Moonee Ponds

sueb/karynj/mpcass

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 8TH JUNE

1995

AT THE MOONEE VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

PRESENT

Tom Baker	Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek
Philip Radstake	Darebin resident
Vincent Pettigrove	Melbourne Water
Kelvin Thompson	MLA for Pascoe Vale
Karyn Judkins	City of Moonee Valley
Mark Boyle	City of Moonee Valley
Terry Mundy	Boeing Reserve Advisory Committee
Paul McGrath	Moreland City Council
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Allan Thompson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Alexandra Watt	Strathmore resident
Meredith Henkel	Hume City Council
Jameo McConnel	Strathnaver Resident
Tony Smith	Strathnaver Sports Club and North West Cricket Association

1. APOLOGIES

Angelo Kourambas	City of Melbourne
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Bob Ray	Hume City Council
Joe Edmonds	Strathmore Resident

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Mark Boyle  
SECONDED: Beryl Plumridge

That the Minutes be received

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Ken Mathers from Vic Roads declined our invitation to give a presentation to M.P.C.A. due to the current stage of the project. It was agreed that we should endeavour to invite Ken Mathers to a later meeting when the project is further advanced. Secretary to contact next month.

Suzanne Lechte - Executive Director of the Northern Region Commission had intended to give a presentation on the Regional Environmental Strategy at this meeting, but decided to postpone the presentation until next meeting as the project would be further advanced.

Plantings were successful, including Fanny Street and Braddy Reserve. All were well attended except for the Lebanon Reserve Planting which landed on Mother's Day. Plantings also took place at Pascoe Vale Road, on the Boulevard.

#### PRESENTATION - VINCE PETTIGROVE

Vince Pettigrove from Melbourne Water gave an interesting presentation on Water Quality and Management. He presented information collected about the "makeup" of the water at 20 sites along the Moonee Ponds Creek. The water quality was found to be acceptable in terms of the turbidity and the amount of dissolved oxygen present. However results showing the amount of toxins present were of some concern, particularly at specific sites. For example Nitrogen Compounds were relatively high, Mercury was particularly high at Five Mile Creek, Caecum was high at Outlook Drive, Nickel was high near the airport, lead was high at Koala Crescent etc. It was surprising to hear that the quality of the Moonee Ponds Creek has improved dramatically over the last 20 years.

Appreciation of Vince Pettigrove's presentation was

MOVED: Allan Thompson

SECONDED: Tony Smith

Discussions were held about the polluting of the creek from industrial sites etc. It was agreed that the E.P.A had been too casual about prosecuting offenders even when they had been notified about various incidents. Secretary is to write to EPA requesting that those polluting the creek are prosecuted.

MOVED: Beryl Plumbridge

SECONDED: Tom Baker

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A list of inward and outward correspondence was presented at the meeting.

The Correspondence was received.

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Quotes were received for construction of a bicycle link at Hopetoun Street. Nicholas Elliot of the City of Moreland that the works would cost approximately \$392,450 which would include concrete path works, timber decking, and fencing.

Both the City of Moonee Valley and the City of Moreland respond to Kelvin Thompson's letter which requested permission to erect information shelters, which would be built by TAFE, at certain locations along the creek. A design is required by the TAFE and any assistance with design and construction plans and details would be welcome.

6. TREASURERS REPORT

The balance according to the treasurers report - May 1995 was \$10,230.

MOVED: Tom Baker  
SECONDED: Paul McGrath

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

A Leap programme included removal of Gorse and other weeds and planting of tube stock at Yuroke Creek and the Moonee Ponds Creek. A Leap launch was conducted after completion of a project which involved conducting a survey on peoples' attitude towards the environment.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the City of Hume expressing our appreciation of the work undertaken by the Leap group.

MOVED: Tom Baker  
SECONDED: Meredith Henkel

Planting at Wright Street, Westmeadows (off Koala Crescent) is to take place on the 18th of June between 1.00 and 3.00pm.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27th July  
Broadmeadows Town Hall  
8.00 pm

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MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 27TH JULY, 1995

AT THE BROADMEADOWS TOWN HALL

PRESENT:

Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Joe Edmonds	Strathmore Resident
Allan Thompson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Dorothy Thompson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Jamie Hancock	Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek
Meredith Henkel	Hume City Council
Tom Baker	Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek
Terry Mundy	Boeing Reserve Committee
Mark Boyle	City of Moonee Valley
Karyn Judkins	City of Moonee Valley
Tony Smith	NWCA/ Strathmore Sports Club
Kelvin Thompson	MLA for Pascoe Vale
Alexandra Watt	Strathmore Resident
Joyce Gabriel	Glenroy
Mary Pope	Glenroy
Rosemary Kerr	Glenroy
Robert Frayne	Glenroy - Moonee Boulevard
Steve Winzar	Glenroy - Moonee Boulevard
Tim Cannon	Glenroy
Christine Campbell	Strathmore Resident
James McConnell	Strathnaver Avenue Resident
William Castalds	Glenroy - Moonee Boulevard
Elizabeth Castalds	Glenroy - Moonee Boulevard
Matti Kakkinen	Moonee Boulevard
Michael Bowers	Moonee Boulevard

1. APOLOGIES

Suzanne Lechte	Nothern Region Commission
Beryl Plumuridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was moved: Tom Baker  
 Seconded: Terry Mundy

That the minutes be received.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Information shelters were constructed by the TAFE group at Fanny Street Reserve in the City of Moonee Valley and at the west end of ~~Derrymount~~ <sup>Derrymount</sup> Street in Moreland. The Moonee Ponds Creek Association have not yet received a bill from the TAFE for the cost of the materials required to build the structures. The information which is to be contained within the shelters has not been decided and will be voted on at the next meeting. James McConnell, Tony Smith, Meredith Henkel and Terry Mundy are to form a committee to organise the information for the shelters and to investigate options for the finish of the boards to deter vandalism. Meredith Henkel is to convene.

*Derrymount  
Oak Park*

*there is a graffiti-proof finish.*

The Wright Street Planting was successful despite dismal weather. Fifteen people attended and approximately 120 trees were planted on the day.

Outstanding final completion reports for Melbourne Water Grant applications have been completed.

### 3.1 PRESENTATION

Suzanne Lechte was not able to attend meeting to give presentation on the Environmental Strategy For the Northern Region. An apology was received.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

### 6. TREASURERS REPORT

The balance at 27th July 1995 is \$10,259

### 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Ten Residents from Moonee Boulevard, Glenroy attended the meeting. Mary Pope reported on the future of the land which currently runs between the creek and the Residences of Moonee Boulevard.

Melbourne Water have decided that they want to sell this area of land. The residents had believed the area would always be zoned public open space but it has apparently been re-zoned as residential land. Melbourne Water are intending to either sell the land for residential development or, if there is no purchase, to Moreland City Council.

*Melbourne Parks + Waterways*

A number of issues and questions were raised.

Moreland was already poorly serviced for open space  
The land may be subject to flooding. How safe is it to build on?  
If this land is rezoned residential what is to stop the entire creek sides from being developed?  
What are the implications on collection of Stormwater drainage?

It was agreed that deputation should be sought with both the Moreland City Council and Minister Birrell.

### DEPUTATION LISTS

#### Commissioners of Moreland City Council

Alex Smart  
Mary Pope  
Robert Frayne  
Steve Winzar  
Tim Cannan  
Joe Edmonds  
Christine Campbell  
Allan Thompson  
William Castald  
Michael Bowers  
Alexandra Watt  
Kelvin Thompson

DEPUTATION LISTS (Continued)

MINISTER BIRRELL

Alex Smart  
Mary Pope  
Robert Frayne  
Steve Winzar

Moreland City Council have employed consultants to prepare an Open Space Strategy for their municipality. A representative from the Moonee Ponds Creek Association is required to sit on the steering committee. Kelvin Thompson was nominated to be our representative.

Moved: Alex Smart  
Seconded: Rosemary Kerr

It was suggested that a spring planting should be organised for the Moonee Boulevard as the residents were present.

Suggestions for implementation of the Concept plan and the need for a management plan were discussed. Secretary is to contact Melbourne Water and invite to future meeting to discuss the idea of preparing a Masterplan for the Creek.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 31st August  
8.00 pm  
Moreland. Bell Street Hall

*acting*

*Greg Mulcahy*  
*Mary Pope*

*KT to organize this*

*Christine Campbell*

*would have to get permission from Melbourne Parks + Waterways*

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST, 1995

MORELAND MUNICIPAL OFFICES

BELL STREET COBURG

*to ring back*  
*Alex Smart*  
*to identify*  
*successful*  
*project*  
*to make*  
*sure*  
*project*  
*implemented*  
*Melb Parks &*  
*Waterways*  
*Community Council*  
*Beryl Judkins*  
*95-96*  
*\$2000*

Meeting opened at 8.00pm by Chairman, Kelvin Thomson

**PRESENT**

Allan Thomson  
Dorothy Thomson  
Beryl Plumridge  
Sue Davidson  
Terry Mundy  
Tony Smith  
Kelvin Thomson  
Alex Smart  
James McConnell  
Tom Baker  
Merideth Henkel  
Philip Radstake  
Karyn Judkins

Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Oak Park  
Boeing Reserve Committee  
NWCA/SSC  
MLA for Pascoe Vale  
Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Strathnaver Resident  
F.U.M.P.C  
Hume City Council  
Darebin Resident  
Moonee Valley City Council

**1. APOLOGIES**

Peter Plumridge  
Greg Mulcahy

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved that the Minutes be approved subject to two corrections - land at Moonee Boulevard Glenroy West is threatened with sale by Melbourne Parks and Waterways, not Melbourne Water, and secondly one of the information display notice boards has been erected at Devereaux Street, Oak Park.

Moved: Tom Baker  
Seconded: Alex Smart  
Carried

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Information Display Notice Boards

Terry Mundy reported on behalf of the sub-committee. Suggestions included maps, references to the Concept Plan, details of specific locations using artwork from the brochure, points of interest, photographs and some references to the Moonee Ponds Creek Association itself.

It was suggested that photographs could be obtained from the Broadmeadows Historical Society, Mr John Gertakis from RMIT Department of Design, from Greening Australia (Victoria) or from Dorothy Thomson.

*Then discuss w/ Mark Boyle*  
*Fiscander*  
*Greg Mulcahy*  
*Monahan*  
*is where*  
*is our*  
*earlier*  
*extra*  
*info*  
*on*  
*this*



*Garden Drive \$430  
+ 20 metres  
aluminium*

It was agreed that the sub-committee should be given power to act in obtaining graffiti proof materials, artwork and so on to produce the display up to a limit of \$1000.

Proposed sale of land along creek at Moonee Boulevard

Deputation with the Minister has not yet occurred. Apparently the Commissioners at Moreland City Council would not be hesitant to sell the land for private development.

Greg Mulcahy from Moreland is to organize spring planting for the Moonee Boulevard site.

Bike Path Proposal - Gellibrand Park

The City of Hume has applied for funding from the Better Cities Program to construct a 2.9km bike path along the creek from Willow Brook Oval to the Airport via Gellibrand Hill Park. Part of the land along this area is owned by Cleanaway. There have been objections to the bike path running along the eastern side of the creek at this point. M.P.C.A. supports the sale of the Cleanaway site to Melbourne Water so that the trial can run continuously along the western side. The friends of Gellibrand oppose the use of concrete or asphalt for the path surface and suggest granitic sand.

It was suggested that we write to the Federal Airports Corporation, Better Cities and Melbourne Water and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to express our concern about the location of the bike path.

Moved: Beryl Plumridge  
Seconded: Terry Mundy

*KT to spk to  
Ross Young  
- reinvigoration  
of Concept  
Plan*

Moonee Ponds Creek Management Plan

Secretary to contact Melbourne Parks and Waterways to discuss possibility of preparing a Management Plan for the Creek.

**3.1 PRESENTATION - MERIDETH HENKEL**

Merideth Henkel from Hume City Council gave an interesting presentation on a LEAP project which involved removal of box thorn and gorse from both the Yuroke Creek and the Moonee Ponds Creek. The group also constructed feeding boxes which were attached to Red Gums to attract the native local birds. Merideth showed a video of the work that was undertaken by the group.

**3.2 PRESENTATION - TONY SMITH**

Tony Smith gave a presented concept plans of the City Link Project. The proposal was generally favourable in terms of the proposed widening of the creek south of Mt Alexander Road and the planting of native and indigenous vegetation along the creek. A footbridge is proposed to link Debney's Park and the eastern side of the creek and the Upfield line. The existing Upfield Rail Bridge will be modified to include a pedestrian and bicycle path to Royal Park. The path will extend south along the eastern side of the creek with crossings under local roads.

It was agreed that the work proposed for the creek in the concept plan for the City Link Proposal was desirable but we should ask for an extension of the natural treatment of the creek further north up to Bell Street in keeping with the concept plan.

Moved: James McConnell  
Seconded: Tom Baker  
Carried

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of inward and outward correspondence was presented at the meeting.

The correspondence was received.

#### 5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from the City Link Authority with the latest news on the freeway tolls.

Melbourne City Council informed us that they will not be attending any Moonee Ponds Creek Association meetings due to the municipal boundary changes.

Greening Australia - Green Task Force is to commence their indigenous vegetation management study along the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Application forms are available for a LEAP program for work along the creek.

Spring festival is approaching. Agencies should be preparing sites for spring planting.

#### 6. **TREASURERS REPORT**

The balance at the 31st August was \$10,283. The sum of \$950 is committed.

Moved: Tom Baker  
Seconded: Allan Thomson

#### 7. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Annual Garden Celebrations Weekend is to be held on the 7th & 8th of October.

It was noted that there has been further oil spill at Koala Crescent.

#### 8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 19th October  
8.00 pm  
Moonee Valley Civic Centre  
Committee Rooms 1 & 2  
Cnr Pascoe Vale Road and Kellaway Avenue  
Moonee Ponds

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Moonee Ponds Ck  
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1995

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 1995

AT THE MOONEE VALLEY CITY COUNCIL

**Present:**

Tony Smith	NWCA Strathmore Sports Club
Allan Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Dorothy Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
James McConnell	Strathnaver Avenue Resident
Sue Davidson	Oak Park
Joe Gorda	Melbourne Water
Philip Radstake	Darebin resident
Tom Baker	Friends upper Moonee Ponds Creek
Meredith Henkel	Hume City Council
Kelvin Thomson	MLA Pascoe Vale
Karyn Judkins	Moonee Valley City Council

**1. Apologies**

Alexandra Watt  
Rick Roman  
Beryl Plumridge  
Peter Plumridge  
Anne Casey  
Mark Boyle  
Terry Mundy

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

It was moved: Alex Smart  
seconded: Philip Radstake

That the minutes be received.

CARRIED

**3. Business Arising From Minutes**

**Information Display Notice Boards**

Co-ordination meetings are still in process. Some cost estimates have been in excess of \$1000 therefore negotiation continues.

**Proposal sale of land at Moonee Boulevard**

- no update

### 3.1 Presentation of Joe Corda - Melbourne Water

Joe Corda from Melbourne Water attended this meeting to discuss the possibility of preparing a Management Plan for the Moonee Ponds Creek. Apparently concept plans for various creeks are currently being reviewed but the Moonee Ponds Creek is not included in this round. It seems that since the splitting of Melbourne Water into various organisations areas of responsibility have become unclear. There is some confusion as to whether responsibility for the writing of management plans lies with Melbourne Water or Melbourne Parks and Waterways. It was agreed that some kind of implementation strategy is required in order to lift the concept plan of the shelf.

There was some discussion about the dangers of C.C.T. in relation to the management of maintenance of the creek.

It was suggested that more copies of the Moonee Ponds Creek concept plan be printed as supplied are low.

moved: Alex Smart  
seconded: Tom Baker

CARRIED

### 4. Correspondence

A list of inward and outward correspondence was presented at the meeting.

The correspondence was received.

### 5. Business Arising from Correspondence

Reminder that final reports for Melbourne Parks and Waterways are due.

D.C.N.R. are undertaking a Landcare Project along a section of the upper Moonee Ponds Creek.

### 6. Treasurers Report

Balance as of 31 August ..... \$10,283

moved: Tom Baker  
seconded: Dorothy Thomson

CARRIED

### 7. General Business

Discussion about the Moreland Open Space Strategy. The report refers to certain areas of public open space as 'surplus land'. Obviously this implies that there may be sale of public land for development. It was agreed by the Moonee Ponds Creek Association that 'surplus land' was non-existent in the City of Moreland.

...3/

Secretary to write to City of Moreland stating that the association does not support the sale of any surplus open space. We believe the Moonee Ponds Creek Association should be consulted concerning any proposal for creek management.

moved: Sue Davidson  
seconded: Allan Thomson

CARRIED

Secretary to write to Greg Mulcay regarding proposed plantings at Chris Court, Athens Court and Devero Street near the information shelter.

Secretary to write to commissioner of Moreland to request that access be blocked to Devero Street from Valley Street.

moved: James McConnell  
seconded: Sue Davidson

CARRIED

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 23rd November at 8.00pm

Venue: Westmeadows Community Centre  
Entrance from Reserve of Ardie Street, Westmeadows behind Police Station (Melways Map 6 A6).

*File* Moonee Ponds Creek Assn  
1996

**Moonee Ponds Creek Association incorporated**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 23rd November, 1995**  
**at the Westmeadows Community Centre**

***Present:***

Tony Smith	NWCA Strathmore Sports Club
Allan Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Greg Mulcahy	Moreland City Council
Meredith Henkel	Hume City Council
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Sue Davidson	Oak Park Resident
Peter Plumridge	P.V.N.C.
Beryl Plumridge	P.V.N.C.
Terry Mundy	Boeing Reserve Committee
Philip Radstake	Darebin Resident
Tom Baker	Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek
James McConnell	Strathnaver Resident
Eric Ward	Brunswick Tree Group

**1. Apologies**

Karyn Judkins  
Ann Casey  
Mark Boyle  
Dorothy Thomson  
Kelvin Thomson

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

It was moved: Alex Smart      Seconded: Tom Baker

**3. Business Arising From Minutes**

**Information Display Notice Boards**

The Aluminium Edging has been manufactured for the info. boards. Alex will purchase 2 sheets of perspex and Terry & James will assemble them at the Boeing Reserve site. Meredith to paint backing-board. Tony to put together information which is easily available, however this could be updated later. Meredith is still chasing artwork from "Greening Australia".

*Karyn  
Phillip  
Joe  
Terry  
Tony  
Meredith*

*Alex  
Allan  
Greg  
James*

*structure*  
*Northern Tributaries  
management  
committee*

## **Concept Plan**

Tony Smith has received a quote of under \$500 to get 50 copies made of the Concept Plan. The committee endorsed Tony to proceed with the printing. Tony will also incorporate some amendments so the re-prints will include these within the text, where feasible.

⊙ The Committee believes the matter of the Concept Plan requires further discussion at the next meeting.

## **Moreland Open Space Strategy**

Discussion continued about the Strategy. Greg Mulcahy suggested that the plan identifies some open space areas, mainly pocket parks, which may be put to other uses. However, these other uses may include community gardens or changed uses, not necessarily selling land for housing.

Terry Mundy will contact Karyn Judkins to confirm that a letter was sent expressing MPCA concerns, as per the minutes.

If it was felt that at the next meeting the Moreland concept plan should be looked at together with a map, to see how the Strategy impacts on the Moonee Ponds Creek.

## **Plantings & fencing in Moreland along the Moonee Ponds Creek**

Greg Mulcahy heard requests for Community plantings along the Moonee Ponds Creek in 1996. A barrier has also been requested to restrict access to Devereaux from Valley St.

Discussion followed about the CCT process and the imminent tendering of Moreland Parks and Gardens service, due for tendering 27th January 1996. To date, a draft service profile has been released and submissions are invited.

The Committee resolved to write to Moreland and express our wish that the tender document include liaison with appropriate community based advisory committees. We are especially concerned that the council continue to support the activities of the MPCA and continue communication with the providers of the service. This issue will require further debate.

## **Moonee Ponds Creek Landcare Project**

Tom Baker and Kelvin Thomson attended a meeting at Gellibrand Park where a steering committee was formed. The main items discussed were weed control issues, salinity and fencing the creek for revegetation.

## **4. Correspondence**

Get copy of Moreland Public Open Space Strategy

Tom to report

Treasurers Report

Balance as of October 31st 1995 .....\$11,302.31  
moved: Alex Smart seconded: Beryl Plumridge.

could be a project for  
volunteers  
concerning  
Victoria  
people

6. General Business

Eric Ward suggested re-visiting the issue of getting together the large private landholders along the Moonee Ponds Creek and organising a workshop. The issues to be covered would include environmental weeds, property maintenance and using indigenous plants in their landscapes. A sub-Committee will be set-up to look into this further and locate the minutes/ background to this issue.

Allan Thomson reported that the Community planting held on Cup Day at Victoria St. West Brunswick was very successful, with good representation by the Scouts. It was also noted that areas were planted beyond the prepared site and required spraying. Greg Mulcahy to organise spraying.

Eric Ward noted that Chilean Needle-grass and Ash Trees were spreading along the creek. Secretary to write to Melbourne Water expressing concern about these weeds growing in the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Moved: Eric Ward Seconded: Sue Donaldson

Secretary also to write to Moonee Valley Council and express concerns about growing Ash Trees in close proximity to the Creek and in mulch (sites such as Boeing Reserve where it is coming-up in the Mulch).

Moved: Eric Ward Seconded: Sue Donaldson

coming

7. Date of Next meeting

Thursday 1st of February 1996 at 8pm

Venue: Broadmeadows Club or Boeing Res. or Woodlands Homestead.

Where?

How are people going to be notified?

Kangaroo Junction  
call back

15/1/96

to send out new notices 15/1/96



MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 1996  
AT THE HARRY ATKINSON CENTRE, COBURG**

**PRESENT:**

Kelvin Thompson	MHR for Wills
Karyn Judkins	Moonee Valley City Council
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Allan Thompson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Dorothy Thompson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists]
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
James McConnell	Strathnaver Avenue Resident
Karen Wilson	Hume City Council
Margaret Abbey	Hume City Council
Meredith Henkel	Hume City Council
Philip Radstake	Darebin Resident
Rosemary Kerr	City of Moreland Councillor
Ann Cremean	Resident Ascot Vale
Andrew Rowe	City of Moreland Councillor
Fred Harrington	Moreland City Council
Tony Smith	N-W Cricket ass./Strath. Sports Club
Terry Mundy	Boeing Reserve Committee

**1. APOLOGIES:**

John Nankervis	Melbourne Parks and Waterways
Mark Boyle	City of Moonee Valley

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

Nominations for positions were accepted prior to the meeting and the positions were voted on at the Annual General Meeting. The results are as follows:

PRESIDENT	-	Kelvin Thompson
VICE PRESIDENTS	-	Terry Mundy and Tony Smith
SECRETARY	-	Karen Wilson
TREASURER	-	Alex Smart

**3. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF INCOME/EXPENDITURE:**

The balance as of 31 March was \$10,268.27 .

Moved	:	Alan Thompson
Seconded	:	Rosemary Kerr

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 14TH MARCH:**

The minutes were confirmed.

Moved	:	Terry Mundy
Seconded	:	James McConnel

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Information Shelters : Shelters at Boeing Reserve are complete. Information is to go in soon. Meredith Henkel has historic photos. \$176.00 required to purchase perspex.

Moved : Beryl Plumridge  
Seconded : James McConnel

Ann Cremean warned of difficulties removing graffiti from perspex.

Greening Australia Leap Group : James McConnel and Karyn Judkins met with Linda Ford (Leap co-ordinator) at Strathnaver to discuss location of planting and steps. Moonee Valley City Council to provide plans.

Creek Committee - Merri, Moonee Ponds and Darebin : Chris Chesterfield from Melbourne Water will be appointing a consultant to look at management structure. The consultant is expected to be appointed May-June. 2 meetings have taken place between MW and council officers and creek committee members to discuss possibilities.

Some discussion about lack of information/consultation from MW. Secretary to write to MW requesting information on the consultancy process. MPCA request input into the writing of the consultancy brief and ask that a representative from MW attend the next meeting.

Sudivision - Morgans Land : The land is proposed for a 128 lot residential development. Kelvin Thompson organised meeting of local residents on April 1st at Glenroy West Primary School to discuss the issue.

There was some question as to whether Melbourne Water had sold some land as the proposed lots came very close to the creek in three locations. The proposal seems to "choke" the Valley.

An objection needs to be lodged on behalf of the MPCA. Objections will be received until the next council meeting. Letter to be sent to MW asking them to oppose the proposal.

Moved : Tony Smith  
Seconded : Terry Mundy

City Link : Meeting with City Link Authority to be pursued, to discuss landscape proposals and budgets. Secretary to write to Transfield - Obayashi to request and on site meeting.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

A list of inward and outward correspondence was presented at the meeting.

The correspondence was received.

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

Lionsville wrote to the association with a proposal to construct a bridge near Lionsville. The idea was welcomed.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Community Plantings : Sunday, 19 May 1996, 2pm to 5 pm - Upper Moonee Ponds Creek at Koala Crescent.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, 13 June 1996 at the Broadmeadows Town Hall.



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

## Minutes

1996

Meeting: May 8th at 8pm  
City of Moonee Valley Council Offices

**Present:** Kelvin Thomson, Rosemary Kerr, Tom Baker, Allan Thomson, Alex Smart, Tony Smith, Terry Mundy, James McConnell, Karen Wilson, Andrew Rowe, Wayne Perrett, Mark Boyle, Elsbeth Ferguson, Philip Radstake, Clive Judd.

### 1. Minutes of previous meeting:

- 1.1. Rosemary Kerr reported that Allistair Phillips would be taking on the secretarial role in future.

### 2. Business Arising

#### 2.1. Northern Waterways Review

Kelvin Thomson wrote to Melbourne Water regarding concerns on extent of consultation. A letter was received from Carol Kunert who explained that material for comment was included in the January newsletter.

Nick Ronan (Melbourne Water) indicated that the report is not yet finalised nor recommendations made.

Alex Smart indicated that a grant application had been made for a catchment coordinator.

#### 2.2. Concept Plan

Kelvin Thomson wrote to the Water Resources Minister seeking a deputation to discuss responsibilities for the creek. No response as yet.

#### 2.3. CityLink

An expression of interest for alternative drainage treatment for the creek from the trestle bridge to Delhi Crt, Flemington has been sought by Melbourne Water. Andrew identified that the Municipalities have contributed \$5,000 each to this study due to concerns with the current plans by CityLink. The report is due in mid-June. Kelvin Thomson had contacted Ross Young (Melbourne Water) to clarify Melbourne Water's stance on the removal of concrete lining. It was explained that Melbourne Water did not object, subject to the maintenance of flood control, but noted that it was expensive and not a priority for Melbourne Water. CityLink works were having a detrimental effect on flood measures. Wayne Perrett noted that the Schedule 5 (consultation) process was still delayed, but that work were continuing. Also that some revisions were expected, including the noise walls and possible use of transparent barriers and solar panels.

#### 2.4. Morgans Land

Kelvin Thomson had received a report from the panel hearing which outlined the restriction of the use of the existing bridge to pedestrians, cyclists and emergency vehicles and the construction of another pedestrian bridge. Concerns with the proximity of the residential development to the creek still existed.

#### 2.5. Grants

Bill Johnsen developed 7 grant submissions to the Natural Heritage Trust



Tom Baker raised the issue of the schools trees produced with the use of the Rotary Club shadehouses. The schools will be planting these trees.

**5. General Business**

- 5.1. Elsbeth Ferguson, a student from Burnleigh, explained that she was involved in investigating the use of a range of indigenous species for creek bank revegetation and stabilisation at Ulver Reserve. Although theoretical at this stage the report will be made available and could be used by the group or Councils. The Association supported this work and the use of indigenous species and suggested that she contact Melbourne Water for their requirements.
- 5.2. **Plantings**  
Moreland, Moonee Valley and Hume have released a schedule of planting days (see attached) and the Moonee Ponds Creek Association will be involved in plantings:
- 18<sup>th</sup> May at Strathnaver Reserve
  - 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1.30-3.30 at Deviation Rd, Westmeadows
- 5.3. **Display by Transurban**  
Kelvin Thomson has contacted Roger Rugless regarding the display which indicated creek restoration as part of the CityLink project and will be contacted when it is available again.
- 5.4. **Notice boards**  
Mark Boyle indicated that the boards were empty and should be used to alleviate concerns. Mark will place calendar of events at Fanny St and James and Terry to place information at Devereaux St.
- 5.5. **CityLink Public Meeting**  
The meeting held at Brunswick Town Hall supported a motion that the creek be upgraded with funds from Transurban.
- 5.6. **Community Training for "Controlling Weeds in the West"**  
Training is available on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May and anyone interested should contact Kelvin for details. It was generally agreed that the Association could sponsor an attendant (cost of \$30)
- 5.7. **Tributaries**  
Allan Thomson indicated that the tributaries should be included in any formal references to the creek. Kelvin indicated that this may require a change in the constitution and should be done at the AGM with notice given,
- 5.8. **Bike Bridge near Bell Street**  
Terry Mundy noted the construction of a bridge and Wayne Perrett indicated that it was part of a temporary bypass but would prefer that it remain.
- 5.9. **Boeing Reserve Advisory Committee**  
Terry Mundy noted that the Committee was to be formally re-established with the election of Councillors and Committee to be elected at a meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

**Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.**

**Next Meeting  
Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm  
Moreland**

**Minutes of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association**  
**held June 13, 8pm**  
**at the Broadmeadows Town Hall**

1996

**Present:** Ann Crimean, Tom Baker, Terry Mundy, David Fisher (Melbourne Water), Alex Smart, Allan Thomson, Fred Harrington, James McConnell, Phillip, Karen Wilson

**Apologies:** Karyn Judkins, Meredith Henkel, Kelvin Thomson, Cnr. Rae, Cnr. Kerr  
Beryl Plumridge, Dorothy Thomson

**Minutes of Previous meeting**

Accepted by James, Seconded by Allan

**Business Arising:**

1. Information Shelters

James attended a meeting where the second shelter was not discussed and there was still discussion regarding the content of the display of the first information board. Thus further discussion by the MPCA postponed until the next meeting.

2. Greening Australia Victoria LEAP Group

Works planned for the corner of Mascoma and Strathnaver required consultation with adjoining landowner. Also MPCA needs to be consulted prior to works as \$3,000 of the groups money is being used.

James to contact Linda Ford in Karyn's absence regarding this. A meeting may required prior to the next formal meeting.

3. Creek Committee proposal

Chris Westerfield (Melbourne Water) reported to David Fisher that nothing had advanced since the previous meeting. MPCA wished to have input into the process. Ann suggested that the proposal was broader than the Moonee Ponds Creek and that the brief had possibly been written. She expressed concerns that other options may not have been fully explored and that it was too late for MPCA to have input.

David is to ask Chris to attend the next meeting or the appointed consultants at a later date if the brief has been completed.

4. Subdivision of Morgans Land

Council will be having a meeting with the public and James Ross (VNPA) on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Alex suggested that the Broadmeadows zoning into residential was probably inappropriate, also that a traffic study was being conducted by Council. The history of the Gowenbrae Estate involved the developers negotiating to avoid an appeal. This involved sections 5&6 and 6-story flats - however the long-term plans are unknown and may also impact on the current proposal. Melbourne Water's commitment to buy Morgans Land below the flood level, as outlined in the concept plan, appears to have gone.

X Karen to write to MWV clarifying the land acquisition situation

X Karen to write to City Development, Moreland Council objecting to the subdivision as it stands.

5. City Link

No letter was written to Transfield-Obayashi.

Alex attended a meeting in May with the contractors for the Tullamarine Section (Balderstone-Horneybrook), with many Council Officers and residents in attendance.

\* A Gateway project proposal was to develop a lake in the vicinity of Mt. Alexander Rd and Flemington Rd and to move the tidal influences to this point.

\* No money had been allocated to any improvement upstream and only reinstatement was required following works.

\* Proposals for sound barriers (to allow 63 decibel maximum for residents) involved concrete or brick walls ranging from 2.5 - 11m high.

The environmental considerations were detailed in Schedule five in the City Link Contracts.

Allan raised that a series of lakes was originally proposed, but no-one else thought that this had

been taken up.

David outlined that MW had been shown 5 or 6 plans and were concerned that bringing the tidal influence to this point would cause flood problems and siltation.

Ann raised the issue that many waterbirds rely on the current site which was to be disturbed before a lake was re-established.

Fred explained that Cnr Roe has been coordinating discussions between Moreland and City Link consultants.

*Chief comm Les Crofts*  
Karen to write to Moonee Valley and Moreland (Cnr Roe) outlining concerns with bridges, removal of concrete (the more gone the better), restoration following earthworks and the height of sound barriers. Representatives from both Councils to be invited to attend the next meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

David is to contact the most appropriate person to invite to this meeting

6. 5-mile Creek willow removal (not recorded in previous minutes)

Ann reported that she had visited the site and the 5 willows were removed quite appropriately (photos taken and included in file).

David explained that the revegetation of this site was on his list of projects, but low staffing meant he could not commit a time.

Moonee Valley may have plans for this area. David will be discussing this with them.

7. Pedestrian bridge near Lyonsville at the Gas & Fuel site (not recorded in previous minutes)

Ann reported that no bridge has been constructed (Photo on file)

### Correspondence

1. A planning permit application from Moreland was received for comment on a monitoring station by Melbourne Water. Kelvin has discussed this with MW, supporting the application

### General business

Tom reported that a planting organised by the Friends Group, Melbourne Water and Hume Greening was held at Koala Crescent on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May with 30 people attending. Unfortunately the jute mat and plants were later burnt by children and the areas was later replanted.

The next planting is at the end of Wright St next Sunday (June 16<sup>th</sup>)

Tom had a copy of the management plan for the Tullamarine Retarding Basin written by Roger Lord of Melbourne Water. This was commended by the MPCA as being the next stage from the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan. David explained that these plans were being developed for areas of high conservation value and that this was the only site on the Moonee Ponds Creek.

James questioned whether the Concept plan needs to be revisited and the newly formed authorities make fresh commitment. It was generally thought that it was not required and that the recommendation were only recommendations and not binding anyway.

The removal of the centreboards at the trial weir was conducted around December due to a complaint by a resident regarding mosquitos. MW planned to spend \$40,000 to trial replacing ponds in the creek and establishing weirs. The Manager of Maribynong Operations, Trevor Dando, has received a letter requesting that the weir be reinstated. The group to await a copy of this letter through Melbourne Water and discuss at the next meeting.

### Melbourne Parks and Waterways Community Grants

The group received grants for projects in Hopeton Cres, Brunswick (\$1,000) and Paterson Ave, Moonee Ponds (\$1,000) last year. Kelvin has a copy of these applications and it appears that there has been no implementation of the projects as yet.

Karen to contact Kelvin to establish any progress and discuss with Greg Mulcahy at the Parks Department at Moreland.



The meetings for the remainder of the year will be on the following Thursdays  
July 25<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>  
unless changes are required. Locations will be advertised in the minutes.

The next meeting to be held at *Flemington Library, 313 Racecourse Rd, Flemington.*  
Apologies for the next meeting: Tom Baker, Allan Thomson, James McConnell

If you have not renewed your membership please do so by forwarding \$2 to  
Alex Smart  
Treasurer, MPCA  
90 The Grove  
Coburg 3058



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

**Minutes - Meeting Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>  
at Flemington Library, 7.30pm**

1996

**Present:** Meredith Henkel, Eric Ward, Tony Smith, Alex Smart, Beryl Plumridge, Phillip Radstrake, Kelvin Thomson, David Fisher, Fred Harrington, Terry Mundie, Karen Wilson, Andrew Rowe.

**Apologies:** Tom Baker, Allan Thomson, James McConnell, Peter Plumridge, Rosemary Kerr, Mike Brown

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Amendment: Melbourne Water had not committed \$40,000, but this was the cost proposed in the Concept Plan, which was supported by Melbourne Water.

Moved Terry Mundie, Seconded Fred Harrington

2. Business Arising:

2.1 Information Shelters

Tony Smith and Meredith Henkel brought material along.

**Action**

The sub-committee to meet and finalise the content of the boards and organise a time to put up the display.

2.2 LEAP team work

James McConnell has provided an extensive report. Works have been completed in the Heritage area. Plans for the steps have been completed (on file) and the project could be revived at a later date.

Payment is due to Moonee Valley Council, estimated at \$2,750.

2.3 Northern Creeks Management Study

David Fisher reported that little has been done on this. Bruce Rush is the person handling the project. The brief was sent out on 12<sup>th</sup> July and consultants will be chosen to develop a detailed proposal.

2.4 Subdivision of Morgans Land

Rosemary Kerr has been involved in this issue, but sends her apologies.

No decision has been made by Council as yet.

Terry Mundie reported his observation of what appears to be a road cutting.

Kelvin reported on his meeting on site with James Ross of the Victorian National Parks Association - no indigenous species were identified.

Melbourne Water's response to Kelvin's letter regarding acquisition of this land was that the responsibility lies with Melbourne Parks and Waterways and/or Moreland City Council and that flooding is only an issue in some areas and that they are negotiating with the owners to ensure that these areas are reserved.

It was decided that the proposed subdivision was unacceptable to this association as it did not comply with the Concept Plan.

**Actions:**

- A deputation (Kelvin Thomson, Tony Smith and others) to Moreland City Council to strongly object to the proposal.

- Karen Wilson to write to Melbourne Parks and Waterways to request that they purchase the land.

## 2.5 City Link proposal

Kelvin Thomson attended a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July on community involvement with regards to the project.

Andrew Rowe reported that it is currently negotiating with Trans-Urban, having voiced Council's opposition to the project, to identify issues and revive the recommendations in the Concept Plan. Moreland City Council has committed \$30,000 to creek restoration. The issue of sound barriers is also the subject of discussions. Clarification of the Public Transport clause in the Trans-Urban contract is still required, although the main objection relates to any proposal for an express light-rail from Tullamarine to the City.

It was decided that members of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association need to gain a clearer idea of the proposal.

Eric Ward raised the issue of Council supporting individual litigants, however Moreland's advice from its solicitors was not to continue in this manner.

### **Actions**

- Andrew Rowe to organise an on-site meeting with Moreland, Moonee Valley and Trans-Urban. Members to attend: Alex Smart, Terry Mundie, Tony Smith & Kelvin Thomson.
- Karen Wilson to write to: Melbourne City Link Authority, Trans-Urban and the Minister for Planning requesting that money be committed to implementation of the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan as part of the City Link project.

## 2.6 Melbourne Parks and Waterways Grants

Kelvin Thomson reported

- the Paterson Street project was completed by Kangan TAFE Jobskills people and has photos to include in the final report.
- the Hopeton Avenue site will be completed by the same group next school holidays. Plants were selected and provided by Councils. The issue of a much needed detailed analysis of the creek and planting designs and lists was raised by Eric Ward, but no action to be taken as yet. Currently we are relying on expertise of Council staff.

### **Action**

Kelvin Thomson to send final reports

## 2.7 Trial weir

Correspondence passed on from Melbourne Water outlined their consideration of the success of the trial weir. They have decided that the maintenance costs outweighed the benefits. No action to be taken by the Moonee Ponds Creek Association in light the City Link issues.

## 3. Correspondence

- 3.1 Invitation from the Melbourne Zoo to hold a stall at the Garden celebration on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October. Beryl Plumridge, on behalf of the Pascoe Vale Field Naturalists, agreed that a joint stall would be appropriate. A number of members indicated their willingness to attend.

### **Actions**

Karen Wilson to write a response indicating a joint stall between the two groups  
Members willing to participate to contact Moonee Ponds Creek Association or Beryl Plumridge to organise details at the next meeting.

- 3.2 Invitation to Indigenous Plants in Moreland forum (see attached)

3.3 Letter from the EPA in response to the letter regarding the diesel spill indicating that 30,000 litres of diesel was removed and more was released next rains after being trapped in the reeds.

3.4 Darren Sandford of Westmeadows has requested support from Moonee Ponds Creek Association regarding his objection to the proposed unit development on the Yuroke Creek. Objections have been received and the matter referred to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

**Action**

Karen Wilson to draft a letter to Darren outlining the Moonee Ponds Creek Association's support for his objection.

Karen Wilson to draft a letter to Hume City Council outlining concerns regarding residential zonings along the Moonee Ponds Creek and its tributaries.

3.5 Treasurer's Report (see attached)

**4. General Business**

4.1 Bill Johnsen, formerly of Melbourne Parks and Waterways, is currently doing a Bike Strategy for Hume City Council.

4.2 Kelvin asked for indications from Council representatives regarding their budget commitments for 1996/97 regarding the Moonee Ponds Creek.  
Moreland has committed \$30,000 towards implementation of the Concept Plan  
Hume has committed \$140,000 to match funds from Melbourne Parks and Waterways for a path from Westmeadows to Woodlands Park  
No representative was present from Moonee Valley

4.3 Reprinting of Concept Plan  
Tony Smith to check that quote of \$500 is still correct and report next meeting.

4.4 Eric Ward explained that he had seen aerial photographs of the City of Moreland and Andrew Rowe was to investigate.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.

**Next meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
**at 8.00pm (apologies for the mix up for last meeting)**  
**at Mayors Room, Brunswick Town Hall**  
**Cnr. Sydney Rd and Dawson St, Brunswick**  
**(entrance on Sydney Rd, door nearest Dawson St)**

Apologies tended from Tony Smith and David Fisher.



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

**Minutes**  
**Meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**  
**Mayors Room, Brunswick Town Hall**

1996

**Present:** Allan Thomson, Dorothy Thomson, Beryl Plumridge, Alex Smart, Karen Wilson, Fred Harrington, Rosemary Kerr, Kelvin Thomson,  
**Apologies:** David Fisher, Tony Smith, Meredith Henkel, Terry Mundie

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Accepted: Beryl Plumridge

**2. Business Arising**

**2.1. Information Shelters**

Deferred to next meeting

**2.2. Northern Rivers Management Study**

The appointment of consultants to be made soon. The Moonee Ponds Creek Association has been listed in the brief as a management committee to be consulted.

Fred Harrington will ask Peter Mollison to provide a report to the group.

**2.3. Subdivision of Morgan's Land**

The subdivision was refused by Moreland Council, no notice of an appeal as yet.

Kelvin Thomson has approached CityLink to consider purchasing the land as compensation for the loss of parkland due to the freeway.

**2.4. City Link Proposal**

Andrew Rowe to organise on-site meeting

Discussion deferred to General Business.

**2.5. Melbourne Parks and Waterways Grants**

Deferred

**2.6. Stall at Zoo Garden Celebration**

Dorothy, Allan, Beryl and Peter committed thus far.

One trestle table organised between the two groups

A list of those attending the stall needs to be sent to the organisers.

Interested members to contact Beryl Plumridge by 3<sup>rd</sup> October (9350 3124)

**2.7. Westmeadows Unit objection**

The AAT appeal is to be held in late October

**2.8. Reprinting of Concept Plan**

Alex Smart questioned whether printing should be delayed until CityLink plans are finalised. Problem of unavailability of copies in the interim. If Tony Smith has not acted, Karen Wilson to organise basic reprinting.

**2.9. Aerial photographs of Moreland**

Fred Harrington has these available at Moreland Council.

### 3. Correspondence

#### 3.1. Outward

- 3.1.1. Melbourne Zoo
- 3.1.2. Melbourne City Link Authority
- 3.1.3. Transurban
- 3.1.4. Minister for Planning
- 3.1.5. Melbourne Parks and Waterways
- 3.1.6. Darren Sanford
- 3.1.7. Hume City Council

#### 3.2. Inward

- 3.2.1. Mike Brown, Melbourne Water; re CityLink  
No response required
- 3.2.2. Steven Crawley, Moonee Valley; re Conservation Strategy  
Kelvin was to respond
- 3.2.3. Philip Lenthall, Melbourne Parks and Waterways  
The Moonee Ponds Creek Association may make an application for the purchase of Morgans Lands when Grant Applications are advertised.

### 4. General Business

#### 4.1. CityLink

It does not appear to be premature for the Moonee Ponds Creek Association to be involved as damage has already been done in some areas.

Allan Thomson, Eric Ward and Alex Smart attended a meeting with Balderstone-Horneybrook on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. The landscaping plan includes a range of environmental weeds, such as *Pinus radiata*, Ash, Poplars and introduced natives to which the Moonee Ponds Creek Association objects.

A meeting held at Melbourne Water with Council Staff and Melbourne Water discussed weirs and the proposed lake. It seems that Melbourne Water do not wish to contribute to any such plans. The removal of concrete to relocate the creek has been proposed - the reinstatement of earthen banks in the new location has not been clarified.

Peter Mollison is developing a contacts list for this project, Fred Harrington is to obtain this for the Association.

Kelvin Thomson to make an appointment with Mike Brown of Melbourne Water to discuss joint objectives.

**Motion: The Moonee Ponds Creek Association supports the construction of a Lake, with indigenous plantings, according to the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan, as outlined in earlier publications by VicRoads.**

Moved: Alex Smart. Seconded: Allan Thomson

Karen Wilson to write to Liz Baumgart outlining the Associations concerns with the proposed plantings.

Glenroy West residents are supporting the land purchase proposition (of Morgans Land by CityLink)

Karen Wilson to write to CityLink supporting this proposal.

Members are encouraged to write to CityLink proposing:  
that the CityLink Authority purchase the Morgans site  
the use of indigenous plants along the Moonee Ponds Creek

4.2. Edgars Creek

Allan Thomson explained that Melbourne Water are addressing an erosion problem which is occurring due to changes made to the Creek 20 years ago. Changes which were opposed by the Moonee Ponds Creek Association.

4.3. Further correspondence

4.3.1. The Rotary Club of Strathmore (John Edwards) has been involved in building shadehouses at local schools (Bethel and Gladstone Views) and is now investigated Strathmore Primary. They are seeking commitment from the Moonee Ponds Creek Association by way of assistance with pricking out seedlings in December and planting days in 1997. They invite a member to attend the meeting at the school.

4.3.2. Jack Dinkgrievs of Melbourne Parks and Waterways has thanked the Association for meeting with them to discuss projects and problems on the Creek. (Alex Smart and Kelvin Thomson attended)

4.3.3. Notice of a planting day for Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> at Upper Moonee Ponds Creek.

4.3.4. Sure-Gro advertising products

4.3.5. Community grant Planting - Kangan TAFE Job Skills will be able to finish second site during the school holidays.

4.3.6. Spring Planting:

4.3.7. Treasurer's Report for July and August (see attached)

Moved Rosemary Kerr      Seconded: Dorothy Thomson

Meeting Closed 10pm

**Next meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm**

**Boeing Reserve, Boeing Rd, Strathmore Heights**

We need help to staff the Information Stall at the Gardens Festival at the Zoo on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October.

Even one hour would be great and you will have free entrance!

If you can help, please contact Beryl Plumridge on 9350 3124 by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October.



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

**Minutes**  
**Meeting: December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**  
**Westmeadows Community Hall**

1996

**Present:** Kelvin Thomson, Allan Thomson, Dorothy Thomson, Beryl Plumridge, Alex Smart, Tony Smith, Tom Baker, Phillip Radstrake, James McConnell, Karen Wilson,  
**Apologies:** Meredith Henkel, Peter Plumridge, Terry Mundie

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Amendment - 4 volunteers staffed the stall at the zoo, but no extra volunteers attended as a result of the request in the newsletter.

Moved: Alex Smart      Seconded: James McConnell

**1. Business Arising**

**1.1. Information Shelters**

Deferred to next meeting in Terry's absence

**1.2. Northern Rivers Management Study**

James McConnell, Terry Mundie, Alex Smart, Tony Smith, Tom Baker and Phillip Radstrake attended the Moonee Ponds Creek meeting. Points made by these member of the group included:

- The Moonee Ponds Creek has a set of unique issues/values such as the freeway and tidal inflow into the Docklands
- It is important that the Moonee Ponds Creek be the responsibility of someone and not part of a "collective" of creeks.
- Discussion of the role of an "advisory" board for the creek and who would be involved in this type of arrangement.

The Consultants are developing more specific proposal/s and the Association will be making a clearer statement following its release.

Kelvin Thomson proposed that members of the Committee meet with key players from the Merri Creek Management Committee/Friends of the Merri Creek (Ray Radford, Christine Butler & Bruce McGregor), open to other interested groups. The issue of funding equity from Melbourne Parks and Waterways could also be discussed.

Karen Wilson to arrange a meeting for the week of the 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> December

**1.3. City Link Proposal**

Liz Baumgart informed Alex Smart that amended plans were now available. Those on display at a recent exhibition at Airport West Shopping Centre "seemed" to reflect the changes recommended by the Moonee Ponds Creek Association. The formal release of the plans will now occur on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January and be on display for 28 days. These should be able to be viewed at local council offices.

Some engineering works have been occurring in the vicinity of Racecourse Rd. These appear to include the insertion of a winding concrete drain to replace a straight bluestone drain.

Kelvin Thomson proposed a visit to the site on Sunday afternoon to clarify what is happening.

The most recent plans also indicate that noise barriers will be 16metres in some areas.

**1.4. Morgan's Land Appeal**

Tony Smith is able to attend on behalf of the Committee



# LIFT EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

- Expand types of industries and services employment
- Support and strengthen Kangan
- Encourage industry-education and vocational training
- Library - cultural centre.



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## Minutes

### PRESERVE & ENHANCE CHARACTER & CULTURES OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- Present: Kelvin Thomson, Allan Thomson, Dorothy Thomson, Beryl Plumridge, Alex Smart, Tony Smith, Tom Baker, Phillip Radstrake, James McConnell, Karen Wilson, Beryl Plumridge, Terry Mundie
- History - Westmeadows
  - Housing - Commission areas
  - Environmental
  - Ethnic communities
  - Festivals
  - Library - cultural centre
  - Art - sculptures - public
  - other

#### 1. Business Arising

##### 1.1. Information Shelters

Deferred to next meeting in Terry's absence

### CREATE A CIVIC HEART TO THE DISTRICT

##### 1.2. Northern Rivers Management Study

- People James McConnell, Terry Mundie, Alex Smart, Tony Smith, Tom Baker and Phillip Radstrake attended the Moonee Ponds Creek meeting. Points made by these member of the group included:
- Linking Town Park, Shops, Council, other buildings
- Build on District Centre function
- Place for library, Cultural centre
- Links to Key services and transport
- Discussion of the role of an "advisory" board for the creek and who would be involved in this type of arrangement.

How do we think about district centres v. neighbourhood centres?

The Consultants are developing more specific proposals and the Association will be making a clearer statement following its release.

Kelvin Thomson proposed that members of the Committee meet with key players

### IMAGE AND PERCEPTION

of the Merri Creek Management Committee/Friends of the Merri Creek (Ray Radford, Christine Butler & Bruce McGregor), open to other interested groups. The issue of funding equity from Melbourne Parks and Waterways could also be discussed.

- Improve landscape
- PR - external
- Council advocacy

##### 1.3. City Link Proposal

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### GOALS

- Community & Cultural Life
- The Built and Natural Environment
- Economic Wellbeing and Prosperity

These appear to include the insertion of a winding concrete drain to replace a straight bluestone drain.

Kelvin Thomson proposed a visit to the site on Sunday afternoon to clarify what is happening.

### HOUSING

The most recent plans also indicate that noise barriers will be 16metres in some areas.

- Greater range
- Urban Village? Morgan's Land Appeal
- Affordable Tony Smith is able to attend on behalf of the Committee
- Redevelopment
- Substandard

- 1.5. **Melbourne Parks and Waterways Grants**  
A letter of thanks was received from Jack Dinkgrievies.
- 1.6. **Westmeadows Unit objection**  
The Administrative Appeals Tribunal rejected the application for the development.  
A clear statement was made that the proposed distance from the creek was inadequate (5m) and that at least 10metres would be preferred.
- 1.7. **Activities for next year**  
Kelvin Thomson discussed the idea of a **Community Forum on Revegetation** in Strathmore with Mark Boyle from Moonee Valley City Council and it was supported. Strathmore North Primary School was thought to be a good location and provide for better community involvement.  
A sub-committee to work on this is required - proposed participants were: Kelvin Thomson, James McConnell, Rosemary Kerr, Mark Boyle - to meet in early January.  
**Autumn Planting Program**  
Two areas were proposed:  
1. Reserve south of Johnson St (on the Gladstone Park side)  
Karen to organise with Hume Greening and dates  
2. Between Albion St and Moreland Rd  
Kelvin Thomson to organise with Mark Boyle  
**Bike trip along creek**  
A date was set for March the 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, beginning around Westmeadows. Groups such as Coburg Cycling Club, Essendon BUG and Moreland Bike Coordinator to be contacted for assistance.

2. **Correspondence**

- 2.1. Moonee Valley Coalition Committee  
2.2. Melbourne Parks and Waterways  
2.3. Darren Sanford

3. **Treasurers Report**

Incorporation is now finalised  
Treasurers report accepted by the Committee

4. **General Business**

- 4.1. Allan Thomson raised the fact that concreting of the creek was stopped at Strathmore 25 years ago!
- 4.2. The "Return of the Kingfisher" festival held on the Merri Creek was attended by Alex Smart and Kelvin Thomson and the community participation was commended.
- 4.3. Kelvin Thomson indicated that a cyclist had complained to Moreland City Council regarding the proximity of the Information board to the path and woodchips and plants on the path. Although this does not seem to be a problem, it was added that we need to be aware of cyclist's needs.

**Meeting closed 9.50pm**

**Next meeting  
8pm, 30<sup>th</sup> January  
at Mayors Room, Brunswick Town Hall  
(enter via Sydney Rd door closest to Glenlyon Rd)**

Ref. File: 84.06.00  
Enquiries: Bruce McConchie/BMcC  
Tel. 9205 2374

12 December, 1996



Dear Sir,

**RE: HUME PLANNING SCHEME - AMENDMENT L**

The City of Hume is considering a proposed change to the Hume Planning Scheme. As you may be affected or have an interest in the amendment, a copy of the Notice of Amendment is enclosed, as required under Section 19(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Any submission you may make will be taken into consideration, and may be referred to an independent Panel before any decision is made on the proposal. All submissions must be received by Council by the date specified in the Notice.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Mr. Bruce McConchie on telephone 9205 2374.

Yours faithfully

**BRUCE MCCONCHIE**  
**STRATEGIC PLANNER**

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Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

## Minutes

Meeting: May 8th at 8pm  
City of Moonee Valley Council Offices

1997

**Present:** Kelvin Thomson, Rosemary Kerr, Tom Baker, Allan Thomson, Alex Smart, Tony Smith, Terry Mundy, James McConnell, Karen Wilson, Andrew Rowe, Wayne Perrett, Mark Boyle, Elsbeth Ferguson, Philip Radstake, Clive Judd.

### 1. Minutes of previous meeting:

- 1.1. Rosemary Kerr reported that Allistair Phillips would be taking on the secretarial role in future.

### 2. Business Arising

#### 2.1. Northern Waterways Review

Kelvin Thomson wrote to Melbourne Water regarding concerns on extent of consultation. A letter was received from Carol Kunert who explained that material for comment was included in the January newsletter.

Nick Ronan (Melbourne Water) indicated that the report is not yet finalised nor recommendations made.

Alex Smart indicated that a grant application had been made for a catchment coordinator.

#### 2.2. Concept Plan

Kelvin Thomson wrote to the Water Resources Minister seeking a deputation to discuss responsibilities for the creek. No response as yet.

#### 2.3. CityLink

An expression of interest for alternative drainage treatment for the creek from the trestle bridge to Delhi Crt, Flemington has been sought by Melbourne Water. Andrew identified that the Municipalities have contributed \$5,000 each to this study due to concerns with the current plans by 'CityLink'. The report is due in mid-June. Kelvin Thomson had contacted Ross Young (Melbourne Water) to clarify Melbourne Water's stance on the removal of concrete lining. It was explained that Melbourne Water did not object, subject to the maintenance of flood control, but noted that it was expensive and not a priority for Melbourne Water. CityLink works were having a detrimental effect on flood measures. Wayne Perrett noted that the Schedule 5 (consultation) process was still delayed, but that work were continuing. Also that some revisions were expected, including the noise walls and possible use of transparent barriers and solar panels.

#### 2.4. Morgans Land

Kelvin Thomson had received a report from the panel hearing which outlined the restriction of the use of the existing bridge to pedestrians, cyclists and emergency vehicles and the construction of another pedestrian bridge. Concerns with the proximity of the residential development to the creek still existed.

#### 2.5. Grants

Bill Johnsen developed 7 grant submissions to the Natural Heritage Trust



Tom Baker raised the issue of the schools trees produced with the use of the Rotary Club shadehouses. The schools will be planting these trees.

## 5. General Business

- 5.1. Elsbeth Ferguson, a student from Burnleigh, explained that she was involved in investigating the use of a range of indigenous species for creek bank revegetation and stabilisation at Ulver Reserve. Although theoretical at this stage the report will be made available and could be used by the group or Councils. The Association supported this work and the use of indigenous species and suggested that she contact Melbourne Water for their requirements.
- 5.2. Plantings  
Moreland, Moonee Valley and Hume have released a schedule of planting days (see attached) and the Moonee Ponds Creek Association will be involved in plantings:
  - 18<sup>th</sup> May at Strathnaver Reserve
  - 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1.30-3.30 at Deviation Rd, Westmeadows
- 5.3. Display by Transurban  
Kelvin Thomson has contacted Roger Rugless regarding the display which indicated creek restoration as part of the CityLink project and will be contacted when it is available again.
- 5.4. Notice boards  
Mark Boyle indicated that the boards were empty and should be used to alleviate concerns.  
Mark Boyle will place calender of events at Fanny St.  
James McConnell and Terry Mundy to place information at Devereaux St.
- 5.5. CityLink Public Meeting  
The meeting held at Brunswick Town Hall supported a motion that the creek be upgraded with funds from Transurban.
- 5.6. Community Training for "Controlling Weeds in the West".  
Training is available on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May and anyone interested should contact Kelvin for details. It was generally agreed that the Association could sponsor an attendant (cost of \$30)
- 5.7. Tributaries  
Allan Thomson indicated that the tributaries should be included in any formal references to the creek. Kelvin indicated that this may require a change in the constitution and should be done at the AGM with notice given.
- 5.8. Bike Bridge near Bell Street  
Terry Mundy noted the construction of a bridge and Wayne Perrett indicated that it was part of a temporary bypass but would prefer that it remain.
- 5.9. Boeing Reserve Advisory Committee  
Terry Mundy noted that the Committee was to be formally re-established with the election of Councillors and Committee to be elected at a meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

**Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.**

**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**  
**Casuarina Rm, Coburg Office (off Bell St)**



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## MINUTES 12/6/97

Present: Kelvin Thompson, Tom, Rosemary Kerr, Kelvin, Alex, Andrew, Alistair Philips, Alan Thomson, Terry Mundie, John Siapantas, James.

Chair: Kelvin Thompson

1. Rosemary, Allan -Tullamarine Freeway Group: Wish to carry out planting between Denzil Don Reserve and Dawson Street along corridor. Require removal of box thorn in October. A. Thomson has suggested species. Protected. Next meeting of the group is 28 June - will discuss planting 250 plants.
2. John Siapantas -Melbourne Water - outlined aspects of the MPCCP review which includes input on the impact of the City Link project.

### Concerns

- Hydro impacts -piers in south - plus upstream crossover impacts.
- Continuation of trails.
- Vegetation improvement down stream of Mount Alexander Road.
- 1:100 flood zone better catered for downstream.
- Ponds downstream will not be concreted - may get some riparian vegetation.
- Concrete removal not likely.
- Lake upstream of Mount Alexander Road - a suggested design approach is simply water hiding concrete.
- Deli Court upstream Melbourne Water working for concrete to be removed or at least out of sight.

Six parties are working on a review of points in the Concept Plan. Alternate drainage would cost \$10 billion - Can't afford this. Looking for dollars from interested parties/stakeholders. Employed consultant to produce a marketable product that would be of interest to contributing bodies.

- Chris Dance Land Design (landscape/project coordination)
- Sustainable Productions (litter water aspects)
- Neil Craiggie and Associates (hydrology)
- Jevens and Jevens (recreational stuff)

Maybe produce a video. Will consult with all stakeholders. To discuss the final product?

Cost of implementing Concept Plan in 1992 was \$10-20 billion. (from Deli Court - Trestle bridge). Freeway /creek combination is the issue. Looking at concrete removal which is not an issue north of the trestle bridge as well as discrete areas north of Bell Street. Tom raised the issue that pollution is the major issue from the north - ie Hume. Maybe better to have settling ponds to get the crap out before it gets down stream. Our throwaway society = permanent problem. Therefor we need to incorporate the infrastructure in designs to deal with these issues.

Power Failure at 8.50pm, left meeting in total darkness. Minute taking ended at this point.

NEXT MEETING: 8.00 pm, 17 July, 1997

LOCATION: Council Chambers

Broadmeadows Town Hall

1079 Pascoe Vale Road

Contact: Jo Ferguson/Alicia Kerassitis

Phone - 93091052





Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

## MINUTES 17/7/97

### Meeting at Hume, Broadmeadows offices

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#### Present:

Kelvin Thompson, Alex Smart, Alistair Phillips, Alan Thomson, Terry Mundy, James McConnell, Peter Gould, Robert Steadman, Jo Ferguson, Mark Boyle.

#### Apologies:

Dorothy Thompson, Tony Smith, Tony Rowe.

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#### Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

- 28 June 1997 Tullamarine Freeway group carried out planting south of Denzel Don Reserve in Brunswick.
- Concept Plan Revision - briefing took place at Kelvin's office with Scott Graham. Comments Scott seemed unsure of when Schedule 5 was and concern that Scott was receiving selective information only. Only keeping to areas away from CityLink land - concern.

#### Information Boards:

Boeing Reserve Board - difficult access, needs improvement. Perhaps seek Melbourne Water design advice. Need easier change over access. Tony Smith has provided historic pictures for the boards. Perhaps keep sets of Tony's pictures for MPCA library. Moreland City Council will provide copies.

#### Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan Review (MORELAND):

Presentation on progress on the review was made early in July by Chris Dance Land Design (Chris Dance and Scott Graham).

- Consultants produced a preliminary plan covering the whole of the creeks between trestle bridge and Mount Alexander Road.
- Reviewed creek's capacity based on predicted flood levels
- Interlinking park systems emerging as a key principle.
- Discussed need to look at changes to stream and flow capacity in a comprehensive way. Reduce flow consistently to avoid bottlenecking. Nature of flooding patterns may preclude major changes in the southern reaches. However, southern changes may be possible if carried out in concert with northern work.
- Removal of concrete lining is considered to expensive. Consultants related this to ongoing issues of maintenance of stream. Moreland questioned this asking why this was the "accepted wisdom". Chris Dance suggested rock lining or weirs as a step towards naturalisation at some level. Key arguments against removal were:
  1. Cost;
  2. Presently stable, sustainable, non-eroding flow.



- Border catchment management issues. One problem with naturalisation (eg weirs), is it becomes a focus for litter. This gives rise to a need for integrated catchment management issues and need for integrated approach. \*
- Consultants are making sure they are not reinventing the wheel, rather building on existing concept plan.

MPCA will invite Neil Granger (author of original hydrology report), to speak at next meeting. Alex will ring Neil tomorrow (18/7/97). If MPCA is not happy with the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan revision then will state that publicly.

#### **Schedule 5 - City Link (MORELAND)**

- Public concern on CityLink Noise Barriers. Still no formal response from either 'Transurban' or 'Melbourne City Link Authority'. Main issues seem to be focussed on design questions re. noise barriers.
- Continued negotiations over "hot spots", or areas that are suffering higher impact than otherwise indicated on plans.

Judy Maddigan has called meeting for 30 July 1997 at 8.00pm in her office.

#### **Moonee Ponds Creek budget**

##### **(MORELAND)**

Council will not commit reserve \$405,000 until other key organisations match funding - using as a lever. Ongoing improvements will occur but not from that fund.

##### **(MOONEE VALLEY)**

\$51,000 for MPC improvements, \$30,000 open space development, \$90,000 98/99 for Boeing Reserve.

#### **Proposal for a Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinator**

Karen Wilson may have information from Melbourne Water on this proposal. Association strongly welcomes the proposal - recognise it is what will move the concept plan a long way. Question to be asked of funding bodies can MPCA be on selection panel.

*Peter Gould, Karen Wilson and Alistair Phillips to discuss budget commitments for funding a creek coordinator.*

#### **Remnant vegetation management plans**

Moreland commissioned Biosis to prepare a plan for the Mitchell Parade site (complete) and the Merri Creek Management Committee to prepare a plan for the Union Street site (final draft stage). James, Alan and Alex requested a copy of the Union Street plan once it is complete.

#### **Incoming Correspondence:**

- Melbourne Water- managing water
- Melbourne Water - May Journal
- Mitchell Parade Management Plan
- Alex Smart noted Greg Sewell Toolmaker's was fined by the EPA for allowing diesel to escape into the creek.

- Jewell Crescent (Union Street Site) trees issue. Mr Eric Ward has written letter asking that MPCA lobby Moreland to save trees. Kelvin Thomson will write back to Mr Ward regarding key points in Alex Smart's letter:
  - a) Not much we can do,
  - b) Melbourne City Link Authority has compulsorily acquired the site,
  - c) We have multi objections concerning;
    - access to Holbrook Reserve - needs to be safe;
    - design issues regarding the noise barriers;
    - landscaping will be carried out by Bauldertone-Hornibrook at Jewell Crescent .

### **Treasurer's Report**

Moved Alex Smart, seconded James McConnell

### **General Business**

- \* Notice placed in local papers seeking volunteers for watering. Still appearing in the papers and people are still calling. What should we do as a response? Suggestion to invite back, putting them on a list for next summer. Perhaps a few for watering now.
- \* Bob is looking for a water pump for spring/summer urban planting.
- \* James suggests staking plants especially red gums close to the water line 500mm each side below slash line. Suggest a group check them out ie assess whether to mark.
- \* Call form a resident Andrew Jameson - North Melbourne seeking information regarding CityLink. Alistair Phillips will follow up.
- \* Ford issue. Ford is pursuing an EPA licence and ISO 14000 accreditation - effects. Seeking community input as part of their requirements for both.
- \* Terry Mundy supports the pump idea - wouldn't cost much and would be very useful to water distances from the creek. Will make more enquires. Only need 30 Lt per minute flow. River Red Gums are doing very well. Kelvin's section may have died
- \* Boeing Reserve advisory Committee has been reconstituted. Now discussing a range of events.
- \* James - Toilets may need to be a facility thought of for ? needs particularly along the bike path routes. Compostable toilets may be useful.

*Hume Greening Program has a planting coming up between Deviation Road and Jacana Street. Contact Jo Ferguson, 9309 1052.*

NEXT MEETING: 8.00 pm 21 August 1997  
 LOCATION: Moonee Valley offices, phone Peter Gould,  
 96646538





Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

## **MINUTES 21/8/97**

### **MEETING HELD AT MOONEE VALLEY, ESSENDON OFFICES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Karen Wilson, Alan Thomson, Terry Mundy, James McConnell, Kelvin Thomson, Alistair Phillips, Nicole Fitzpatrick, Alex Smart.

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Bob Steadman, Alan Thomson, Dorothy Thomsom, Peter Gould.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

##### **Moonee Ponds Creek Revitalisation Plan**

Kelvin Thomson and Alex Smart have made contact with Melbourne Water. Discussions indicate it is worthwhile MPCA ensures its views are known. Issues to consider : cost versus what is reasonably possible - need realistic recommendations. Very keen to see recommendation's for concrete removal at least at key nodes. Need to also monitor any positive impacts on the Travencore area from the Royal Park Master Plan Review.

##### **Notice Boards**

- \* Deveraux Street, Oak Park
- \* Fanny Street, Moonee Ponds.

Starting to suffer from vandalism. Protective paper coating is failing. We need Melbourne Water input. Karen Wilson suggests we try Parks Victoria. These information shelters need to be lockable. They are ideal for notifying residents but quick access is needed to change display's. Need to be vandal proof (resistant). Alistair Phillips to seek out design sources and costs.

##### **City Link matters**

No one has heard anything. No reports. Need to send a letter (Alistair Phillips). Concerns include:

- \* Time taken to respond to Schedule 5 process
- \* Released in January for a very brief 2 weeks comment period then no sign of response.

##### **MPCA Budget**

Karen Wilson wrote to all Councils re. funding a coordinator. Letter received from Cr Peter Gould. Moonee Valley has located \$45,000. For high priority works or contribution to joint works.

Organisations responding to Karen's letter include:

- \* Melbourne City Council           committed \$6,500
- \* City of Moonee Valley            unsure of available funding
- \* Moreland City Council           committed \$20,000
- \* Hume City Council                unsure of available funding
- \* Melbourne Water                 declined the request to contribute

Need a meeting between the Councils involved. Moreland to convene a meeting as soon as possible.

*Post-meeting note: Councils will be meeting 16/9/97 at Moreland's Coburg office.*

## Remnant Vegetation

Mitchell Parade Management Plan was publicised in the Brunswick Sentinal.

## The Pump

Recommendations: a Silvan pump - contact Gerard Healy. Details were enclosed in a letter from Bob Steadman. A range of equipment/materials recommended at a cost of \$800. This equipment will be valuable at planting's and the necessary follow-up watering. At present Bob Steadman is manually watering. Support in principle - we need a trolley to move it. Alex Smart offered to supply a trolley. After further discussion of cost benefit considerations meeting recommended we approve purchase of pump. Voted on and carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- \* Letter of thanks from Francis Khoo for MPCA for Boeing Reserve work.
- \* Letter from Nicole Fitzpatrick and Anne Casey re Parks Vic community group grants. Parks Victoria are assessing the existing the MPCA applications.

## 150 RED GUMS

150 *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (river red gums) are ready to be planted. Alistair Phillips urged caution regarding predicted dry conditions from El Niño effect. The National Climate Centre in Canberra is predicting serious drought conditions until early 1998. The problem is the need for a water supply at planting's. MPCA needs the 'Steadman pump' to continue planting's and so maintain community interest. Need to consider the use river red gums further.

## HUME REEDS N' RIVER RED GUM PLANTING FESTIVAL

Saturday 25 October 1997. Location: off Deviation Road, West Meadows. Contact: Elissa Kerrasittis, 9309 1052

## TREASURERS REPORT

Moved James McConnell, Seconded Terry Mundy (attached)

## OTHER BUSINESS

Lance Williams (Biosis Research consultants) called Alex Smart investigating natural history sources from Community Groups. He is carrying out work on Maribyrnong River. Looking for information - Contact Lance if you have social or natural history information 9646 9499.

**NEXT MEETING:** 8.00 pm, Thursday 9 October 1997.

**LOCATION:** Conferece G, Brunswick Town Hall (cnr Sydney Rd/Dawson St), enter through main entrance, Sydney Road. Supper will be provided.





Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

## MINUTES: 11/12/97

Westmeadows Community Centre

**Present:** Andrew Rowe, Kelvin Thomson, Alan Thomson, James McConnell, Bob Steadman, Terry Mundy, Kim Malanacci, Julie Law, Karen Wilson.

**Apologies:** Alistair Phillips

### Minutes previous meeting

James McConnell indicated that the secretary, not himself, was to write to Parks Victoria regarding planting protocols adjacent Moonee Boulevard. *Post-meeting note: Moreland is preparing a concept plan for open space along the creek in this zone. Parks Victoria will be consulted as part of this project. Plant lists will prepared along with the design.*

### Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordinator.

Cr Andrew Rowe outlined that Moreland had approved the work undertaken to this point on the proposed co-ordinator. Kelvin raised concerns with letter from Melbourne Water and their failure to commit to the coordinator position. Kelvin responded to this letter outlining concerns.

### Moonee Ponds Creek Landscape Revitalisation Plan

Kelvin Thompson outlined consistencies with revitalisation plan and the Concept Plan and proposes support for the plan. Kelvin has spoken with Melbourne Water representatives. Terry will be writing individually outlining concerns, particularly with the vision statement.

### City Link

Cr Andrew Rowe reported that a number a issues will be raised again with Citylink prior to further community reports.

### Correspondence

- NHT funding for two \$2,000 projects were successful - Adlie Street and Deviation Street. Kelvin to send submissions to Jo Ferguson, Greening Hume.
- Port Phillip CALP Strategy
- EV - Greenhouse information session - looking for hosts, membership application
- Recognition of Community Cultural Grants. Application from Moreland.

### General Business

Proposed residential development north of the creek was discussed on a tour of the creek. The submission of the Friends of the Upper Moonee Ponds Creek was outlined - this opposes the Planning Scheme amendment currently on exhibition. Public submissions close on 19th of December. Kelvin Thompson proposes that the MPCA lodge a submission to the proposal, objecting to the development Kelvin Thompson to prepare, James McConnell - seconded.

Tree removal: James raised issue of removal of a mature tree in Strathmore Reserve by Moonee Valley. Terry to discuss with Mark Boyle prior to next meeting re policy and practice.

Bird sightings: Allan Thompson reported on the increase in bird sightings along Merri Creek by PVFN. Azure Kingfisher, Eastern Spinebills, Tawny Frogmouths breeding etc.

Bicycle pathway: Terry expressed support for bike path and closure for extension into Woodlands Avenue (need for a sign to indicate).

<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> 7.30 pm, Thursday 29 January, 1998
<b>LOCATION:</b> Oak Park Tennis Club, John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve (end of Bernard Street, Oak Park. (MORELAND))





Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

**MINUTES: 11/12/97**  
**Westmeadows Community Centre**

**Present:** Kelvin Thomson, Michael Sandford, James McConnell, Arthur Pedis (City of Moonee Valley), Allan Thomson, Dorothy Thomson, Alex Smart, Terry Mundy

**Apologies:** Alistair Phillips

**Correspondence**

Jayne Linsell of Oak Park has written to the Association concerning rubbish in the creek and had requested clean-up action for example on National Clean Up Day. Resolved that James McConnell and Jayne be appointed as Site Supervisors for Clean Up Day in the Oak Park Strathmore section for National Clean Up Day next year. (Note: After discussion with Jayne Linsell, Kelvin Thomson has since written to Melbourne Water urging them to take appropriate action.)

Elissa Kerrasitis, City of Hume, had written to MPCA regarding Ford offering workers for community planting on 2 days. Agreed we should express interest in 1 day with Allen Thomson and/or James McConnell to act as Site Supervisors. (Note: On subsequent approach to Elissa it was discovered that both days are fully booked. We will approach Ford and indicate that if they are doing any more such days, we are interested in a Strathmore project.)

Correspondence received from Department of Infrastructure concerning Hume Planning Scheme AM L38. No further action at this stage.

**General Business**

Moonee Ponds Creek - Glenroy area

Michael Sanford from Edge Environmental Design is developing a plan for Moreland City Council of the Moonee Ponds Creek in the Glenroy area. He discussed the process for preparing the Plan and association members outlined our vision for the creek, with particular reference to the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan.

Natural Heritage Trust

Kelvin Thomson has lodged application for re-funding.

Syringes

James McConnell reported on 10 yellow containers ( apparently containing syringes) and 2 syringes he had found in the creek. Action to be taken in association with Kelvin Thomson. Supports the need for litter traps.

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## MINUTES 29 January 1998 Oak Park Tennis Club, JP Fawkner Reserve

**Present:** Bob Steadman, Alex Smart, James McConnell, Kelvin Thomson, Alistair Phillips, Leanne O'Shea, Terry Mundy, Philip Radstake

**Apologies:** Cr Rosemary Kerr, Cr Andrew Rowe, K Wilson, A Thomson

Leanne O'Shea, Moreland City Council Landscape Architect welcomed.

### MPC Coordinator (Alex Smart report)

Final draft of:

- Memorandum of Understanding,
- Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinating Committee (MPCCC) Terms of Reference,
- Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinator Position Description,
- Budget and workplan for the Coordinator,
- Position advertisement,

have been prepared by Lester Townsend.

Consider these to be a good documents and costings are sensible. Memorandum of Understanding between Councils and MPCA is virtually ready to sign.

### Consequences for MPCA

The role may change dramatically. Many roles will be taken over by the Coordinator and the co-ordination committee. MPCA would become a 'Friends Group'. Membership fees would be important. In general, this position would be very good over time.

### 1. General Comments/Observations

- Cities of Moreland and Hume have driven the process to set up a full time coordinator, while Moonee Valley and Melbourne are offering support. Most of the work has been facilitated by Lester Townsend from Integrated Urban Management.

- Costs would be shared:

Hume	30%
Melbourne	10%
Moonee Valley	30%
Moreland	30%
	<b>100%</b>

- Anticipate appointment of coordinator during March 1998 to commence during April.
- It is most likely that the coordinator would be based at Hume (Broadmeadows depot) but if that does not work out provision would be made at Moreland (Coburg). Hume and Moreland yet to discuss this.
- A MPCCC will be established to manage and direct the coordinator. Day to day management/supervision would reside with a manager from the base council. MPCCC would hold day-time meetings to suit Council nominees.

## 2. Consequences for MPCA

- The role of MPCA would change dramatically. Many key roles of MPCA in its current form would be taken over by the Coordinator or MPCCC.
- Councils will NOT continue to fund secretarial services for MPCA. Other services such as photocopying/ mailing may be available.
- MPCA would effectively become a "Friends" organisation. Membership fees would need to provide sufficient income to cover operations.
- If the position of coordinator worked over a long period, the creek and the community would benefit.
- The major risk is that if any Council withdrew funding the position would collapse leaving a vacuum - the MPCA structure having been dismembered. Hume Council has not funded the few months from the appointment to the end of the 1997/98 financial year. While we are being told not to worry as "in kind" arrangements will circumvent that Councils decision this situation illustrates how fragile arrangements could be. The M.O.U. has a clause requiring parties to give one year notice for withdrawal.
- The Coordinator will be employed on a year to year contract. While this appears to be acceptable as a current "industry standard" it may inhibit a career minded applicant.

## Questions/Comments

Terry Mundy - Numbers are getting sparse and we are getting tired. Need to acknowledge a continuity of outcomes is needed and the creek still needs community input.

James McConnell - Will attract people to a Friends group if only task is to plant. But will need to do other things as well such as lobbying.

Kelvin Thompson - It is an overall positive thing and the down sides are minimal. Need to check questions of proxy members. A friends group may meet less frequently, would attract friends, would keep a check on the coordinator. Would not like to dissolve structure until we know MPCCC will work.

Alex Smart - Kelvin Thomson set up MPCA years ago and it is time to move forward to a new concept. New professional service.

James McConnell - MPCA has been a good source of advice. Would be good to consider establishing localised working groups along the creek.

Kelvin Thomson - Association advises the Council they support proposal as outlined and MPCA President is authorised to sign the MoU. MPCA would propose one position on MPCCC be allocated to the Upper MPCA. MPCA will need to consider frequency of meetings.



## Grants

Victorian Department of Conservation -Telstra money.

Three projects approved each \$2,000. Will complete forms by 20 March 1998. Kelvin Thomson met with Elissa Kerasitis (Hume City Council).

1 - Deviation Street

2 - Audlie Street in spring

3 - Boeing Reserve. Need to contact Moonee Valley for financial input. Boeing Reserve Advisory Committee meeting 18 February 1998 at 7.30 pm at the Boeing Reserve Community Centre, Peter Gould to chair.

- James McConnell also successfully applied for money through DWR. Four sites rolled into one project. The end of Devereaux Street near reserve area.
- One extra project added to Moreland projects funded under Parks Victoria program. At a site on Moonee Ponds Creek.
- NHT Trust Grants application now open.
- Port Phillip Region Catchment Board application now open.

## Rotary Club Strathmore/Gladstone Park

Mark Bolitho coordinating project to establish shade houses in Moonee Ponds Creek area. They want to put together a manual on how to do it. Mark Boyle to report on this years plants are in Strathmore Primary School nursery. Cost is \$3,000 which includes an irrigation system so the seedlings survive in the hot summer.

## Litter in the Creek

Tony Smales called to say problems associated with the floatable litter in snags off bridge at Western Ring Road crossing. Need someone to clean up while litter is all in one place. We have bottles up and down the Creek. First Sunday in March is 'Clean Up Australia Day'. Alistair Phillips to ring Melbourne Water.

*Post meeting note: Melbourne Water contacted. Response as follows -*

*MW only conducts clean-ups following storm events where the deposition of litter is substantial enough to warrant a clean-up and the litter poses a threat to waterway management in terms of threatening a critical culvert (eg. road crossing), or having potential to affect stream flow or cause bank erosion. There are no resources available to MW's Operations groups to conduct small scale litter clean-ups after storm events.*

## Schedule 5 Response

Schedule 5 responses to Judy Maddigan and Peter Gould. Points sent in from Kelvin Thomson and Alex Smart have been ignored for over a year. The issue of moving the suspended bike path from under the freeway across to open space in Moreland on east side of creek has been ignored. Hardly any clear window walls are proposed compared to the many uses of this type of wall on the eastern freeway.

## General Business

### Notice boards

Terry Mundy: *Board One* completed - 4 hours x 2 people to remove perspex and clean it. Then the tape failed and pictures fell out! Then a graffitist ruined the other side on new years eve! Kelvin Thomson will write up some history and MPCA promotional text for this sign. *Board Two* - Terry has checked other designs. Suggests a sliding aluminium window mechanism for second board. Will buy new windows and adapt them.

### Red Gums in Creek

Terry reported the Red Gums in creek planted over a  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilometre only 5 approx. left. Consider poison and stakes for next time on other parts of creek.

Large planting back off Strathnaver Reserve a year ago. Council let a contractor go in and poison new weeds. Unfortunately, the contractor also poisoned new plantings and reduced it to 30% original size. Mark Boyle replaced more than the original amount but it did not rain so they died as well.

### Moonee Ponds Creek Landscape Revitalisation Plan

Need to assess the creek behind the John Fawcner Reserve. The plan calls for a riffle treatment at this point but the creek has a semi-natural riffle already there.

### Aboriginal scatter

Questions raised about the Boeing Reserve Aboriginal scatter. Principally need to know if it is still there. This will need actioning by a Moonee Valley officer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 19 March 1998 at 7.30 pm

**LOCATION:** Moonee Ponds Bowling Club, Queens Park,  
Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds (Melways 28 J6)





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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Minutes*

*April 23, 1998, at 8pm*

*Colburg Municipal Offices*

*Bell Street, Colburg*

**Present:** Kelvin Thomson, Dorothy Thomson, Allan Thomson, Bob Steadman, Terry Mundy, James McConnell, Diana McConnell.

**Apologies:** Alistair Phillips, Alex Smart, Karen Wilson.

## Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Minutes accepted

Moved: James McConnell

Seconded: Diana McConnell

## Treasurers Report

(See Attached)

Approved by the auditor in February 1998

Report accepted

Moved: Kelvin Thomson

Seconded: Terry Mundy

A copy to be sent to the Office of Fair Trading by Alex Smart - Public Officer.

## Election of Office Bearers

No nominations were posted to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Nominations:

President: Kelvin Thomson

Vice Presidents: Terry Mundy

James McConnell

Treasurer: Alex Smart

Secretary: Diana McConnell

Kelvin Thomson declared all positions filled and thanked the office bearers for the work of the past year.

A copy to be sent to the Office of Fair Trading by Alex Smart - Public Officer.

Meeting closed 8.30pm



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# MEETING

*Minutes*

*April 23, 1998, at 8.30pm*

*Coburg Municipal Offices*

*Bell Street, Coburg*

**Present:** Kelvin Thomson, Dorothy Thomson, Allan Thomson, Bob Steadman, Terry Mundy, James McConnell, Diana McConnell.

**Apologies:** Alistair Phillips, Alex Smart, Karen Wilson.

## Correspondence

### **Ford**

Ford was contacted with respect to employee community planting projects. Although two previous days indicated were fully booked they have put us on the list should they undertake similar projects in the future.

### **Raeburn Reserve**

Bob Steadman wrote to St Olivers Primary School in Pascoe Vale with concerns that school pupils were riding bicycles around remaining plants in Raeburn Reserve. The planting had involved Moonee Ponds Creek Association, Moreland Council and local residents last spring.

## General Business

### **Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinating Committee**

There will be a meeting held for Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinating Committee next Thursday. Representatives nominated for the panel were

Kelvin Thomson - Pascoe Vale

Terry Mundy - Strathmore

James McConnell - Strathmore

Alex Smart - Coburg

Bob Steadman - Pascoe Vale

plus one representative from Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek.

### **City Link Forum**

A forum to discuss concerns about the City Link project will be held on Sunday 26 April at 11.30am at Pascoe Vale South Primary School, Reynard Street Pascoe Vale. Issues discussed will include:- second rate noise walls; inadequate community consultation; traffic implications of toll avoidance; Moonee Ponds creek.

### **Draft Revival Plan**

A Melbourne Water Officer, John Liapantas, was contacted and apparently councils do have copies of the Draft Revival Plan.

### **Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands Upgrade**

There was a community workshop held at 7.30pm, Thursday 2 April, Glenroy West Primary School, York St, Glenroy. The purpose of the workshop was to include ideas from the community in plans for a Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands Upgrade.

### **Syringes**

It was resolved that local press would be contacted regarding syringes found in Moonee Ponds Creek by James McConnell.

### **Noticeboards**

Terry Mundy was given material for Moonee Ponds Creek noticeboards by Kelvin Thomson.

## **Next Meeting**

**Thursday 23 July, 1998, at 8pm  
Broadmeadows Town Hall  
Reception Room**



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# MEETING

*Minutes*

*July 23, 1998, at 8pm*

*Broadmeadows Town Hall*

**Present:** Kelvin Thomson, Terry Mundy, James McConnell, Diana McConnell, Gavin O'Neal, Alex Smart.

**Apologies:** Allan Thomson, Dorothy Thomson.

## General Business

### **City Link**

Kelvin Thomson had attended an action group for city link on Sunday morning and indicated that any progress was slow going. Gavin O'Neal had spoken to Andrew Rowe on the topic and indicated the same, however he is attending a meeting on Wednesday 29 July to discuss use of the \$500 000 allocated for wetland establishment and backflooding.

### **Revitalisation Plan**

The proposed plan put together by councils and Melbourne Water had been reviewed by members of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association and it was agreed to support the plan as it stands. Terry Mundy pointed out that Strathnaver Grassland was not correctly positioned on the map, Gavin O'Neal would follow this up. Gavin O'Neal would also pursue through councils what the process of implementation of the plan would be.

Kelvin Thomson had written th Melbourne Water about their contribution of funds to the Revitalisation Plan. Their reply indicated that they would discuss the level and extent of funding at a meeting on 30 June.

### **Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands Upgrade - Glenroy West**

Gavin O'Neal will inquire of City of Moreland if the final draft had been accepted and if so what the process of implementation will be.

### **Litter in Moonee Ponds Creek**

Kelvin Thomson suggested we take up Ross Young's offer and invite him to a meeting of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association as a speaker on litter issues being addressed by Melbourne Water.

### **Noticeboards**

Past use of noticeboards was discussed. It was generally thought that better use of noticeboards to increase public interest in the future could be achieved by more informative notices being attached. Suggestions included listing past achievements of the MPCA, as well as upcoming projects and meetings. It was agreed that the creek coordinator would best take on the role of better noticeboard use in the future. Terry Mundy handed significant photos and literature to Gavin O'Neal.

### **Creek Coordinators Role**

Kelvin introduced and warmly welcomed Gavin O'Neal as the Creek Coordinator.

Gavin discussed his role and establishing long and short term plans for the creek. These plans included:

#### **Long Term**

Implementation of a strategic approach to creek developments, especially as developments in the northern zone were currently ongoing. This approach would include an environmental overlay with proposed boundaries, identifying sensitive areas and buffer zones, specifying which plants were appropriate for the different zones.

Establishing a GIS (Geographic Information System) to make issues of land ownership clear.

Fostering a long term relationship with schools to enable their involvement in future plantings and cleanups. The possibility of schools adopting a site and including creek plantings in their curriculum was discussed.

The possibility of using newspapers for promotion and publicity of the Moonee Ponds Creek was discussed. Although indicators such as water quality and increase in vegetation are currently not measured, collection and reporting of this type of data could be a future possibility.

### **Short Term**

National Heritage Trust Grants - Elissa Kerasitis has provided a map with a couple of potential sites for the planting. Gavin O'Neal will contact her with the following plans:

Sunday 6 September, 10am, Ardlie Street

Sunday 27 September, 10am, Deviation Road

Kelvin Thomson would prepare the flyer for the letter box drop needed for the above plantings.

Gavin O'Neal would obtain starter kits from Greening Victoria and Victoria National Parks Association which may make applying for National Heritage Trust Grants easier. These kits contain information that may make obtaining a network of people at the ready to apply for and implement grants as needed easier.

Hume has a community events/arts budget, it was suggested we put in a bid to have an event at the site of the Gellibrand entrance. Suggestions such as a jazz night were discussed. This would be an opportunity for Hume to publicise the new bike link there, whilst MPCA could promote the fact that "there is more to be Moonee Ponds Creek than a concrete drain".

## **Correspondence**

### **Moonee Valley/Boeing Reserve Plantings**

Payment was sent for a bill from Moonee Valley concerning plantings in Moonee Valley/Boeing Reserve.

### **Friends Group - Glenroy**

A list of residents interested in forming a friends group in Glenroy was handed to Gavin O'Neal from James McConnell.

### **Greening Australia**

Greening Australia sent MPCA a brochure to be involved in spring plantings. Gavin O'Neal will register our NHT sites of Ardlie St and Deviation Rd with them. We also received an information kit to join Greening Australia, Alex Smart will renew our membership with them as it had previously expired.



**Vic Parks Grants**

We received an application kit for Vic Parks Grants. A meeting will be held on 5th August at 5.15pm, with Kelvin Thomson, James McConnell, and Gavin O'Neal to organise grant applications for Chris Court, Moonee Boulevard, and South of Albion Street. Final submission date is 5th September.

**Coburg Historical Society**

Gavin O'Neal would consider an invitation to discuss past/present/future of the Moonee Ponds Creek at a meeting of the Coburg Historical Society.

**Meeting closed at 10.10pm**

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 20 October, 1998, at 8pm  
Corporate Services Room,  
1st Floor, Moonee Valley City Council  
Pascoe Vale Road (Cnr Kellaway Ave)  
Moonee Ponds**



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

# MEETING

*Minutes*

*October 20, 1998, at 8pm*

*Moonee Valley City Council*

**Present:** Kelvin Thomson, James McConnell, Diana McConnell, Gavan O'Neal, Alex Smart, John Ciapantos, Ross Young.

**Apologies:** Bob Steadman.

## Melbourne Water

Ross Young and John Ciapantos of Melbourne Water gave a comprehensive talk on the proposed Revitalization Plan for Moonee Ponds Creek.

Due to the length of this discussion, General Business and Correspondence were postponed until the next meeting.

**Meeting closed at 10.10pm**

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday 2 February, 1998, at 8pm  
Westmeadows Community Centre  
Ardlie Reserve, Westmeadows**

Also enclosed are the Minutes of the fifth meeting of the Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinating Committee.



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

1999

# MEETING

*Minutes*

*February 2, 1999, at 8pm*

*Westmeadows Community Centre*

**Present:** Bob Steadman, Gavan O'Neill, James McConnell, Diana McConnell.

**Apologies:** Kelvin Thomson.

**Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of meeting 20.10.98 were accepted with two amendments. Scott Young and John Siapantos of Melbourne Water were named incorrectly as Ross Young and John Ciapantos.

## **General Business**

### **Area Coordinator Melbourne Water**

Gavan O'Neill has met with Cane Travis, the new area coordinator for Melbourne Water. They discussed the following issues:

**Woody Weed Removal:** Melbourne Water is going to remove weeds such as elm and ash from Moonee Ponds Creek between Mt Alexander Rd and Mickleham Rd.

**In Stream Plantings:** Following weed removal a project to plant redgums and also herbaceous plants in stream on the Moonee Valley side of the creek has been approved. This will be a work for the dole project beginning with one or two areas this Autumn/Spring with the potential of moving to larger scale continuation of in stream plantings.

### **Grant Applications**

Gavan O'Neill called for suggestions for grant applications as he has the ongoing task of submitting these currently.

James McConnell suggested a couple of possibilities:

- 1) Revegetating the area between the retarding basin and Johnston Street, using a direct seeding method. Gavan O'Neill would follow up the success of a previous direct seeding trial done in Broadmeadows Valley.
- 2) The horseshoe bend between Boeing Reserve and Strathnaver Reserve on the Moonee Valley side of the creek could possibly have a final stage of development in making it a grassland. Also on the Oak Park side of the creek (Athens Place horseshoe bend) there is good potential for a grant because there are remnant native grasses already present.

New Natural Heritage Trust grant application forms have been received. James McConnell to contact Julie Law and Grant Rosewarne with respect to organising these.

### **Moonee Ponds Creek Membership Base**

A number of problems have arisen due to the current lack of interest by Moonee Ponds Creek Association members to get involved in activities with respect to plantings. For example Council has difficulty organising plantings with little or no volunteers present. The following suggestions to resolve this problem were raised:

Bob Steadman suggested we ask a delegate from each of the smaller groups along the creek to be present at MPCA meetings. These groups are Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek, Brunswick Tree Group, and Creek Revegetation Oak Park/Strathmore.

Gavan O'Neill suggested we put in place a growing green web program. This would involve the need for funding to obtain a Community Greening Officer from Greening Australia. This Officer would actively recruit from Scout Clubs, Guide Clubs, etc. Gavan O'Neill has written a report to be distributed to councils on the subject.

**MPCA Members are encouraged to contact their local councillor to obtain support for the Growing Green Web Program.**

### **Water Pump**

Obtaining a pump to use at plantings was again discussed. The possibility of contacting Onga or Davy for sponsorship was mentioned.

Bob Steadman to purchase pump and equipment to a maximum of \$700. Alex Smart to advance cheque on written quote.

Moved: J McConnell      Seconded: G O'Neill

### **Whitenburg Land**

L39 Subdivision is on display at Broadmeadows Town Hall and submissions are now open. Gavan O'Neill is entering a submission. This large subdivision is bounded by Woodland Historic Park and Mickleham Road (Mel Ref SH5) and is across from Wright St Westmeadows where a beautiful section of creek exists that has had extensive revegetation work done by Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek.

**Concerned MPCA members should view plans and make submissions at Broadmeadows Town Hall.** (Sorry we don't have a closing date for submissions - so be sure to get in quick!).

## **Correspondence**

### **Past Grant Applications**

MPCA received a letter from NHT informing us that the Summer 98/99 grant application for Strathnaver Reserve area was unsuccessful. Gavan O'Neill was given the NHT Magazine for information on grant applications.

MPCA received a letter from Parks Victoria indicating we will soon receive a reply (expected late January) regarding 3 grant applications in the area from Boeing Reserve to Oak Park Tennis Club. (PS: We've now been notified 5/2/99 that these applications failed.)

MPCA received a letter from Grants to Voluntary Conservation Organisations indicating we were unsuccessful in our application for a grant for general administrative costs.

MPCA received an Annual Environment Performance Report from City West Water.

The Moonee Ponds Creek Interpretation Trail Project applied for under the Centenary of Federation Community Projects Programme has yet to be approved.

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**

**Next Meeting**

**Annual General Meeting  
date and venue yet to be announced**

**COMING EVENTS:**

**Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday March 7, 1999**

**Oak Park/Strathmore:** 9am to 1pm, Mel Ref 16F6. Meet at the Bridge between Oak Park Tennis Club and Strathnaver Reserve.

**Westmeadows:** 10am to 12noon, Mel Ref 6A6. Meet at the Ardlie St Bridge.

**Westmeadows:** 9am to 12.30pm, Mel Ref 5J6. Meet at the Koala Cres park entrance.

You must wear some form of protective clothing such as sturdy shoes, long pants and gloves.

**We hope to see you at one of these venues!**



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# MEETING

**Minutes, December  
2, 1999, at 8.00 pm**

## **Moonee Valley Sporting Club**

**Present:** Bob Steadman, Kelvin Thomson, James McConnell, Alex Smart.

**Apologies.** Terry Mundy, Gavan O'Neill

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of 10/10/99 accepted with 4 amendments.

1. Creek Realignment- Last line should read Docklands Authority not City of Melbourne
2. Melbourne Ports/Cleanup the creek committee- Kelvin requested Ian Kiernan attend a Co ordination committee meeting
3. Growing a Green Web- \$30 000 is available not \$31 000
4. City Link- Gavan O'Neill completed the action point of writing the letters and supplying a copy to Kelvin

### **Action Points from Previous Minutes**

#### **City Link**

Kelvin has written a letter to Ross Young, Manager of Waterways and Drainage, Melbourne Water who has replied. Ross Stated in his letter "we remain committed and vigilant to ensure that Transurban's contractors, Boulderstone Hoornbrook (BHE) and Translink Operation, fulfil their contractual obligations to the Moonee Ponds Creek."

#### **Melbourne Ports Creek Realignment**

Kelvin recently visited the site recently which is a Regionally significant Salt Marsh area. The area is not concreted and he reports that it is in suprisingly good condition. There appears to be plenty of spare land in this area to do

whatever people wish to do and feels that the creek should be left alone. He advises that the group should become concerned by these activities. The Technical Advisory Group has written a report for this project but as yet we have not received a copy, but Kelvin has written a copy to receive this report.

#### **Docklands Development Access Road**

Kelvin reported that the proposed Road goes South of Footscray Road on the Eastern side of the creek and as far as he can tell it will knock over the established tree planting on the Banks of the creek. These are the only trees within Cooe of this location. The creek is not concrete lined in this area and has good quantities of water bird life. If this road goes through the creek will be road locked. The road is to service Studio City which is a movie Theme Park at the docklands. This appears to be a land grab to get their access road on the outside of their development. Kelvin has written a letter to the Docklands Authority to ensure we are kept up to date on the road and included in negotiations.

### **General Business**

#### **National Heritage Trust Grants**

The Co ordinating committee was successful in attaining an NHT grant which will link in for the new Green Web employees.

#### **J.P. Fawcner Reserve**

James reported that Moreland Council had signed off on this report at councillor level. James and Bob both made comments that they considered the redevelopment proposals as disappointing especially the increase in parking.

#### **Moreland Sustainable Grants**

We received confirmation to extend the project from Moreland till June 2000.

#### **Hose Improvements**

Bob has purchased 40 meters of 3/4 inch hose which has improved his productivity greatly. Bob has experimented to document his increase in water delivery and found an increase of 6:1 versus the old hose. S.g. Pritee has donated the hose as an encouragement award for Bob Steadmans Efforts. Bob would like to extend an invitation to anyone to contact him to help watering over the summer months. He says 2 people would make watering much easier. Anyone interested should contact Bob. The association thanked S.g. Pritee for the donation.



**Whittenbury Land**

Hume has given further correspondence to indicate that they have the remenant trees at Whittenbury are to be protected by the Developers.

**Strategic Planning Workshop**

The Moonee Ponds Creek Co ordinating Committee held a Planning Workshop at Westmeadows hall on 16/10/99 which was well attended and a number of subcommittee's were formed to work on specific issues.

<b>Treasurers Report</b>
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Alex reported that in our operating account we have \$9417 dollars and in our fixed interest account we have \$6418

<b>Correspondance</b>
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Moreland Council- Letter confirming extension for 1999 Sustainable Grant  
Moonee Valley Council- Free tickets to Identify Native Plants training Session  
Moreland Council- J.P. Fawkner Reserve Development being signed off  
City West Water- Annual Environmental Report  
National Heritage Trust- Journal

**Meeting closed 8.45 PM**

**Next Meeting**

**Thursday 23rd March at 8pm**

**Private Residance  
29 Coopers Hill Drive  
Westmeadows**

**Outdoor but under cover meeting**

**Arrive at 7.45 for a pre meeting walk**

Friends of the Moonee Ponds Creek  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2002

- 1. **Present:** Andrew Gemmell, Kelvin Thomson (chair), Bob Steadman, Lyndsey Burton, Mark Bolitho, Clive Judd, Terry Mundy, James McConnell, Frank Kinnersley
- 2. **Apologies:** Christine Campbell, Melanie Taube, Megan Rankin, Elaine Brogan, Alex Smart, Gavan O'Neill, Melanie Taube

**3. Confirmation of previous minutes (29/11/01)**

Moved Terry

Seconded Lyndsey Carried

- 4. **Business Arising** – Some arises from coordinators report later and will be taken up by Melanie and the MPCCC.

**5. Reports**

- a. **President** Kelvin reported on an encouraging amble along the 5-mile creek in Pascoe Vale. The cover provided by both indigenous and exotic plants shelters a number of bird species. Sighted by Kelvin in a short journey were: blue wrens, white browed scrub wrens, goshawk, pardalote, silver eyes, an eastern spoonbill and some mistletoe birds.

Kelvin also reported on some issues that he believes we should pursue, including:

Cyclone wire removal Hopetoun Cres

Path near Vanberg road

Planting needed South of Albion St and also at

Bass St Pascoe Vale and

Bent St Moonee Ponds

**b. Treasurer**

Membership list has been updated. Requests for payment will be sent with minutes for un-financial members

- c. **Coordinator of MPCCC** (tabled)

## **6. General Business**

There was a round table brainstorm of issues, in addition to those raised earlier by Kelvin, that we believe should be pursued and in particular brought to the attention of the Moonee Ponds Creek Coordination Committee on Thursday. They were:

Coring of Concrete

Rock Riffles near Strathmore Nth PS

Removal of ash, elm trees

Path access through Jacana Wetlands

Path Access to Woodlands

Bluestone replacement in Mitchell Pde.

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm

Next meeting

Kelvin's office Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> 2002 at 8pm

Andrew Gemmell (Secretary)

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# *Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek*

## *Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> August 2002*

**Present:** Mark Bolitho, Patricia Woodward, Frank Kinnersley, Terry Mundy, Pauline Mundy, Lydia Kauzlaric, Vince Aitkin, Clive Judd, Elaine Brogan, Lyndsey Burton, Gavan O'Neill, Melanie Taube, Bob Steadman, Kelvin Thomson (chair), Andrew Gemmell (minutes)

**Apologies:** Alex Smart, Paul Spencer.

1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting** - Terry/Clive – carried
2. **Business Arising**
  - a. Patricia asked that the ownership of the land at the end of Bent St be ascertained and requested information about proposed plantings there.
  - b. Terry asked about a block of land at Gowanbrae that was very close to the creek. The developer seems prepared to move it. Melanie will correspond about this.
  - c. Elaine asked about developments at Herbert and Male Streets. Melanie has been at VCAT meetings about both representing the views of the friends and the MPCCC
3. **Correspondence**
  - a. Paul Spencer wrote describing developments at Fenton St. Reserve where the Essendon Hockey club has recently put in a new ground. He would like support in requesting that the club put something towards rehabilitation of the creek in that area. Andrew will write.
  - b. Lidia Kauzlaric wrote requesting our involvement in the Flemington and Kensington Community Forum on the 25<sup>th</sup> August (see winter newsletter). Melanie and Andrew will attend on our behalf.
  - c. Robert Larocca advising changes to mailing list
  - d. Rita Camilleri, making a donation.
  - e. Sheryl Garbutt about the ex City Link property in Wheeler St (for MPCCC)
4. **Reports**
  - a. **President:** Kelvin expressed concern that Melbourne Water seems reluctant to support the coring or other amelioration of the concreted sections of the creek. Terry moved "That we write to Melbourne Water and Sheryl Garbutt about what's happening with the coring of the concrete as outlined in the concept plan." Elaine seconded the motion which was carried. Andrew will write.
  - b. **Treasurer:** Alex's tabled report accepted on a motion of Terry and Elaine.
  - c. **MPC Coordinator:** Melanie reported that accommodation for the creek coordinator seems assured at Woodlands at a reduced rental. She is

producing a poster about significant aspects of the creek that can be used for publicity. Terry pointed out that one of the notice boards on the creek near Boeing Reserve has disappeared. (Andrew will write to MVCC about this.) Melanie also pointed out that Parks Victoria are going to pump the water out of the quarries near Woodlands and fill them with clean fill. They will consult the MPCCC about the process and when filled it will be open space. Cleanaway are offering \$500,000 for local groups who have been affected by their activity over the years. We hope to receive some of this money. Greening Australia are no longer coordinating the planting program on the creek. The facilities at Woodlands will mean that the MPCCC will be able to handle it. Upcoming plantings include

1. Ford employees at Jacana Wetlands
2. Brunswick Secondary College (also at Jacana)
3. Gowanbrae area
4. Bass Street area
5. Bent Street area

Dates for spring will be finalized soon and sent out with these minutes.

## 5. General Business

Members present asked about or reported the following:

**Elaine:** there seems to be fewer birds in evidence along the creek

**Lidia;** next year is the International Year of Water. Are we going to do some special things?

**Patricia** inquired about the quality of water in the creek.

**Gavin** described the water purifying (and nitrate and phosphate reduction) that will be provided by Melbourne Water's \$2.65 million Jacana wetlands.

**Frank and Vince** reported that the bike path is now open south of Footscray Road

## 6. Next meeting

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2002 8pm Kelvin's office

**PostScript:** On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August we were cycling along the creek near Wallace Crescent, near the rock weirs and noticed literally hundreds of wood swallows skimming the surface of the weir-widened water. Closer inspection revealed a hatching of millions of chironomid midges. The pupae wriggle to the surface, the adult insects split the pupal case and fly for a second, then wham!! Straight down the throat of a wood swallow.

The swallows nest on the steep banks of the creek. The midge numbers probably indicate low oxygen in the water. A spectacular sight. Has anyone seen it before?

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# *Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek*

## *Minutes 31<sup>st</sup> October 2002*

**Present:** Mark Bolitho, Peter Flanagan, Frank Kinnersley, Andrew Cremona, Phillip Radstake, Lydia Kauzlaric, Elaine Brogan, Melanie Taube, Bob Steadman, Kelvin Thomson (chair), Andrew Gemmell (minutes)

**Apologies:** Vince Aitkin, Alex Smart, Christine Campbell, Lyndsey Burton.

1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting** – Melanie/Andrew Cremona – carried
2. **Business Arising** – none but see correspondence
3. **Correspondence**
  - a. We wrote to Essendon Hockey Club requesting assistance with creek projects as some compensation for their encroachment into creek open space. No reply has been received
  - b. We wrote to MVCC requesting information about missing notice boards on the creek at Boeing Reserve. David dreadon replied that he was investigating.
  - c. We wrote to Melbourne Water requesting information about their intentions with regard to the creek concrete. Their reply indicates an intention to not proceed with coring because of possible structural damage to the walls (see Presidents report).
4. **Reports**
  - a. **President:** Kelvin attended a meeting at Parliament house with Judy Maddigan and Melbourne Water representatives about dealing with the creek concrete as outlined in the concept plan He received assurances that MW will provide a time line showing their intentions with regard to beautifying the creek environment including plans for the concrete. Suggested that Andrew write to express our interest in this timeline and welcoming the initiative.
  - b. **Treasurer:** Alex absent. No report this month
  - c. **MPC Coordinator:** Melanie reported that she would be moving to new quarters at Woodlands on Monday 4/11/02. Mel is asking Melbourne Water Transurban and Landcare to sponsor autumn plantings. If anyone has any suggestions for sites call her on 0410 564 423. Terry Mundy is following up the block near the creek in the Gowanbrae estate. Funding has been sought to continue the Keep It Clean campaign. Please refer to the accompanying newsletter for further details of these and other actions of the MPCCC.
  - d. **Jacana Wetlands Group:** Andrew Cremona reported on removal of pest plants and upcoming terrestrial and aquatic plantings. The Friends will be asked to assist.

## **5. General Business**

Frank reported a collapse in the shared path south of Cross Keys reserve.

Mel and Frank will coordinate action on this.

Lidia again asked about possible activities for International Year of Water in 2003. The MPCCC will brainstorm ideas at its next meeting.

## **6. Next meeting**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2002 – An informal meeting to celebrate the new office of the MPCCC at Woodlands. See the newsletter for the exact venue and time. Refreshments provided.

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## **Friends of the Moonee Ponds Creek**

### **News**

**Winter 2002**

Interim MPC Coordinator Melanie Taube continues to work hard to keep the ship of state afloat. She will report at the next meeting about her progress in arranging accommodation, transport, finance and other pressing matters. Thanks to Mel for providing most of the copy for this newsletter.

**Connecting Community Groups:** There will be a forum of Flemington and Kensington Community groups from 2 – 5 pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August. The venue is Kensington Neighbourhood Centre, 18 Anthony St. Kensington. The FoMPC will have a table and we will be able to describe some of our activities and seek support for our causes. Anyone can attend and refreshments are provided.

**Fenton Reserve:** Paul Spencer has expressed concern at proposals from the Hockey Club using Fenton Reserve in Ascot Vale. He has taken up some issues with Moonee Valley Council on our behalf. This matter will be discussed at our next meeting

**Arts Strategy Implementation:** A meeting is about to be called of all the arts & cultural Council officers to discuss scoping up some proposals for grant applications. This will allow the further implementation of the Arts Strategy.

**Other Sponsorship Proposals:** Proposals have been presented to both Transurban and Melbourne Ports for funding specific revegetation projects along the creek. A grant application of \$30,000 was submitted as part of the Envirofund (NHT) program in early June. The grant is for revegetation works and community education/involvement around the new Jacana Wetlands.

**Meeting with Ford:** Mel met with Gail Rogers, the Corporate Citizenship Manager at Ford, to discuss partnerships between Ford & the MPCCC. Whilst we didn't get a car we discussed future programs we could work on such as staff plantings and working with local industry to develop their own stormwater management plans. Gail suggested that in the short term we



raise our profile through such joint projects with the long-term aim of getting higher levels of sponsorship.

#### **Tullamarine Landfill Consultative Committee**

Mel attended a meeting in June at which there was much discussion regarding the spending of the \$500,000 that Cleanaway is committing to the community. Hume City Council representatives presented the option of spending the funds on open space developments in local parks in the Gladstone Park/Tullamarine area. There was much discussion on this option, with some committee members expressing a desire to see significant funds spent along the creek and the extension of the bike path to Woodlands. A sub committee consisting of Melanie, Tom Baker and Kim Westcombe (Westmeadows community members) was formed to facilitate the appointment of an independent chair, which it is hoped will aid the committee in allocating the \$500,000.

#### **Green Wedge**

There has been much recent press regarding the Green Wedge Coalition, which is primarily made up of community group members to protect Melbourne's Green Wedges. They have met with Planning Minister, Mary Delahunty, to discuss the inclusion of the Green Wedges in the new State Government Metropolitan Strategy. The friends group is represented and is receiving their news.

#### **Community Greening Program**

Melanie will report to the meeting about the future of this project

#### **Parks Vic Grant**

This grant has now successfully been expended. The MPCCC have been given an extension until August 30<sup>th</sup> to spend the money for pamphlet production and water tanks.

#### **Events**

**Tranceplant** was held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and was very successful. It is amazing to plant 12,000 trees in one go.

**National Tree Day event:** MPCCC hosted a National Tree Day planting (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July) near the old bluestone bridge in Westmeadows. 1,000 plants went in on the day. Simon Crean was a major guest and Kelvin was the MC.

**Joint Clean up/Planting Day at Jacana Wetlands:** this is the planting/cleanup event that Jacquie White and Melanie are organising. Ford employees will be participating and there is the possibility of 120 kids from Brunswick Secondary College also participating, pending Ford's approval. It's set for Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. Jacquie & Mel will be speaking to the Ford employees about programs and the events in early August.

#### **Planning Issues**

**Gowanbrae:** A recent meeting at Moreland Council Offices with Moreland Officers, Cr. Stephen Roach, Gowanbrae Action Group members and Marigold Land Sales discussed the VCAT hearing for Stages 5 & 6 of Gowanbrae. The developers have held meetings with all of the opposing groups to discuss changes to be made to their planning permit. The meeting was very positive, with all parties satisfied that their concerns had been addressed. Melanie will report on later developments.. She will also report on other high density developments proposed for Mark and Herbert Streets

# **Friends groups' rationale for stronger planning controls on waterways**

The Friends of the Merri, Darebin and Moonee Ponds Creeks believe that it is necessary to strengthen planning controls along waterways. This is necessary to ensure that waterways don't lose their function as wildlife corridors and as a venue for passive recreation in urban bushland settings.

Urban consolidation and the predicted increase in Melbourne's population means that it is more important than ever to preserve and protect what remains of our natural heritage, especially along our rivers and creeks. We support the *Melbourne 2030*, Initiative 5.7.4, to "strengthen current policies and review the adequacy of planning controls relating to the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers to ensure the long term protection of open space, conservation values" and we believe that this initiative should be extended to all our waterways.

Revegetation along our streams and the clean-up of our waterways has transformed the riparian zone from what was once a neglected and degraded wasteland, weed-infested and rubbish-strewn, into a highly attractive natural refuge from the built-up environment. The restoration work along our waterways has made it more attractive to live alongside. Highly desirable property increases the risk of over-development. Such development would not only be visually intrusive, sited too close to the waterway, but it would also reduce the vegetative buffer zone that is presently provided in many cases by the extended back yard down to the waterway.

Specifically, the Friends groups are concerned that development along waterways could cause: loss of vegetation and habitat; overshadowing of paths and trails; loss of visual amenity; loss of the bush "feel" in an urban environment; and possible barriers to future paths and/or present trails. The Friends groups believe that the waterways should be covered by appropriate design and development guidelines that included setback provisions and whereby any development close to waterways requires a planning permit.

The Friends groups would like to see planning controls that: can protect waterways that don't have a committee of management; that enable a consistent approach to development across and between municipalities or other authorities, despite changes in planning staff; that overcomes Melbourne Water's narrow focus on the water itself; that prevents VCAT allowing unwanted developments on appeal; that ensures development applications are viewed by the appropriate Friends groups or Management Committees.


For all these reasons, the Friends groups strongly support the suggestion of a new "Waterway Protection Overlay" to control development along all waterways in Victoria.

# Moonee Ponds Creek

**Significance: Moderate**

**Current Condition: Very Poor**

**Target: Halt further decline**

	Water quality	Aquatic life	Habitat & stability	Vegetation	Flow
	Excellent				
	Good		⊕		
	Moderate	⊕			
	Poor	⊕	⊕		⊕
Very poor				⊕	

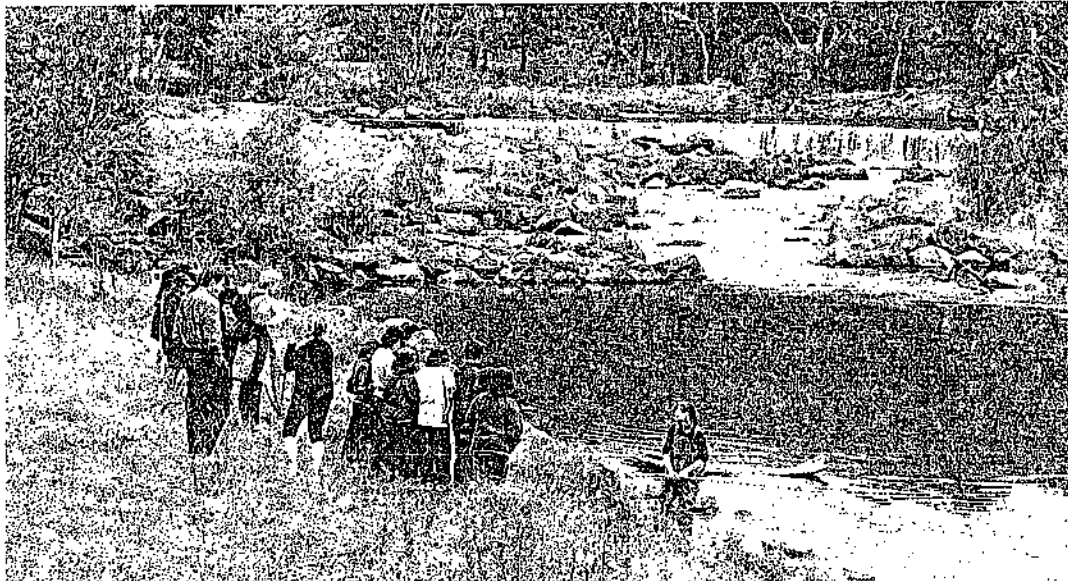
**Current Social Value: High**

**Target: High**

Moonee Ponds Creek flows from Greenvale down through Tullamarine and joins the Yarra River in West Melbourne. Tributaries include Yuroke Creek, which enters Moonee Ponds from the north in Westmeadows, and Artwood Creek, which rises just to the west of Mickleham Road in Greenvale. The catchment is largely urbanised except for the very upper rural reaches.

Works undertaken in the 1950s to increase flood protection resulted in the removal of bank vegetation and instream debris in conjunction with concrete lining of much of the lower reaches of the creek. Although the overall condition of Moonee Ponds Creek is very poor, there are small areas in better condition. For example, the creek through Woodlands Historic Park has the best examples of a comparatively natural waterway within the catchment. The creek has a high social value and is popular for passive recreation. Risks to the creek include poor streamside vegetation and stormwater runoff.

**River Health Program:** Prospects for improving environmental condition are low because the creek has been heavily modified. Activities in the next five years will focus on the lower reaches improving water quality, protecting heritage values and improving the creek environment for passive recreation. In the rural reaches, grants will help to improve and protect streamside vegetation. The long-term program will address other risks and may include a program of removing concrete lining in some areas. An improvement in condition is expected in the long-term.



Students from Spensley Street Primary School participate in Waterwatch activities at Dights Falls on the Yarra River.

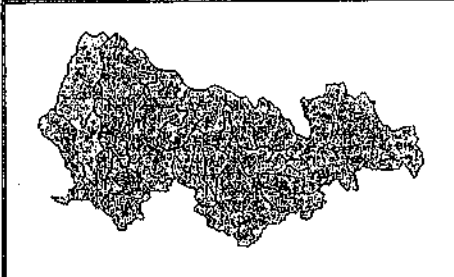
## Merri Creek

### Rural and Forested Sections

Significance: Low

Current Condition: Poor

Target: Halt further decline

	Water quality	Aquatic life	Habitat & stability	Vegetation	Flow
	Excellent				⊙
	Good				
	Moderate		⊙	⊙	
	Poor	⊙			⊙
Very poor					

Current Social Value: Low

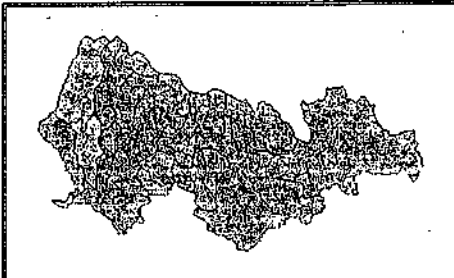
Target: Low

### Urban Sections

Significance: High

Current Condition: Very Poor

Target: Poor

	Water quality	Aquatic life	Habitat & stability	Vegetation	Flow
	Excellent				
	Good				
	Moderate			⊙	
	Poor	⊙	⊙		⊙
Very poor	⊙			⊙	

Current Social Value: Very High

Target: Very High

Merri Creek flows from the foothills of the Great Dividing Range north of Wallan on the Hume Highway. It is a major tributary of the Yarra River flowing over basalt plains to meet the Yarra at Fairfield. Tributaries include Edgars and Central creeks. Merri Creek has high Aboriginal heritage value, as the creek and surrounding lands were important for food, shelter and travel. The Merri Creek catchment includes remnants of former vegetation communities characteristic of the basalt plains north of Melbourne. In particular are remnant red gum woodlands, stony knolls and grasslands.

Despite a history of land clearing and agricultural development, the rural reaches have retained some natural stream form and related landscape values and feature a number of sites of state/national conservation significance. The state significant endangered growling grass frog is found in several locations. Risks to the rural reaches of the Merri Creek include poor water quality, streamside vegetation and fish barriers.

While only few environmental values remain in the urban reaches, the creek has very high social value because of passive recreation and European and Aboriginal heritage. The confluence of the Merri Creek and the Yarra River has high Aboriginal heritage values and was once an important meeting place. Risks to the lower reaches of Merri Creek include the quality and quantity of stormwater, poor quality streamside vegetation and fish barriers.

**River Health Program:** Prospects for improving environmental condition are low because the creek has been heavily modified. Activities in the next five years will focus on the urban reaches where water quality improvements will be made through implementing stormwater management plans, heritage values will be protected and streamside vegetation will be improved. In the rural reaches, grants will help to improve and protect streamside vegetation. The long-term program will address other risks and include activities to improve water quality as well as stream frontage management. An improvement in condition is expected in the long-term.

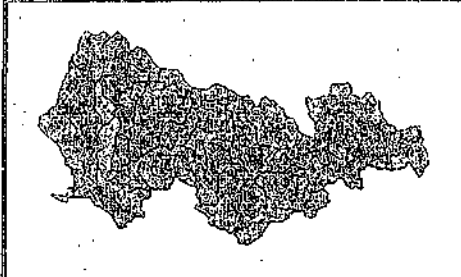
# Darebin Creek

## Rural Sections

Significance: Low

Current Condition: Very Poor

Target: Halt further decline

	Water quality	Aquatic life	Habitat & stability	Vegetation	Flow
	Excellent				⊕
	Good		⊕		
	Moderate	⊕			
	Poor				
	Very poor	⊕			⊕

Current Social Value: Low

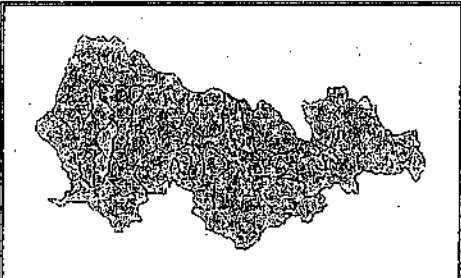
Target: Moderate

## Urban Sections

Significance: High

Current Condition: Poor

Target: Halt further decline

	Water quality	Aquatic life	Habitat & stability	Vegetation	Flow
	Excellent		⊕		
	Good	⊕			
	Moderate	⊕			
	Poor		⊕		⊕
	Very poor				⊕

Current Social Value: Very High

Target: Very High

Darebin Creek rises on Melbourne's northern outskirts and travels through rural landscapes before entering urban and industrial areas as the creek flows towards Melbourne.

The creek has been heavily modified and environmental values are low. However, some threatened flora and fauna species such as growling grass frog are present and the recent building of fishways on several barriers have improved the ability of native fish, such as common galaxias and short-finned eel to move through the creek. The extensive network of bike paths, parks and reserves, as well as Aboriginal and European heritage, contribute to a high social value. Risks include poor water quality, poor quality streamside zone, flow stress and the presence of exotic fish.

**River Health Program:** Prospects for improving environmental condition are low because the creek has been heavily modified. Activities for the next five years will focus on protecting and maintaining heritage values and managing stormwater in the urban reaches to prevent further deterioration. The long term program will address other risks and include activities to improve water quality as well as stream frontage management. An improvement in condition is expected in the long-term.

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# FoMPC

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Annual General Meeting 2003  
Friday 19th December 2003  
MPCCC Office 5 pm  
Minutes:

Chair: Clive Judd      Minutes: Andrew Gemmell

Present: Clive Judd, Tom Baker, Pat Judd, Lyndsey Burton, Andrew Gemmell, Alex Smart

Apologies: Christine Campbell, Judy Maddigan, Kelvin Thomson.

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### Reports

1. President: No report due to Kelvin's absence
2. Treasurer: Alex presented the accounts as audited by AB Attwater. These are attached. The report was accepted on a motion from Tom Baker seconded by Alex Smart.

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### General Business

Tom Baker brought the committee up to speed on the \$15,000 Interpretations grant from the Tullamarine Landfill Community Consultation Committee.

Meeting closed 5.40pm  
Next AGM Friday 17.12.04

Friends of the Moonee Ponds Creek  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2002

1. **Present:** Andrew Gemmell, Kelvin Thomson (chair), Bob Steadman, Lyndsey Burton, Mark Bolitho, Clive Judd, Terry Mundy, James McConnell, Frank Kinnersley
2. **Apologies:** Christine Campbell, Melanie Taube, Megan Rankin, Elaine Brogan, Alex Smart, Gavan O'Neill, Melanie Taube
3. **Confirmation of previous minutes (29/11/01)**

Moved Terry

Seconded Lyndsey Carried

4. **Business Arising** – Some arises from coordinators report later and will be taken up by Melanie and the MPCCC.

**5. Reports**

- a. **President** Kelvin reported on an encouraging amble along the 5-mile creek in Pascoe Vale. The cover provided by both indigenous and exotic plants shelters a number of bird species. Sighted by Kelvin in a short journey were: blue wrens, white browed scrub wrens, goshawk, pardalote, silver eyes, an eastern spoonbill and some mistletoe birds.

Kelvin also reported on some issues that he believes we should pursue, including:

Cyclone wire removal Hopetoun Cres

Path near Vanberg road

Planting needed South of Albion St and also at

Bass St Pascoe Vale and

Bent St Moonee Ponds

**b. Treasurer**

Membership list has been updated. Requests for payment will be sent with minutes for un-financial members

- c. **Coordinator of MPCCC** (tabled)

## **6. General Business**

There was a round table brainstorm of issues, in addition to those raised earlier by Kelvin, that we believe should be pursued and in particular brought to the attention of the Moonee Ponds Creek Coordination Committee on Thursday. They were:

Coring of Concrete

Rock Riffles near Strathmore Nth PS

Removal of ash, elm trees

Path access through Jacana Wetlands

Path Access to Woodlands

Bluestone replacement in Mitchell Pde.

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm

Next meeting

Kelvin's office Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> 2002 at 8pm

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 Next AGM Friday 17.12.04





**Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek  
4/11/04**

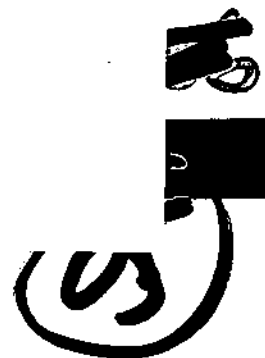
### **Agenda**

1. Apologies: Terry Mundy,
2. Welcome to new members
3. Confirmation of previous minutes
4. Business Arising
5. Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Treasurer
  - c. Coordinator of MPCCC – Recent activity on the Creek
6. General Business
  - a. Draft Port Phillip and Westernport Regional River Health Strategy (tabled)
  - b. Working with the Merri Creek and Darebin Creek Friends to promote the health of our waterways.
  - c. Ideas for future meetings and activities.
7. Other business
8. Next Meeting – AGM Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December MPCCC Office



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Annual General Meeting 2005  
Friday 16th December 2005  
MPCCC Office 4 pm  
Minutes:

Chair: Kelvin Thomson Minutes: Andrew Gemmell

Present: Clive Judd, Tom Baker, Pat Judd, Lyndsey Burton, Andrew Gemmell, Alex Smart, Kelvin Thomson, Frank Kinnersley, Mark Bolitho, Andrew Cremona.

Apologies: Terry Mundy, Pauline Mundy

The minutes of the previous AGM (17/12/04) were affirmed on a motion from Tom Baker, seconded by Frank Kinnersley. Alex will continue to pursue the name change issue through the Department of Justice and Consumer Affairs.

### Reports

1. President: Kelvin spoke of the great works that continue on the creek and the large number of volunteers coordinated by Melanie who are responsible for the noticeable improvement in the environment of the catchment
2. Treasurer: Alex presented the accounts which will be audited soon by Attwater and Co. These are attached.

The reports were accepted on a motion from Alex Smart seconded by Clive Judd.

### Office Bearers

Nominations were called for and at the conclusion of the process the following were declared elected for 2006:

President	Kelvin Thomson
Secretary	Andrew Gemmell
Treasurer	Alex Smart
Vice-President	Bob Steadman

### General Business

Kelvin raised three items from recent correspondence:

1. Notice has been received of an extension of time for the operation of the tip at Tullamarine which is very close to the creek. The meeting requested that a speaker from the EPA be invited to address our first meeting next year and discuss any real or potential threats to the environment.
2. Comments are sought about the Strathnaver Reserve Master Plan in general and on the possible rerouting of the bicycle path. It was generally agreed that the shared path should stay where it is. /2

- 3. Approval is being sought for the building of 45 housing units adjoining the Jacana Wetlands. Andrew Cremona has written an objection from the Friends of the Wetlands and it was felt that we too should lodge an objection along similar lines.**

Alex will continue as Public Officer until the name change is finalised. He will continue as Treasurer until a volunteer comes forward to replace him. All nominations gratefully received by the Secretary.

Tom Baker points out the the shared path north of Marker Road and into Woodlands will be open by mid March 2006

Meeting closed 4.45pm  
Next AGM Friday 15.12.06

**Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc**

**Treasurers Report for 2005**

**Income**

**22/09/05 Beryl & Peter Plumridge \$50.00**

**Expenditure**

**19/10/05 R Steadman Pump fuel and maintenance  
\$220.00**

**3/12/05 MPCCC Transfer portion of Melb Water community grant  
\$2,875.23**

**Liabilities**

**Cheques outstanding Nil**

**Outstanding balance for Melb Water community grant  
\$1,760**

**Assets**

**ANCU balance @ 16/12/05 \$9,186.01**

**Loan to MPCCC 20/12/04 \$10,000.00**

**Nett Assets after Liabilities \$17,426.01**

**Uncommitted Funds @ 16/12/05 \$7,426.01**

**Alex Smart Treasurer 16/12/05**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING  
FRIENDS OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK  
HELD on 1 DECEMBER, 2006 at  
CHRISTINE CAMPBELL'S OFFICE in PASCOE VALE**

Present:

Kelvin Thomson, Bob Steadman, Frank Kinnersley, Vince Aitken,  
Mark Bolitho

Apologies:

Terry Mundy

Minutes: of Previous Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> October) were confirmed.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Bob Steadman was the only nominated for Secretary and was declared elected.

Reports:

1: Melbourne Water is re-contouring the banks of the creek in the vicinity of Cross Keyes Reserve, Strathmore, and replacing the shared pedestrian/bike path, constructing it on a higher alignment

- Bicycle users Group would like to see the alignment extended to improve visibility and reduce the sharpness of the bend approaching the Reynard Street, underpass.
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General Business:

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- Bob Steadman to follow this up.

Next Meeting: Details to be advised.



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**Apologies:** Diana McConnell.

## Election of Office Bearers

No nominations were received by the Secretary prior to the meeting.

### Nominations:

President: Kelvin Thomson

Vice Presidents: Terry Mundy  
Bob Steadman

Treasurer: Alex Smart

Secretary: James McConnell

Grants Officer (new Position): Grant Rosewarne

Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinating Committee reps: Julie Law (Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek),

Kelvin Thomson, James McConnell, Alex Smart, Terry Mundy & Bob Steadman to share 1 reps position.

(Grant Rosewarne nominate as Standby Representative. Kelvin Thomson declared all positions filled and thanked the office bearers for the work of the past year.

## Treasurers Report and Statement of Income and Expenditure

(See Attached)

Reports accepted. Moved: Bob Steadman. Seconded: Terry Mundy

Greening Australia membership and Incorporation Expenses Approved

**Meeting Closed 8.30pm**



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## **Action Points from Previous Minutes**

### **Docklands Development Access Road**

Gavan reported that Studio City appears to have collapsed. As far as we know the Landscaping plans as endorsed by the MPCCC will be implemented when a new developer is found. In one area the road is too close to the creek but the main stand of trees is protected

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The public Art Strategy has now been released as a draft document. Copies can be made available by contacting Gavan (Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinator). Gavan reported that the strategy was sensitive to the environment and that it attracted a lot of interest and publicity for the creek. The strategy was seen as good for the creek as it enables projects that will add interest and excitement and attract ongoing publicity and funding. Final comments for the Strategy were due on 23/6/00.

## **Co-ordinator's Report**

### **Airport Rail Link**

The new State Government has convened meetings to discuss issues relating to the Broadmeadows and Albion routes. More meetings are scheduled to discuss the issues.

### **Upper Catchment**

Gavan has been working on a number of new subdivisions beyond Westmeadows and Greenvale.



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**City Link**

A meeting is scheduled for August 2 to address any ongoing concerns. The meeting is planned to have representatives from the cities of Melbourne and Moonee Valley, Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordinating Committee, Melbourne Water, Baulderstone Hornibrooke, Transurban City Link and the Residents associations of Kensington and North and West Melbourne

**Melbourne ports Creek Realignment**

The Environmental report has been released and Gavan will be making submissions relating to the lack of reference to the Moonee Ponds creek.

**Clean Up Project**

The group is meeting again to seek endorsement of councils and other interested groups in nominating the Moonee Ponds Creek as a revegetation project and stormwater quality improvement project which are considered the major priorities.

**Community Greening Project**

The project has 40 planting's planned in the immediate future. A number of corporate sponsors have shown interest in sponsoring the programme or individual projects. Essendon Airport has already promised \$1500 for materials for 1 project and Ford is contributing for another. GPU Powernet, Transurban, Melbourne Water and Melbourne Ports all negotiating with Gavan to provide funding.

**Stormwater Management Plans**

The state government has announced \$22 Million to implement Stormwater Management Plans. The Creek should be in a good position to attract some of this money, as our whole catchment will be one of the first to have a complete plan covering the whole of the catchment.

**Question to Gavan Regarding Melbourne Water**

Gavan was asked why he wasn't being more aggressive toward Melbourne Water by making them take ownership of issues that they are responsible for. Gavan reported that Melbourne water has recently been quite active on the creek, joint funding the Stormwater Management plans and collaborating with the Coordination committee on grant applications to the Federal Government. Expenditure on reveg has also increased dramatically in the past 18 months.

**General Business**

**Moonee Valley Council Elections**

Terry reported that Julie Hopkins is already taking an active interest in the creek and is keen to get involved in issues at Boeing reserve. She has replaced Peter Gould as Moonee valleys representative on the MPCCC.

**Moreland Sustainable Grants**



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James is Organising 2 planting's in the creek and David Chenoweth is also organising 2 projects for completion by the end of June.

**Greening Project Brochures**

It was suggested to send the brochures with the minutes to provide information regarding revegetation to recipients of the Minutes.

**Broadmeadows Club Football Ground**

A draft strategy was discussed regarding the realignment of the creek at the Broadmeadows Club to make a new football ground suitable for finals football. The draft plans were discussed with Kelvin. The proposal sparked a fiery discussion. The realignment may assist Melbourne Water in constructing its proposed Wetland, as much of the landscaping/Earthmoving will be carried out during the realignment. James objected strongly to the development stating that this was the last piece of open valley in the urban area of the creek. He stated that this area was one of the few areas where the bike track was far enough from the creek to provide a substantial riparian zone. He felt the creek has enough football grounds in its basin and that this area was too valuable and should be left for passive recreation.

The ground would create a number of issues to be dealt with including fencing, car parking and litter. An obvious positive which provide some good support for the concept is that the ground will put an end to the possibility of using the are for a golf course. Kelvin put an end to a lively discussion by stating the association would only support the ground if it represented an improvement to the area.

**Cr. Jungwirth of the City of Hume**

Alex brought attention to the association an article in the Observer relating to Cr. Jungwirth. Cr. Jungwirth has been active lately working along the creek and the association decided to draft a letter of appreciation to him for his efforts.

**Correspondence**

Protecting the Platypus

Greening Australia-Planting Guide

Eco Centre

Greening Australia-Group information for community directory

RACV- Grants program

City West Water - Environmental awards.

The creek will be nominating the Moonee Ponds creek Coordinating committee and the community greening project for awards. Good Luck.

**Meeting closed 9.45 PM**



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**November 23, 2000, at 8.00 PM**

**Office of Thiess Infraco, West Melbourne**

**Present:** James McConnell, Alex Smart, Diane Adey, Elaine Brogan, Kelvin Thomson, Bruce Evans (Thiess Infraco), Emily Bartlett, Elizabeth Keenan, Gavan O'Neil, Patricia Woodward

**Apologies:** Terry Mundy, Bob Steadman, Julie Hopkins

**Minutes of previous meeting** Accepted

**Special Notes about Meeting** The meeting was held at the office of Thiess Infraco, and those present enjoyed an interesting walk before the meeting, in the southern regions of the creek, through the area which consists of regionally significant salt marsh. Bruce Evans from Thiess Infraco, provided a brief insight into the development of his company and its parent company, and showed enthusiastic interest in issues being discussed about the creek and its environs. Those association thanked Bruce and his company, Thiess Infraco for extending its hospitality to us on the evening.

### General Business

#### **City Link Maintenance**

Negotiation is still underway for Maintenance works associated with City Link.

#### **Moonee Ponds Creek Revegetation Guideline**

Gavan reported that the guidelines were still being improved. I can report these Guidelines are almost in Final Draft (late February).



### **Melbourne Ports and the Creek Realignment**

There have been 2 submissions from the Coordinating Committee for the creek realignment, regarding Landscaping and the Environmental Management Plan. Since the submissions Gavan has had ongoing meetings with Melbourne Ports to try and meet concerns regarding these.

The Docklands Authority is concerned that the realignment will affect water quality in Victoria Harbor, and to address their concerns a training wall is being constructed that will divert flows from the creek under the new dock. This training wall will block egress and views from the Yarra to the creek, effectively blocking the mouth of the creek. We argue that if they are concerned by the water quality of the creek, that this should become an important catalyst to improve the creek water quality.

### **Studio City**

Now that Studio City has fallen through Gavan has corresponded with Docklands to reassess the landscaping plans. It has been suggested in Melbourne Ports Landscaping Plans to put the Bike Path/ Multi-user Path under City Link as part of the creek realignment. Docklands is contesting this position stating that the path in this position could limit the future use of their land. The association authorised Gavan lobby for a path that maximises open space opportunities.

### **Gowenbrae**

Gowenbrae does not have permits for stages 5 & 6 of the Development. The current owner has been negotiating with Kelvin, and understands that we will oppose any application.

### **ABN**

Alex has investigated the ABN's and is attempting to acquire one for the MPCA.

### **Vic Roads and the E14**

Friends of Shanklands have contacted Gavan regarding the E14 Freeway reservation, and they wish to work with Gavan on an information Bulletin, with a view to having the reservation removed.

### **Ash Removal**

Melbourne water has allocated \$15000 for Ash removal in the upper tributaries and the upper Moonee Ponds creek. A discussion ensued about the need for more native vegetation in the creek line.

### **Planting Events**

At Debney Park over 100 people attended a spring planting festival funded by City Link and on the same day a small number of "Very Productive volunteers" attended a planting at 5 Mile Creek.

### **Public Art Strategy**

Councils are considering the strategy for endorsement and hopefully this will be done in early 2001. Transurban has shown interest in developing a project in the Hope Street area.

### **Moreland Autumn Planting**

Denzil Don reserve has been chosen as the site for Moreland's Autumn Planting Festival. (Moreland side of Freeway, across from Moonee Valley). This is a community festival to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May that will include planting, cultural performances and food.

### **Clean Up Australia**

A project statement has been drawn up for the creek restoration project and has been endorsed by most of the agencies involved. Once all parties have endorsed the Strategy the project can be officially launched.

### **City West Water Community Environment Awards**

The Community Greening Project was nominated by the MPCCC for a community award and has become one of the finalists

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We discussed the Trial Rock Weirs and declared them a success at improving the Environs of the creek and softening the concrete. Gavan was asked to write a letter to Grant Wilson of Melbourne Water and advise him of the success of the Trial Weirs in the fact that they had survived the Heavy Spring rains and the associated flooding.

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James reminded the meeting that as part of forming the Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinating Committee and associated Coordinators position, the association had discussed the possibility of redirecting its activities and renaming. Gavan added that "A Friends of "title would probably help the association in attracting new members. The issue was carried forward to the next meeting.

## **Correspondence**

### **Notable Correspondence**

City of Moreland..... Sustainable Grants opportunities  
Thiess Infracore..... Meeting Negotiations  
Email from Moreland Councillor re Gowanbrae  
City West Water..... Annual environment report

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**Formal meeting to start at 8pm**

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.....Melways ref: map 6 E10**

At 7.30 the group will inspect the creek and the meeting will formally meet at 8pm at the Broadmeadows Club in the Bingo Room

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**3 Munro Street, Coburg**

**Present:** Bob Steadman, James McConnell, Alex Smart, Terry Mundy, Kelvin Thomson

**Apologies:** Gavan O'Neil

**Minutes of previous meeting and Annual General meeting:** Accepted

## **Action Points from Previous Minutes**

### **Public Art Strategy**

Discussion is under way with Transurban to sponsor work associated with the Art Strategy. A site is being investigated to decorate sound walls near Hope Street.

## **General Business**

### **Monash University Creek Management Report**

A report was recently released from students at Monash University, as part of a Masters Degree. The report is titled "The Moonee Ponds Creek: Challenge for a participatory process". The Aim of the reported stated, "to develop a system that facilitates an inter-institutional, cohesive approach to rehabilitation of the Moonee Ponds Creek and its catchments". Gavan and Kelvin have studied and discussed issues in the report with the students. Kelvin noted that the report was interesting in its visualisation of the creek to 5 sections and the section on community engagement. The association will encourage Gavan to study the report and report back with any action points which should be implemented.

### **Moonee Ponds Creek Revegetation Guidelines**

A seminar was held on 18/8/00 to discuss the Revegetation Guidelines. The document is in draft form and has been available for comments which are due by 1/9/00





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**City Link Maintenance issues**

Transurban has recently had another meeting with concerned groups regarding ongoing problems. There still appear to be lots of unresolved issues and little action by Transurban.

**Port of Melbourne Re-alignment Plan**

A realignment plan for the creek has been approved by the state Government planning Minister. Unfortunately the plan approved is "worst case scenario". Lobbying is being done to Candy Broad, "Minister for Ports" to try to gain amendments. The current alignment pushes the creek parallel to citylink and maximises the docklands land. It provides very little public open space and has no consideration to the environmental impact study which identified regionally significant salt marsh. The plan does not open up public access to the Yarra. Gavan has written letters addressing the problems

**Gowenbrae**

Alex has raised issues that Gowenbrae is advertising a 6 stage residential development. The association came to a verbal agreement during initial approvals of Gowenbrae that appeals would not be continued if the developer only proceeded with stages 1-4. Kelvin will write to Moreland addressing the fact that Gowenbrae Stages 5 and 6 should have been taken off the drawing board by the developer, and that these stages are contentious if they are now resurfacing.

**ABN**

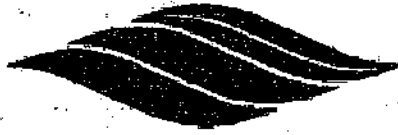
The GST startup office is running seminars on ABN's for non profit groups such as ours. Alex will attend one and weigh up the pros and cons. He was authorised to use his own judgement.

**Vic roads and the Moonee Ponds creek E14 Freeway**

In a discussion paper by Vic Roads named "Hume Freeway-Metropolitan Ring Road to Craigeburn", the E14 was raised as a future freeway to service Craigeburn, Roxburg Park and Mt. Ridley. The paper discussed the E14 as unsuitable as the Hume Link as it is to be used as a freeway in the Future and already had agreements with councils and developers to partially fund the freeway construction. The association does not agree that this freeway has been approved and there are other options existing, which can be upgraded to service these areas. Kelvin will write a letter to the appropriate State Minister addressing the issues relating to the Lac of consultation on the proposal and forward copies to Gavan and Vic roads.

**Correspondence**

- City of Hume..... Social Justice Workshop
- Western Plains Flora ..... Letter discussing the Poor Plant selection for City Link
- Monash University..... The summary report and the full report " The Moonee Ponds Creek:  
..... Challenge for a Participatory Process"
- Mpcco..... Invitation to Revegetation workshop
- Greening Australia ..... Re: Revegetation Draft Report



**Moonee Ponds Creek  
Association Incorporated**

c/- Secretary Moonee Ponds Creek Association, 22 Strathnaver Avenue Strathmore, 3041

Alex Smart ..... Copy of personal letter to Melbourne water regarding the weirs at Mitchell Parade. These issues will be raised at the MPCCC.  
City of Moreland ..... Application form for National community Link awards 2000  
City of Hume ..... Thank you response from Cr. Jungwirth for our appreciation of his efforts  
City of Hume ..... Application form for community awards 2000 and invitation to GAV seminar

**Meeting closed 9:45 PM**

**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday November 23rd at 7:30 PM**

**The meeting is at The Depot/office of Thiess Infracore in the conference room**

**Address ..... Gate E, Footscray Rd, West Melbourne**

**(the office is in the rallyards, 20 metres from the creek on the city side between Footscray and Dynon Roads)**

**I will attach a more detailed description of how to get to Gate E**

**Please Note: We will be guests of Thiess Infracore at a reasonably Industrial Site. For our safety and simple practicality, please be on time as we will have an escort (ie 7:30PM for the walk or 8PM for the meeting)**

**At 7:30 the group will inspect the creek and meet formally at 8 PM**

**Agenda for general meeting**

Role call

Apologies

Matters arising from Minutes

Any Special Presentations

Coordinators report.

General Business

Treasurers Report

Correspondence

Next meeting

**Planting Days**

**See attached planting schedule**



# Residents of Wyton Close

together with Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek  
and Moonee Ponds Creek Association  
invite you, your family and friends  
to a Community Planting Morning  
along Moonee Ponds Creek, Westmeadows



Sunday 24th September 2000  
from 10 am to 12 noon  
followed by a sausage sizzle

Meet at the creek off Wyton Close, Westmeadows  
Melways 6 A7

All tools and materials will be provided by  
Hume City Council's Greening Program  
BYO Sturdy shoes, hat, gloves & a smile

For further information please contact  
Hume's Greening Horticultural Officer,  
Margaret on 9201 2968 BH

If the weather looks doubtful  
confirm planting

on Friday, please phone to



**SPRING 2000 MOONEE PONDS CREEK COMMUNITY  
GREENING PROJECT CALENDER OF EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description Of Activity</b>	<b>Location &amp; Time</b>	<b>Melway</b>
25/7	<del>The remnant escarpment vegetation at Union St is one of the few remaining patches that can show us what the Moonee Ponds Creek vegetation may have been like. The revegetation works to the south of this site (400 plants) will help with the long term health and value of this important remnant.</del>	<del>South of Union St Escarpment West Brunswick 9.30-3.00</del>	<del>29 B9</del>
5/9	<del>Revegetation in the Five Mile Creek area with 400 indigenous plants to supplement existing overstorey and provide habitat and refuge for our wildlife.</del>	<del>Five Mile Ck Reserve Essendon 9.30-3.00</del>	<del>28 K2</del>
9/9	<del>SPI Powernet, through Greening Australia's Spring Planting Festival, has provided funds for the planting of 800 shrubs and grasses. These plants will complement those planted earlier this year by Gladstone Views Primary and the local Community.</del>	<del>Jacana Reserve Gladstone Park 9.00-3.30</del>	<del>6 A7</del>
24/9 & 18/10	The planting of 400 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses in this reserve will add another link to the 600+ plants put in the ground during the Autumn planting season.	Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve Glenroy 10.00-1.00	16 D4
4/10	Revegetation works in this area were started by council in 1997. The addition of another 400 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses will help support the variety of wildlife that visit and inhabit this area.	Strathnaver Reserve Strathmore 10.30-1.00	16 D5
7/10	Through the Ford Employee Charitable Contributions Scheme, staff at Ford have funded the planting of 500 plants in Broadmeadows Valley Park.	Broadmeadows Valley Park 10.00-3.00	6 E7
8/10	Another 200 plants will be installed on the south side of the Brunswick Rd bridge, building on those works done in late July.	Union St Escarpment West Brunswick 10.00-1.00	29 B9
26/10 & 29/10	Transurban has supplied a line of sponsorship that will see 1000 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses be planted in this urban park. These plants will not only help the local environment but will also provide a sense of community for those living in the area.	Debney Park Flemington 9.00-3.30	29 B12

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For the

# FMPC Meeting

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2001 8pm.

*Chair* Kelvin Thomson

*Minutes* Andrew Gemmell

*Present:* Anthony Jansen, Trevor Cruden (McConnell Dowell), Robert Cooper (Collie Landscaping), Peter Gannon (Ecocentric Environment Consultant), Gavan O'Neill (MPCCC), Philip Radstake, Megan Rankin, Terry Mundy, Bob Steadman, Rebecca Nelson, Lyndsey Burton, James McConnell.

*Apologies* Alex Smart, Karen Cameron.

1. Representatives from McConnell Dowell described plans for the realignment of the mouth of the MP Creek. They fielded questions from the floor and left the meeting at about 8.50pm
2. Gavin O'Neill reported on the following
  - 2.1 There will be an October Plantathon organized by the MPC Greening Project. A schedule of dates was tabled.
  - 2.2 The MPC Spring Cleanup is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, from 10am –12 noon There are four sites, one in each municipality. All will meet for a picnic at Boeing Reserve at the end. John Landy and Tammy Van Wisse will be present.
  - 2.3 Correspondence
    - 2.3.1 From Melbourne water re proposed works including the Jacana wetlands project, bank work downstream from Cross Keys, John Street Oak Park erosion control, revegetation near the footbridge at Boeing Reserve and possible sedge planting in concrete coresa near the Mitchell Pde weirs. They also asked for suggestions for future works in the next financial year. Kelvin suggested extending the rock coverage of the concrete at the weirs and a "rollback" of the concrete at its most northerly point (near Strathmore North PS)
    - 2.3.2 From Parks Victoria re a strategy plan to extend the shared path into Woodlands Historic Park. The meeting suggested

we suggest an extension of the shared path near Vanberg Rd so that bikes need not travel down the streets.

2.3.3 From Friends of the Merri Creek re a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September to be held at Brunswick Town Hall to discuss the proposed freeway extension.

### 3. General Business

3.1 Due to James McConnell's resignation a vacancy exists for a representative on the MPCCC. Terry Mundy volunteered and was accepted.

3.2 Similarly, a vacancy exists for Secretary. Andrew Gemmell volunteered and was accepted.

3.3 The MPC Arts Strategy has now been accepted by 3 of the 4 councils. Melbourne CC is considering it soon. A recent Moreland Kites activity is part of the strategy. Transurban have earmarked \$25,000 for the establishment of Artworks on the freeway walls near Delhi Reserve. Local schools will be involved with artists to plan and implement this proposal.

3.4 Bob Steadman reported that he was recently in Germany and was delighted with the green appearance of their creeks. Gavan will investigate their policies to see if they may be adopted here. Rebecca Nelson will be in Germany in January next year and she will report when she returns.

3.5 Rebecca has also expressed interest in assisting the FMPC in some capacity and will consider a role over the coming months.

Meeting closed 10.10pm

Next meeting:

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2001  
8pm Kelvin's office.

# **FMPC Meeting**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2001 8pm.

*Chair* Kelvin Thomson

*Minutes* Andrew Gemmell

*Present:* Terry Mundy, Alex Smart, Patricia Woodward, Gavan O' Neill (MPCCC), Rebecca Nelson, Lyndsey Burton.

*Apologies* Nil

1. Business from previous minutes
  - a. Arts Strategy update: Gavan reported that an expression of interest was being sought from local artists. A research phase would occur from mid December and the Delhi Reserve student mural project will be under way early next year.
  - b. The October 14<sup>th</sup> Clean Up day on the creek was very successful. Thanks to all who gave of their time.
  - c. It was suggested that the newsletter should contain upcoming planting schedules. There was positive feedback about the newsletter's format and content. Kelvin suggested that he and Gavan would get together to discuss revisions necessary to distribute it to a wider audience of people in the catchment.
  
2. Correspondence
  - a. From Danielle Crawford: Invitations to a Queens Park Celebration of the work of local volunteers.
  - b. From Rhonda Galbally: describing a process called Easy Grants assisting volunteer groups to raise funds. Gavan will investigate suitability for the MPCCC.
  - c. From Clean Up Australia: National Clean Up day is 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2002 and we have been invited to coordinate sites. Kelvin suggested concentrating on the Westbreen creek, involving Pascoe Vale Girls High School. Gavan and Kelvin would organize a newsletter drop to local residents and Terry volunteered to deliver them.
  - d. From Gavan O' Neill: An Ascot Vale resident reports a sacred kingfisher on the creek near Brisbane Street. A good omen.



### 3. Reports

- a. Coordinator MPCCC: Gavan reported
  1. McConnell-Dowell submitted a new plan for the realignment of the MPC with a new arrangement of gravel paths and new wetland areas. Gavan suggested replacing some of the granitic sand paths with decking to interfere less with the environment. Terry suggested a fishing platform as well.
  2. Penola College propose to stage a creek celebration involving some planting on private property close to the creek source, a bike ride to Arden St and than canoes to the Yarra and the bay. More later
  3. AMCOR has a project called Corridors of Green. The MPCCC has applied for greening projects in 6 areas and will hear of success or otherwise in early December.
  4. Melbourne Water's newest Jacana Wetlands plans were tabled. More detail available from Gavan.
- b. Treasurer: Alex tabled a statement of the current financial situation

### 4. General Business

- a. Lyndsey asked if there were books available on the suitability of local native plants for suburban gardens. Some were suggested.
- b. Terry reports increased fox sightings and wonders if our re-vegetation work is providing habitat. Alex suggests contacting the DNRE and Gavan will also do some research into this.
- c. Alex gives notice of an environment conference to be organized by the Friends of the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2002.

Meeting closed 10.10pm

Next meeting:

February 2002

Time and Venue to be advised.

## **MPCCC Co-ordinators Report 2.5.2002**

### **Events**

#### *Moreland Autumn Planting Festival*

Moreland's Autumn Planting Festival is this year being held at Kingsford Smith UIm Reserve on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. MPCCC will be represented on the day with a display & I will be giving guided walks also. We're also sponsoring some indigenous plants to be given away on the day. Moreland are expecting 200 community participants and 750 plants will go in the ground.

#### *Tranceplant*

This year the organisation 'Tranceplant' will be holding their annual planting activity along the Moonee Ponds Creek at Wright Street (Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek's stomping ground). Tranceplant are dance party organisers with an environmental bent. This event is a joint project between Melbourne Water and Hume City Council, who are both sponsoring preparation and materials, including 12,000 plants. It promises to be an exciting event, with a couple of hundred volunteer expected on the day. Merri Creek Management Committee's works crew and Hume's Bush Crew will also be assisting on the day. Everyone's welcome to participate – the date is Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

#### *MPC Litter initiative planting at Jacana Wetlands*

The Moonee Ponds Creek Greening Program will sponsor a planting around the new Jacana Wetlands in Spring with Ford and Bunnings employees. This is a joint activity with the Moonee Ponds Creek Litter Initiative project. The Jacana Wetlands works are underway, with the first wetland south of the Western Ring Road due to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> this year.

### **Sponsorship**

I have had discussions with Transurban and Melbourne Ports Corp, who are both keen to continue support for the MPC Greening Program. I will be developing proposals to present to them in the next two weeks. Jeanette Pagliaro, Environment Officer at Melbourne Airport, is also keen to discuss sponsorship proposals for the program, particularly involving Airport employees in plantings

City West Water have a new 'Enviro Partnerships' funding scheme and the Committee has been approached to apply. Funding is for small projects worth \$2000-\$5000. Funding will be sought to support the MPC Greening Program. Other sources of funding include the Myer Foundation Grants Program and SPI Powernet.

Parks Victoria visited to assess our current grant application for the Greening Program. They were very impressed with the works and program to date and feedback was very positive.

### **Other works**

#### *Amcor Funding for Yuroke & Moonee Ponds Creek*

Revegetation works along the Yuroke and Moonee Ponds Creek at Westmeadows is now underway. The works are being funded through the AMCOR grants program.

\$29,000 has been allocated for revegetation works and 6500 indigenous tubestock will be planted. The project will involve the Friends of the Grass Trigger Plant, Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek, Friends of the Sacred Kingfisher and local school kids.

#### *Crown Land Grant*

Hume City Council have been successful in receiving \$12,000 for revegetation works along Moonee Ponds Creek as part of the Crown Land Grants Program. Hume will also contribute funding for park furniture and tree planting in the adjacent reserve at Westmeadows.

#### *Other Works*

Five litter traps are due to be installed along Moonee Ponds and Yuroke Creek by June 30<sup>th</sup> this year. The litter traps are in the Westmeadows reach of Moonee Ponds Creek and Yuroke Creek at Broadmeadows.

Two new picnic tables, designed by Jacquie O'Shea, are due for installation along the Creek at Westmeadows. The table have been designed to reflect the natural values of the creek and will also have wheelchair access. Hopefully this will herald a new approach to the installation of park furniture along the creek in future.

#### **Greening Program**

Preparation for the Autumn Planting Season is well underway, with most sites now prepared. There are another ten planting events this season, with 7200 plants to go in the ground. The upcoming newsletter will detail sites and activities for this season. Brett Spicer from Greening Australia can also be contacted on 9450 5308 for further details.

#### **Planning Issues**

##### *Nursery Corner*

Gavan & myself met with Philip Templeton, the architect engaged by the Doutra Galla Aged Services to develop a proposal for the development of independent living units at Nursery Corner (off Mascoma Street). The land is owned by Hume City Council and was previously used as the Council Nursery. We discussed guidelines for sensitive design adjacent to waterways and the provision for quality open space at this location. I will be confirming key issues in writing to Philip & providing him with some documents which outline sensitive design.

#### **General**

MPCCC is still seeking permanent accommodation. Options at the moment include the Moonee Valley Civic Centre, Brunswick Town Hall (business incubator site) or the offices of Australian Landscape Management. The issue will hopefully be resolved in the next week.

MPCCC's autumn newsletter is currently being prepared and will hopefully be distributed in the next two weeks.

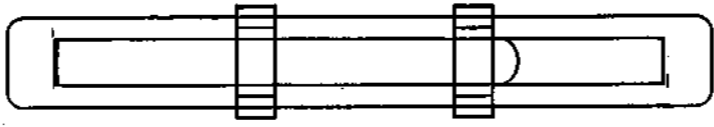
The realignment of the Moonee Ponds Creek at the headwaters has been completed. Revegetation works are due to commence shortly with material salvaged from remnant vegetation.

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Minutes of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association (inc)

Held on 22/2/90

at the Coburg Town Hall at 8pm.

PRESENT: F. Tuininga; R. Smith; P. McGrath; R. Williams; P. Neville; J. Gertsakis; D. Lloyd; R. White; A. Toivanen; J. Shepherd; M. Bolitho; D. Thomson; A. Thomson; J. Stapleton; T. Mundy; M. McLeod; J.P. Eyries; K. Thomson.

APOLOGIES: Cr. E. Jackson

Acceptance of Minutes:

Acting Chairman: Alan Thomson (Kelvin Thomson was delayed and joined the meeting at 8.55pm). The minutes of the previous meeting held at the City of Brunswick on 7/12/89 accepted as a true record. Moved - F. Tuininga Seconded - P. McGrath Carried.

Business arising from those Minutes:

Moonee Ponds Creek Association Logo - the subcommittee suggested that the logo competition be extended to tertiary institutions, the subcommittee will revive the competition.

Applications for funding - applications for funding were lodged and a response is expected before May 1990.

David Lloyd (Go-Green) reported on the current situation and explained the funding and sponsorship programme. The project is funded jointly by Government (1 Year) and corporate sponsorship and a three year commitment is required.

CONCEPT PLAN:

The Board of Works is favouring a development concept plan along the lines of the plan developed for the Merri Creek. Funding may be available from the Area Improvement Programme and the Board of Works is willing to provide technical and administrative support.

INCORPORATION

Application has been lodged and the fee paid by the City of Essendon. A letter is to be sent to the City of Essendon thanking them for the kind donation. Membership application forms will be mailed with the next minutes.

STRATHMORE HIGH SCHOOL TREE PLANTING

The planting was cancelled because of a timing delay. A new planting day will be organised shortly.

CLEAN AWAY OPERATIONS

The situation is still unclear. Philip Neville is continuing with his investigation and information gathering.

PUBLIC LIABILITY

This item will be kept on the AGENDA for future resolution.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN - City of Essendon investigation of discharge into Moonee Ponds Creek.

Scenic Spectrums Moonee Ponds Creek Recreation Study brief from the City of Melbourne.

Northern Region Commission Northern Area Improvement Program Submission for Flora/Fauna study.

Anti Western Bypass pamphlet calling for a special meeting to discuss the Western Bypass E.E.S.

OUT      NONE

ARBOR WEEK David Lloyd (Tel 654 1800) spoke on Arbor Week (14 - 20 May 1990) and the major public relation, advertising, promotion effort that will take place in the lead up to the event.

Ten major sites and a number of smaller areas will be targetted. Involvement of the association is required. A subcommittee was formed. Members are - Cr John Stapleton, Ray White, Arja Toivanen, Ric Williams.

David Lloyd also spoke on the ongoing maintenance of the tree planting areas present and future, the issue will be addressed and options defined.

C F & L

J. Gertsakis spoke on the possibility of involvement of tertiary students in projects related to the Creek. As part of their research/curriculum requirements.

Ric Williams

Box thorn being removed along the Creek between the Trestle Bridge and Jacana and he is concerned about the impact of the operation on bird life.

Alan Thomson commented on a method of removal of box thorn which included a program of replacement of removed plants with other prickly shrubs.



Western Bypass

Russell Smith expressed concern at tree losses in Royal Park. As well as the fact that submissions for comments on the Bypass E.E.S. close in one month and make it difficult for the association to prepare a submission - motion - A task force headed by R. Smith shall:-

- write to Roads Corporation requesting more time as the Association was in recess.
- Invite a Vic Roads Representative to attend a meeting of the Association and discuss the E.E.S.
- prepare a submission for approval by the Association.

Moved F. Tuininga  
Seconded D. Lloyd  
Carried.

Maggie McLeod

has approached the City of Essendon Parks Department to discuss tree planting during Arbor Week. Has also gathered interest from schools and the ethnic community.

Mark Bolitho

Raised the issue of fire hazard developing as tree planting occurs. Grass fires are probably more likely and efforts are required by various authorities to keep grass under control.

Terry Mundy

The Logo Committee will draft a strategy for the Logo Competition.

The Boeing Reserve Committee has expressed interest in getting involved in a tree planting effort (Horseshoe Bend area) for Arbor Week.

Ray White

Reiterated the importance of Arbor Week for community involvement.

Kelvin Thomson

Commented on The City of Melbourne's Recreation Study of the Creek.

The Ministry of Planning and Environment's purchase of land in Broadmeadows near Gellibrand Hill Park.

City of Broadmeadows

The Association would like more information on-  
The Golf Course in Jacana Basin.

The status of the fine imposed by the Broadmeadows Court some  
months ago.

The next two meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday 29/3/90 Flemington Library or Kensington Town Hall

Thursday 26/4/90 To be decided.

MINUTES OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
HELD AT THE CITY OF ESSENDON  
CIVIC CENTRE, KELLAWAY AVENUE, ESSENDON  
ON WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 1990, AT 8 P.M.

PRESENT:	LOIS BINNEY,	CITY OF ESSENDON
	NAT SURAGE,	REGGIO CALABRIA CLUB
	PAUL MCGRATH,	CITY OF BRUNSWICK
	DAVID YOUNG,	GREENING AUSTRALIA
	JOHN PHILLIPS,	CITY OF MELBOURNE
	BILL JOHNSEN,	BOARD OF WORKS
	ALEX SMART,	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
	RICK WILLIAMS,	RESIDENT, GLENROY
	EVELYN NORTHEY,	SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE
	RUSSELL SMITH,	FLEMINGTON ASSOCIATION
	CR JOE EDMUNDS,	CITY OF ESSENDON
	NORMA WHILLOUGHBY,	CITY OF COBURG
	NICK GRAESSER,	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
	CR ROSEMARY KERR,	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
	WAYNE HARVEY,	CITY OF BROADMEADOWS
	ALAN THOMPSON,	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
APOLOGIES:	DAVID LLOYD,	GO-GREEN PROJECT
	JOHN MCDOWALL,	CITY OF ESSENDON
	CR INGHAM,	CITY OF BRUNSWICK
	MR KELVIN THOMSON,	MLA FOR PASCOE VALE
	DOROTHY PLUMRIDGE,	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS
	BERYL THOMPSON,	PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS

In the absence of Kelvin Thomson, Mr Alex Smart was elected as Acting Chairman for the Meeting.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

It was proposed by Cr Joe Edmunds that Item 3, ie the Reggio Calabria Club, be brought forward for discussion to enable the President of the Club to enter into the discussions and if he so chose, leave the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

Nat Surage outlined that he had received an invitation from the Secretary of the Association to enter into discussions with the Moonee Ponds Creek Association on proposed developments at the site located at the corner of Brunswick Road and the Tullamarine Freeway.

Discussion ensued around whether the Reggio Calabria Club Incorporated had any proposed landscaping plans at this stage. The meeting was informed that there were no formal plans that had been prepared as to which species and types of landscaping had been nominated. However, they will be more than happy to receive both assistance and/or a supply of plants from the Moonee Ponds Creek Association, and would assist them in the development of their site.

When questioned with respect to ultimate development of the site, Nat advised that currently only Stage 1 had been constructed of the clubhouse and a second storey would be erected when funds permitted. Additionally it was anticipated that a soccer pitch for the junior sector of the club would be available for usage by midway through 1991.

Wayne Harvey queried whether the Club had landscaping obligations imposed upon them through a Town Planning Permit that would have been issued for development of the site. Nat could not answer this and would advise the Committee in due course as to the Club's liabilities in this regard.

Alex Smart advised the meeting that the Association is thought to have indigenous planting utilised as part of the landscaping procedures for the site.

Russell Smith advised that application had been made for the 1990/91 Area Improvement Program in which nine sites had been nominated in the lower part of the Moonee Ponds Creek for improvement. The site at the Reggio Calabria Club is the northernmost site, and indeed could be targetted for special allocation and improvements should the application be successful. The application sought to apply for ten thousand trees, and we should know the result of this early in the New Year.

Russell Smith raised the issue with respect to the proposed route of a bicycle path in this general vicinity. Nat was not able to clarify this, and indeed will advise of further discussions he has had with David Shipton from the Board of Works.

The meeting was informed that the application for the bike path route has been referred to the Ministry for Planning and Environment for consideration in the area of Gibson Street and Park Street, as well as other designated routes along the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Nat expressed the view that the Club would more than welcome the opportunity of working with the Association in effecting the required landscaping at this site. He advised that currently the Club has no money to effect the works and certainly would look forward to any donation of shrubs and trees that the Association could direct towards the Club.

#### Action

Paul McGrath is to liaise with Nat with respect to the landscaping proposals at the Reggio Calabria Club Incorporated, and similarly Paul is to furnish a copy of the Planning Permit conditions to the Club to the next meeting of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association.

The Acting Chairman thanked Nat Surage from the Reggio Calabria Club for his attendance at the meeting, and looked forward to a continuing co-operation between the Club and the Moonee Ponds Creek Association.

2. WESTERN RING ROAD

Wayne Harvey advised that Jackie Ross from VicRoads will come back to the Association when she has the authority of the hierarchy of VicRoads to speak in regard to VicRoads landscaping plans on the existing sections of the Tullamarine Freeway adjacent to the Moonee Ponds Creek south of Bell Street.

Alan Thompson raised the issue of the VicRoads' potential utilisation of scarlet oaks and Alex Smart advised that the Association had, he felt, taken the issue as far as it could at this stage in recommending the use of indigenous vegetation, considering the assurances from VicRoads that they would take this thought into consideration and review the existing landscaping proposals.

3. BIRD WEEK (22ND-28TH OCTOBER)

Alex Smart referred to the planting of two hundred trees by Pascoe Vale South Primary School, during the course of the Bird Week celebrations.

With the co-operation of the Coburg Office of Corrections there was some opportunity for the maintenance of those plantings.

Joe Edmunds, advised that some one hundred trees were planted on 28th October, and expressed disappointment at the number of persons who turned up at the site.

Broadmeadows, through the persons of Rick Williams and Nick Graesser, advised that approximately a thousand trees had been planted on that same day within the Broadmeadows area, despite the high winds and high temperature of that particular day.

Russell Smith advised that the Denby Park High Rise Tenants Association had planted fifty trees in their general area. Unfortunately they weren't staked and there was no mulch on them. He felt that they would have difficulty in surviving into the future.

Alan Thompson advised that a small planting had taken place in Coburg with approximately 100 trees planted in that area.

Evelyn Northey queried the adequacy of the pre-publication drawing people's attention to the plantings referred to above. It was agreed that in some aspects the publicity was a failure, and it was necessary to give wider coverage, perhaps including contacting persons who had their names and addresses registered with the organisation through plantings on previous occasions.

### Action

Organisations effecting future community plantings are to take particular note as to the pre-publicity of the event to maximise the exposure of both the Association and the event itself.

#### 4. MOONEE PONDS CREEK CONCEPT PLAN

Bill Johnsen from the Board of Works advised that the Briefs of which he tabled three copies for the meeting's consideration had incorporated all those amendments notified at the meeting held on 25th October, 1990, and other comments that had been conveyed to him by 'phone. He further advised that there would be an official launching of the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan to take place at 2.00 pm on Friday 30th November, 1990, at the Fran Street Reserve in Glenroy, Melways Reference 16 D2.

Cr Rosemary Kerr, on behalf of the Mayor Broadmeadows, Cr Joe Mallia, will officially welcome the delegation, after which Mr John Senior from the Board of Works Waterworks Program and Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA for Pascoe Vale will speak on various aspects of the Concept Plan.

Bill further advised that the development of the Concept Plan would be subject to a series of public inputs, the first one being directly through the Moonee Ponds Creek Association itself via a program that would be discussed later in the meeting by David Young from Go-Green and through a telephone answering service that would be commissioned at the Board of Works.

Joe Edmunds relayed to the meeting a concern that he had following discussions with Councillor Carl from the the Melbourne City Council, in which it was alleged that, whilst the Melbourne City Council had engaged Scenic Spectrum Pty Ltd to prepare a Moonee Ponds Creek recreational study from Ormond Road to the Yarra River, they had little commitment to the Moonee Ponds Creek Association. He felt that was evidenced by the fact that there had been inconsistency of councillor representation and sought comment from John Phillips as to whether the \$5,000 would be paid by the City of Melbourne and what John's role was in regard to attendance at these meetings. John advised that the subcommittee of Council had endorsed the contribution of the \$5,000 to the Moonee Ponds Creek Association as that Council's contribution to the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan development.

Joe further raised concerns with respect to the role that the Moonee Ponds Creek Association would play in the preparation of the Concept Plan, and felt that the Association was being disenfranchised and that the Board of Works was seen as part of the existing wording within the Brief to be the lead agency, and that there was no real accountability to the Moonee Ponds Creek Association.

These sentiments were supported by Russell Smith, who further raised issue that the Brief was open-ended and there was no accountability to this Committee or the Association generally:

Russell further advised that he felt this Committee was being politically manipulated and was being run as a one-man band, and that there has been no effect with respect to the Constitutional positions that should have been created pursuant to the Constitution. Russell further advised that he believes there is no discussion between Neil Coll and Kelvin Thomson in regard to this project, and felt that people at the Melbourne end of the Moonee Ponds Creek do not have an equal vote with people upstream of the Moonee Ponds Creek.

He criticised that a meeting had been convened to discuss the Moonee Ponds Creek Recreational Study at the Brunswick Town Hall. Persons who would constitute the sub-committee consisted of David Lloyd, Cr Andy Ingham, Bill Johnsen, Russell Smith and John Gertsakis.

Russell had concerns with the handing over of the \$25,000 to the Board of Works because he felt that there was little control and despite the good will of Bill Johnsen and other officers on the Steering Committee, again the Association had no accountability or responsibility for the Concept Plan development. Russell felt that it was essential that this body gives a direction and controls the Concept Plan development.

Joe Edmunds felt that the City of Melbourne had a much wider agenda and would use the Creek issue to fight other extraneous matters such as freeways and a variety of road issues.

Further discussions revolved around concerns in clarification as to the Board of Works' role and indeed the role that the Steering/Working Committee would have in regard to the Moonee Ponds Creek Association.

It was unanimously accepted and understood that the Steering/Working Committee would be responsible to and reporting to the full body of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association for direction and co-ordination.

It was ultimately recommended by Joe Edmunds and seconded by Russell Smith that the words on Page 6 of the Brief for the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan dated 1st November, 1990, paragraph 2 commencing "1. A consultative committee is required" be changed to include the following:-

1. That the resolution of any inconsistencies in both direction and co-ordination of the Steering/Working Committee will rest with the Moonee Ponds Creek Association, as all interests are represented on that Association.

The recommendation was carried.

Action

Bill Johnsen, Board of Works - insertion of the aforementioned resolution in all the Briefs for the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan.

Bill Johnsen then requested that the Association arrange for a transfer of funds to cover financial liabilities that the Board were facing, having regard to the engagement of consultants for the various tasks that the Steering Committee had identified, ie:-

- (1) Visual analysis and recreational opportunities components, for which Scenic Spectrums have been officially appointed.
- (2) Flora and fauna study.
- (3) A heritage survey.
- (4) A heritage and historical study.
- (5) A community consultation program.
- (6) Land management services.
- (7) A pollution survey.

It was moved by Alan Thompson and seconded by Rick Williams after much discussion that the necessary funds be transferred from the Northern Area Improvement Program funds together with those received from Councils and available, be transferred to the Board of Works for the purposes of the abovementioned studies.

This was carried.

Action

Acting Treasurer of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association/Chairman of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association arrange the transfers of monies above to the Board of Works.

Further discussion ensued around the problems associated with the resignation of Russell Smith as the inaugural Treasurer and also the status of the current acting Treasurer, Kevin Sheahan.

Action

Wayne Harvey to advise Moonee Ponds Creek Association meeting in February as to the status of the Treasurer and in holding the position of Treasurer.



5. SCHOOLS PROGRAM/COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AS PART OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK CONCEPT PLAN

After an introduction by Bill Johnsen, David Young from Greening Australia outlined the use of schools and young children as a source within which information can be sought and subsequently collated for the purposes of community consultation. David advised that young people would seem to be the key to the environmental improvement of the Moonee Ponds Creek if the area is to be transformed into Open Space which is widely used as a valuable community resource.

The role of young people, both in achieving the improvement and securing the future of the local environment, needs to be considered. Young people are a major group who use public open space. Their activities may be positive, such as sporting activities, passive leisure etc, or they may be undesirable and actually reduce the use of open space for other sections of the community.

Since young people significantly affect the use of the area, it is appropriate that they play a major role in identifying the future use of the creek.

David outlined the role of Go-Green and Greening Australia, and particular the schools program and the research into how children can be incorporated in the development of the Concept Plan. He identified particular advantages in seeking quickly and succinctly information from families, and there was particular advantage in ethnic families with English-speaking children reporting back to the schools.

David outlined the model involving children in the local environment, and it was expected that many schools would gladly welcome a program of this kind, particularly having regard to common assessment tasks in the new VCE programs and in Australian Studies. David Young then requested people to identify schools that may be prepared to partake in the program. He indicated that he could be contacted at Go-Green on telephone 654 1800 or by faxing the information to the above establishment on 650 5040.

Action

All Association members contact David on the aforementioned telephone/fax number indicating schools or community groups that may be prepared to partake in this program.

6. The next item involved an offer of the balance of trees that Go-Green had approximating ten thousand trees that were currently stored in the Board of Works Nursery in Warrigal Road, Keysborough. The Office of Corrections in conjunction with the City of Broadmeadows were looking to pot upwards of four thousand of these trees.

Alan moved and Rick seconded that any interested groups who wish to avail themselves of the stock of trees to contact Paul McGrath from the City of Brunswick, who in turn will contact Nick Graesser from Broadmeadows and give him an indication of the number of trees that people will be utilising.

Action

Paul McGrath to ring around and contact Nick.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) From the Shire of Bulla indicating that they were prepared to allocate monies to the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan.
- (2) From the City of Coburg indicating that the Council ByLaw referred to dogs on leashes in open spaces and that they would request the ByLaws department to undertake occasional checks of the Moonee Ponds Creek area where the resident expressed disquiet as to dogs interfering with the ducks on the creek.

8. MOONEE PONDS CREEK RECREATIONAL STUDY  
ORMOND ROAD TO YARRA RIVER

Action

Russell to reconvene the sub-committee which has been previously listed in this report. He will get the telephone numbers from John MacDowall and reconvene the sub-committee.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was designated that the Annual General Meeting at which the election of official office bearers for the Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated will take place, will be held on the last Thursday in February, ie 28th February, 1991, at the Coburg Town Hall.

Action

Secretary to furnish the Agenda and notification of the Annual General Meeting to all Association members as well as persons attending the Moonee Ponds Creek Association meeting advising of the Annual General Meeting at the City of Coburg.

Secretary to correspond with Coburg to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting on 28th February, 1991.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Kerr from the City of Broadmeadows sought clarification of the Minutes from Cr Edmunds with respect to the suggested removal of a pedestrian bridge across the Moonee Ponds Creek at the Western end of Devereaux Street. Cr Edmunds advised that the views expressed at the previous meeting were his alone and did not reflect the views of the City of Essendon.

Alan Thompson indicated that he would be forwarding a copy of a publication entitled "Merri Merri" to the Secretary. This publication would be made available to any person wishing to avail themselves of the information contained within that document.

It was moved by Russell Smith and seconded by Rosemary Kerr that the inaugural meeting of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association be incorporated with the Annual Meeting to be held at the City of Coburg on 28th February, 1991.

The meeting closed at 10.50 pm.

CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES.

Correspondence from Shire of Bulla.



The Shire of Bulla, has made no commitment to funding for the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan, and will not be allocating funds to the Moonee Ponds Creek Committee.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Held at Mayor's Room  
City of Brunswick  
Cnr Dawson Street & Sydney Road Brunswick  
Thursday 21 November 1991

PRESENT AT MEETING

		<u>Telephone</u>
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick	380-3403
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows	301-3332
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon	377-8797
Ann Cremean	Resident Ascot Vale	370-7605
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists	350-6833
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists	350-3124
Cr Andy Ingham	City of Brunswick	380-3209
Philip Radstake	Resident of Northcote	
L. Benincasa	Resident of Brunswick	
Helen Crowther	Resident of Brunswick	
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows	301-3200
Cr Kevin Sheahan	City of Broadmeadows	301-0552
Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College	306-4976
Bill Johnsen	Melbourne Water	615-5945
Ric Williams	Resident of Glenroy	339-3633
Terry Mundy	Boeing Reserve/Strathmore Progress Association	458-3633
Kelvin Thomson	President MCPA	306-9023
John Phillips	City of Melbourne (Minute Secretary)	658-8417

President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA declared the meeting open at 8:15 pm.

1.0

APOLOGIES

Cr Peter Scully	City of Essendon
Jo Connellan	City of Brunswick
John McDowall	City of Essendon
Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Cr Mike Hill	City of Brunswick
Alan & Dorothy Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Sharon Keppel	Resident of Hadfield
Cr Rosemary Kerr	City of Broadmeadows

2.0

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 October 1991 were confirmed as circulated.

Moved Wayne Harvey seconded Paul McGrath carried.

3.0

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1

Melbourne Docklands Development

John Phillips of the City of Melbourne referred to a letter from the Port of Melbourne Authority dated 29 October 1991 in which the Association's offer of 1000 trees for planting on the east side of the Moonee Ponds Creek south of Footscray Road was declined.

\* 3.1.1 POSTSCRIPT:

The Draft strategy for Redevelopment of Melbourne Docklands was received by the Secretary Mr John Phillips on 25 November 1991. A submission statement will be drafted for ratification by the MPCA at its next meeting.

3.2

Greening of Broadmeadows

Nick Graesser of the Greening of Broadmeadows informed the meeting that the plantings in the vicinity of the Edith Bendall Community Hall, Pascoe Vale on 27 October 1991 was a great success.

With the help of Pascoe Vale Rotary the community planted approximately 350 trees and shrubs using weedmats.

The Office of Corrections planted a further 500 trees later in the following week. Residents have been involved in watering and maintaining the trees.

3.3

Urban Regeneration Program

Paul McGrath of the City of Brunswick informed the meeting that Brunswick had picked up the 5000 trees allocated by GoGreen to the Flemington Area and with the help of Sandy Dickinson of GoGreen distributed the plants equally between the Cities of Essendon, Broadmeadows and Brunswick. The Port of Melbourne Authority declined the Association's offer of 1000 trees from the total Flemington area grant.

3.5

Photographic Record

In the absence of Mr David Lloyd the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

3.6

Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan

Bill Johnsen of Melbourne Water referred the meeting to two brochures produced as part of the final public consultation phase of the draft concept plan. The brochures are available for wide distribution.

The first brochure titled 'Putting a Pond back on the Creek' specifically refers to the trial weir project which is being built on the concrete drain section of the creek near Mount Alexander Road.

The second brochure briefly outlines the preparation of the draft concept plan and calls for community comment and submissions which will be received until 2 March 1992.

Copies of the draft concept plan are free of charge and can be obtained from Kelvin Thomson MLA, Moonee Ponds Creek Association, 122 Snell Grove, Oak Park, Victoria 3046; Open Space, Waterways and Environment Directorate, Melbourne Water, 625 Little Collins Street, Melbourne 3000; Melbourne Water Regional Offices; and local council offices.

Further information can be obtained by telephone from Kelvin Thomson, 306-9023, or Bill Johnsen, Melbourne Water, 615-5945.

Bill Johnsen informed the meeting that Melbourne Water will charge a nominal fee of \$10 per set for the Research Papers accompanying the draft concept plan.

Kelvin Thomson asked that the conditions of the Area Improvement Grant be looked at to determine whether the Association can make a nominal charge for the Research Papers. The intention of the charge is to encourage genuine use of the research papers.

Following discussion the meeting agreed that sets of Research Papers should be placed in municipal libraries of each Council.

Action: Council representatives, MPCA.

Bill Johnsen then spoke about the launch of the concept plan on 22 November 1991 at Delhi Reserve.

An invitation to all Delhi Court residents abutting the reserve was made by letter.

Kelvin Thomson felt that there may still be concern in the local community about the trial weir project and a wider resident distribution in the Travencore area is needed.

Kelvin Thomson then thanked Bill Johnsen for the professional approach taken throughout the concept plan process.

The meeting concurred with these sentiments of a job well done and thanked Mr Johnsen.

3.6

Reggio Calabria Club Development

Paul McGrath of Brunswick Council informed the meeting that some planting work had started along the Freeway but GoGreen will not do any direct seeding this year. GoGreen was reported to be frustrated with the current state of affairs.

Kelvin Thomson asked whether the landscape plans had been received by Council.

Paul McGrath stated that the planting plans had still not been produced, although detailed landscape plans was a condition on the town planning permit.

3.7

Archaeological and Historical Survey

In the absence of Mr David Lloyd the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

3.8

Tour of Metropolitan Sites

This matter was deferred until a future date is determined in the new year.

3.9

Working Bee Anzac Day Plantings

Kelvin Thomson reported that a Working Bee of the Pascoe Vale Naturalists would take place on 25 November 1991 along the creek adjacent to Pascoe Vale Road and Bell Street-Freeway ramp.

The site needed much attention to weeding and general maintenance.

Wayne Harvey asked whether the City of Essendon had set about maintaining the Bell Street batters at the Anzac Day planting site.

Lois Binnie of the City of Essendon stated that one additional staff member and spray unit were assigned to the area to attend to the weed problem.

4.0

CORRESPONDENCE

The secretary distributed a list to members of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous month.

A letter from Melbourne Water dated 11 November 1991 requesting the final instalment of \$10,000 from the Association for the Concept Plan was read to the meeting and this was accepted;

Moved Mr Alex Smart seconded Mrs Beryl Plumridge carried.

5.0

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

The letter from Open Space 2000 dated 6 November 1991 regarding the approval of \$80,000 grant for creek improvements was discussed at some length.

Wayne Harvey requested that the Association check the conditions of the grant and seek guidance from Melbourne Water as to how the money will be apportioned and allocated to each project area along the creek during 1992. Kelvin Thomson stated that it was the responsibility of the Association to determine the particular area where the project money is spent.

Wayne Harvey referred to the grant application on file and clarified for the meeting that the Open Space 2000 application was generally not area specific but concerned with projects along the length of the creek. The exception was laying back the creek banks adjacent to Railway Trestle Bridge, project work at Boeing Reserve, and weir construction at Ascot Vale.

Nick Graesser of Greening of Broadmeadows asked whether there was money for the Trestle Bridge area, and noted that John Curran of Melbourne Water had devised plans.

Kelvin Thomson stated that although the money had not been granted for this specific project area, future Open Space 2000 money was available for the works.

Discussion then centred on forming a subcommittee of the Association to allocate grant money to specific project areas.

Alex Smart stated that this could be best achieved by meeting Melbourne Water officers on site and arranging working bees in conjunction with Melbourne Water and Council operations.

Kelvin Thomson called for volunteers to join the subcommittee to oversee the expenditure of Open Space 2000 grant funds.

The members of the subcommittee was confirmed as follows:

. Alex Smart, Nick Graesser, Lois Binnie, Josephine Connellan, John Phillips.

Action

Kelvin Thomson agreed to assemble the subcommittee to meet Melbourne Water and provide the appropriate response.

6.

TREASURERS REPORT

6.1

The balance carried forward on 27 August 1991 totalled \$11,453.39 . For the period to 21 November 1991, an income of \$5,000.

Expenditure for the same period totalled \$7.91 .

For the balance at 21 November 1991, the amount was \$16,445.48 .



6.2

Discussion then ensued with regards to the Flemington Project income from GoGreen of \$2,000.00.

Kelvin Thomson stated that the Association will authorise disimbursement of the money to each of the three Councils which took up the plants and to cover associated costs.

Wayne Harvey requested that the Councils send a breakdown of their costs to John Phillips so that the Secretary could provide an explanation to GoGreen on where the money was spent.

The Councils request for reimbursement will be coordinated by the Secretary and forwarded to the Treasurer for action.

Action

Nick Graesser, Paul McGrath, Lois Binnie.

7.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1

Rapid Transit Link

John Phillips presented information on this matter as per the position statement attached to the agenda paper. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for Transport stating the Associations position preferring the standard gauge line route via Sunshine and opposing the Moonee Ponds Creek/Tullamarine Freeway route alignment.

Action: The Secretary to invite the relevant Public Transport Corporation officer to address the second meeting of the Association in the New Year.

7.2

Kelvin Thomson advised that application for funds was being made for tree planting at Herbert Street, Oak Park, and that the expertise from members of a bird observers club was being sought with respect to suitable species to attract fauna.

7.3

Kelvin Thomson advised that as an incorporated body the Association is required to hold an Annual General Meeting to elect office bearers and attend to other matters as required in the articles of association. The date of the Annual General Meeting was not fixed but will be held as the second meeting of the Association in February or March 1992.

7.4

Kelvin Thomson stated there is a need to appoint an independent auditor to audit the Association's financial records prior to the Annual General Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding a number of suitable appointments, and the meeting agreed that the Treasurer should approach a professional auditor and report back to the next meeting with a recommendation to be ratified by the Association.

Action: Treasurer.

7.5

John Phillips reported that written legal advice had not yet been obtained from the City of Melbourne legal officer with respect to legal liability of public officials elected under the Association's Incorporation Act.

The matter will be reported to the earliest meeting once the advice is received.

7.6

The meeting considered the proposed residential subdivision of the Cowans Land, Broadmeadows, and canvassed the following issues: open space provision, traffic, accessibility to the site and impact on the creek.

Cr Kevin Sheehan stated that the project site is one of the last large private land parcels in the vicinity of the creek, and the proposed project provides a mix of dwelling density types to achieve urban consolidation objectives.

The City of Broadmeadows will place the proposal on public display for comment prior to a Council decision whether or not to support a planning scheme rezoning amendment.

The meeting agreed that the Cowans Land developer be invited to speak to the next meeting of the Association, and that the Association make submission to the developer with regard to the proposal.

Action: John Phillips, Wayne Harvey.

7.7

Alex Smart reported that the Keilor Plains Society growing Australian Plants are active in the Moonee Ponds creek valley and requested further information on their work.

The Society has found 30 indigenous species at Strathnaver Reserve Strathmore, and have been assisted by Dale Tomlinson of GoGreen.

7.8

Alex Smart advised that the \$8,000 held by the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) as payment from Southern Paper Converters has still not been allocated to the Moonee Ponds/Yuroke Creek valleys. This is despite numerous requests from the City of Broadmeadows to release the money.

Following discussion the meeting agreed that the Association should write to the ACF requesting the money be allocated to the Moonee Ponds Creek Association for works.

Action: John Phillips.

7.9

Ric Williams stated there was a need for signage on the escarpment in the vicinity of trestle bridge Jacana Reach, indicating where the creek linear bike track is.

John Phillips advised that funding for such signage may be made available through the Area Improvement Grants.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

DATE: Thursday 30 January 1992  
TIME: 8:00 pm  
VENUE: Flemington Library  
313 Racecourse Road Flemington  
Melways Reference: 42 K1

MEETING CLOSED AT 10:15 pm

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

held at the City of Coburg Town Hall  
Acacia Room, Cnr Elm Grove & Bell St Coburg  
Thursday 11 June 1992

**Present at Meeting**

John Phillips	Melbourne City Council (Minute Secretary)
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
Kelvin Thomson	MLA for Pascoe Vale (President)
David Mulholland	City of Coburg
Cllr Anna Petrou	City of Coburg
Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College
Philip Radstake	Resident of Northcote
Ric Williams	Resident Glenroy
Terry Mundy	Strathmore Progress Association
Jo Connellan	Resident Brunswick
Cllr Joe Edmonds	City of Essendon
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows
Scott Wright	Melbourne Water
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Phil Lenthall	Melbourne Water (Acting Drainage & Waterways Manager - Maribyrnong Region)

President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA declared the meeting open at 8:05pm.

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Norma Willoughby	City of Coburg
Cllr Rosemary Kerr	City of Broadmeadows
Cllr Kevin Sheahan	City of Broadmeadows
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows
Sharon Keppel	Hadfield Resident
Cllr Kathy Duncan	Shire of Bulla
David Runnalls	Shire of Bulla

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 April 1992 were confirmed as circulated.

Moved Wayne Harvey, seconded Cllr Joe Edmonds, carried.

**3. Guest Speaker: Public Golf Course Proposal - Jacana Basin**

Wayne Harvey of the City of Broadmeadows introduced Mr Geoff Harrison, proponent of the golf course proposal and stated that the Concept Plan makes reference to the proposed golf course as an issue at Reach 8 Jacana.

Mr Geoff Harrison spoke to the meeting and made the following points:

- i. The Broadmeadows club will be redeveloped as an integral part of the 18 hole golf course proposal with new lawn bowls, tennis courts, football oval and associated car parking.
- ii. Public access to the creek via a bike path in the vicinity of the golf course would be impracticable. The bike path is currently not near the creek north of the Western Ring Road alignment.

Kelvin Thomson raised the following issues with regard to the environmental impact of the golf course on the creek:

- i. That an adequate creek flow must be maintained when drawing water for the golf course in order to avoid algae growth and stagnant water.
- ii. That there be no run-off from the golf course of fertilisers (phosphates, nitrates) which could result in algae blooms and pollution.
- iii. That access to the creek along a linear park trail be maintained while recognising the need to reduce the physical risk of golf balls hitting cyclists.

Wayne Harvey indicated that the City of Broadmeadows will consider the views of the Association and the bike path would be relocated to the satisfaction of Council.

Geoff Harrison stated the existing bike path is breaking up and needs replacing in any event.

Discussion ensued regarding examples of recreational conflicts where other golf courses are located alongside waterways with linear paths.

Lois Binnie advised that the City of Essendon has received no reports of conflict between golf and cyclists along the Maribyrnong path largely due to dense plantings separating the two areas.

Cllr Joe Edmonds of the City of Essendon stated Council policy on Jacana Basin was generally in favour of active recreational pursuits and asked who Mr Geoff Harrison represented.

Mr Harrison represents a private company willing to spend between \$2-3 million on the public golf course proposal.

Kelvin Thomson stated that the aim of the Association was to protect the environment of the creek and valley and providing the golf course proposal achieves a balance of active sporting with the creation of billabongs, planting indigenous vegetation etc. this would be in keeping with the Concept Plan.

Kelvin Thomson asked for interested members to form a sub-committee to examine potential sporting-recreational conflicts and access requirements with the City of Broadmeadows and the proponent. The sub-committee consists of Terry Mundy, Ric Williams, Wayne Harvey, Kelvin Thomson and Gordon Davies of Melbourne Water Yarra Region.

**Action:** Kelvin Thomson to arrange meeting on site with Wayne Harvey and members.

#### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

##### 4.1 Expenditure of Open Space 2000 Grants (Removal of Fencing).

Phil Lenthall of Melbourne Water advised that 7 different sites were targeted for removal of chain-wire fencing:

- i. Between Albion and Dean Streets abutting the Tullamarine Freeway. Fencing is currently being removed from this area.
- ii. North Strathmore Primary School site. The \$10,000 grant money was likely to be expended at this site.
- iii. Owen Street, City of Brunswick.
- iv. Lebanon Reserve.
- v. End of Gaffney Street near Esslemont Reserve.
- vi. Ormond Park.
- vii. Myrmong Crescent near Essendon Hockey Centre.

Phil Lenthall stated that some form of fencing must replace the chain-wire fencing in most cases because of risk/safety issues. The treatment of fences at the end of roads and streets abutting the creek should be dealt with by Councils.

Action: Council representatives and Melbourne Water to discuss common fencing proposal and report back to the Association.

Kelvin Thomson stated that the removal of fencing should stop for the moment at the footbridge north of Lebanon Reserve in order to restrain ball sports at the reserve. Herbert Street of Pascoe Vale Road could then be the next site for fence removal.

##### 4.2 Cowans Land Residential Proposal.

Wayne Harvey advised that the proposal was currently on public exhibition until 29 June 1992.

Cllr Joe Edmonds commented that the principle concern of the City of Essendon was the road access via Coventry Street.

##### 4.3 Brunswick Road - Freeway Exit Park Project.

Paul McGrath advised that the community planting day was successful with follow-up plantings by Brunswick.

The levee bank was not planted because of the possibility of raising the levee an additional 1 metre high to attenuate noise from the freeway.

The City of Brunswick has made application to Open Space 2000 for further works in the area.

##### 4.4 Flemington Trial Weir Project.

Phil Lenthall advised that the weir is finished, but the sluice boards are only partially in place because the high crest level behind the weir floods the Royal Park drain outlet and the centre flow channel not filled by rock. These problems present additional costs to Melbourne Water which they are endeavouring to rectify. There is a requirement to further back-fill the centre low flow channel with rock to reduce risk of deep water holes.

Siltation over the concrete base has already occurred to depths of 2-3 cms.

4.5 Herbert Street Project.

Kelvin Thomson reported in the absence of Nick Graesser that there was good support for the planting day from a Melbourne University conservation group. The information leaflet was distributed to the surrounding community.

4.6 Strathnaver Reserve Plantings.

Cllr Joe Edmonds reported strong community support on the planting day 16 May 1992, and that all plants were planted successfully.

4.7 Creek Bank Works, Trestle Bridge.

Phil Lenthall of Melbourne Water reported that work had begun on laying back the banks and creating meanders near Trestle Bridge. The earth material removed would be used to create mounds adjacent to the creek.

Terry Mundy commented that there is a need for further community consultation before continuing the meandering treatment south towards Boeing Reserve.

4.8 Strathmore North Primary School Plantings.

Lois Binnie reported that the planting day was successful.

4.9 Kingsford-Smith/Ulm Reserve.

Evelyn Northey reported the planting day was a great success and that the growth of earlier plantings was maturing well on the valley sides.

4.10 Concept Plan.

Scott Wright of Melbourne Water advised the meeting of the proposed amendments to the text and maps of the concept plan. Up to 50% of maps and diagrams require amending which raises the issue of cost and payment. Melbourne Water has no further budget allocations for reprinting the concept plan. It is estimated that to incorporate all amendments and print an additional 100 final copies would cost in the order of \$3,800.

Kelvin Thomson asked that the amendments be circulated to all members for comment. He stated that an amendments page for maps and diagrams would not be sufficient in itself to aid in understanding the plan, but acknowledged the additional cost of reprinting all the maps.

Kelvin Thomson further stated that the amendments were being made for the sake of accuracy, not for presentation purposes.

Wayne Harvey requested that the Association defer a decision on payment for the costs of the reprinting until the Treasurer has considered the Association's budget. Kelvin Thomson asked the Councils representatives and Melbourne Water to consider a portion of payment for reprinting of the Concept Plan and report back to the next meeting.

**THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONCEPT PLAN ARE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES FOR MEMBERS COMMENTS.**

**Action:** Treasurer; Council representatives.

4.11 Australian Conservation Foundation \$8,000 fine trust monies.

Wayne Harvey reported that John Phillips and himself met with the ACF to seek the release of the \$8,000 for works on the Yuroke Creek.

The ACF guaranteed to act quickly on the request but Wayne Harvey stated that the ACF's response was tardy and that he would continue to seek positive action.

4.12 Lois Binnie of the City of Essendon advised that she will meet with the Strathmore Sports Club to discuss the Lebanon Reserve Draft Master Plan.

4.13 Kelvin Thomson advised that he is yet to meet the Essendon Lions Club to discuss their plans for 5 Mile Creek Reserve.

## 5. Correspondence

The Secretary read the following letters to the meeting:

- i. Open Space 2000 Applications made by Melbourne Water.
- ii. Open Space 2000 Applications made by the Association.
- iii. Northern Area Improvement Program 1991/92 Approval of Grants.  
- Linear Path Signage System \$5,000, Education Program with Greening Australia \$10,000.

## 6. Matters Arising from Correspondence

6.1 Kelvin Thomson asked for interested members to form a sub-committee to consider the disbursement of Northern Area Improvement funds for the signage system. The members of the sub-committee include Lois Binnie, Terry Mullane, John Phillips, Kelvin Thomson and Gordon Davies of Melbourne Water.

Action: John Phillips to organise meeting date.

6.2 Kelvin Thomson will meet David Young of Greening Australia to discuss the Education Program grant.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Treasurer Alex Smart or a report, this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

## 8. General Business

8.1 Formation of Indigenous Vegetation Sub-committee.  
Kelvin Thomson stated that indigenous re-vegetation was an important issue raised by the community during formulation of the Concept Plan.

The following members were nominated to form this sub-committee, but given some were absent from the meeting, confirmation will be made at the next meeting of the Association:

Nick Graesser, Alison Turner, Lois Binnie, Paul McGrath, Anne Cremean.

Kelvin Thomson requested that Adam Myut of Friends of Royal Park West be advised that the indigenous vegetation sub-committee is being formed and ask for his input to the group.

8.2 Terry Mundy raised the issue of maintenance responsibility for the bike path along the creek.



Cllr Joe Edmonds stated that the various Councils cannot alone uphold the expense of bike path maintenance when the paths are jointly used by Melbourne Water vehicles; Open Space 2000 monies should therefore cover part of the expense.

Phil Lenthall of Melbourne Water stated the path should be at least 3 metres wide preferably with concrete edges to avoid breaking up. There is a need to consolidate existing paths to make them last, rather than over-extend the path system with resultant maintenance problems.

Wayne Harvey advised that the City of Broadmeadows has changed from flexible pavements which tend to break up to concrete for longer wear.

David Mulholland of the City of Coburg raised the issue of public liability where paths are in poor maintenance.

8.3 Wayne Harvey reported on the following Greening of Broadmeadows programs:

- i. Open Space 2000/Greening Australia (Vic) submissions have been made for an area upstream of Mickleham road and work in Bass Street which includes revegetation and fencing to the value of \$10,000.
- ii. The autumn plantings resulted in 15,000 trees and shrubs being established which included the tube stock received through the Association and plants from Greening Australia.
- iii. Greening of Broadmeadows is now focusing its activities towards maintenance of existing plantings and planning for the Spring campaign.

8.4 Kelvin Thomson advised that the 'Gateway Plantings' have been weeded over the past few weeks by the Pascoe Vale Naturalists.

8.5 Kelvin Thomson raised the question of extending the bike path from Delhi Reserve via the Flemington trial weir to Mount Alexander Road (Melbourne Water has made an Open Space application to extend the bike path between Mt. Alexander Road and Arden St.).

8.6 Kelvin Thomson advised all members that a future bike ride along the creek was being considered.

8. Date of Next Meeting

DATE	Thursday 23 July 1992
TIME	8:00 pm
VENUE	Fleming Park - City of Brunswick Parks & Gardens Nursery Cross Street Brunswick East.

MELWAYS REF: 29 K8

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF**  
**MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

held at City of Brunswick Parks & Gardens Nursery -  
Fleming Park, Cross Street, Brunswick East.  
Thursday 23 July 1992.

**Present at Meeting**

John Phillips	Melbourne City Council (Minute Secretary)
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows
Sandy Dickinson	Greening Australia Victoria
David Mulholland	City of Coburg
Philip Radstake	Resident of Northcote
Ann Cremean	Resident of Ascot Vale
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
Kelvin Thomson	MLA for Pascoe Vale (President)
Mark Boyle	City of Essendon
Gregory Walker	Melbourne Water
Phil Lenthall	Melbourne Water - Maribymong Region
Cr. Kathy Duncan	Shire of Bulla
Cr. Rosemary Kerr	City of Broadmeadows
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists (Treasurer)
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Josephine Connellan	Resident of Brunswick
Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College
Terry Mundy	Strathmore Progress Association
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Cr. Andy Ingham	City of Brunswick

President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA declared the meeting open at 8:10 pm.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cr. Anna Petrou	City of Coburg
Cr. Joe Edmonds	City of Essendon
Cr. Peter Scully	City of Essendon
Ray White	Resident of Essendon
David Runnalls	Shire of Bulla
Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Ric Williams	Resident Glenroy
Scott Wright	Melbourne Water
Sharon Keppel	Hadfield Resident

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 June 1992 were confirmed as circulated.

Moved Wayne Harvey, seconded Nick Graesser, carried.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 3.1 Jacana Valley Gold Course Proposal

The sub-committee convened on site with the proponents Mr Geoff Harrison and Mr Kevin Hartley and attended by David Heeps - Manager - Land & Waterways Yarra Region, Melbourne Water.

Kelvin Thomson stated that the proponents initial position was opposed to unrestricted public access in the valley but following further discussion a more conciliatory position was taken.

The concerns of the Association were reiterated with regard to the adequate continuity of stream flow and maintenance of high standards of water quality. Wayne Harvey stated that the proponents are of the view that an 18 hole golf course is not feasible mixed with open space in the valley and that the higher slopes are unsuitable for golf. Therefore a 9 hole golf course with 3-4 specialist greens for training purposes is envisaged.

The sub-committee will re-convene in one month to view preliminary designs from the proponents.

Action: Wayne Harvey

#### 3.2 Expenditure of Open Space 2000 Grants (Removal of Fencing)

Phil Lenthall of Melbourne Water reported that the \$10,000 grant has been spent and all fencing has been removed at the following locations:

- i. Between Albion and Dean Streets Moonee Ponds abutting the Tullamarine Freeway.
- ii. North Strathmore Primary School site.
- iii. End of Gaffney Street near Esslemont Reserve.

The Open Space 2000 1992 applications for fence removal have not been resolved at this time.

#### 3.3 Cowans Land Residential Proposal

Wayne Harvey reported that a public meeting held 3 weeks previously was well attended by over 100 residents. A number of issues were raised which will be referred to Council and include:

- i. Assurances from the proponent that there will be no encroachment of buildings down the steep slope towards the creek.
- ii. Agreement from the proponent that a clause will be written into the zoning ordinance stating no road link will be built across the creek.
- iii. A footbridge link across the creek is possible.
- iv. Residential block sizes will be smaller than average to include the same number of dwellings but increase the area of open space.

Ric Williams is a member of the resident group involved in the Cowan's land proposal. If any Association members are interested they should contact Ric on: 300-1483.

#### 3.4 Flemington Trial Weir Project

Phil Lenthall advised that 2 major Council storm water drains are being redesigned in consultation between Melbourne Water and the City of Melbourne.

Once design is complete, Melbourne Water will finish the required drainage works and fill in the remainder of the centre flow channel with crushed rock before raising the weir to high crest level.

#### 3.5 Concept Plan

Kelvin Thomson stated that \$2,000 had been appropriated from the total \$10,000 Northern Area Improvement Grant for an Education Program in order to print the final 100 copies of the Concept Plan.

In the absence of Scott Wright, John Phillips reported that Melbourne Water had quoted \$2,600 for 100 final copies.

The motion was put that \$2,000 be appropriated from the Northern Area Improvement Grant and \$600 be withdrawn from the Association's account to pay Melbourne Water \$2,600 for all necessary text and artwork changes required to print 100 final copies of the Concept Plan.

Moved Wayne Harvey, seconded Lois Binnie, carried.  
Action: Treasurer.

Alex Smart asked what is the Association going to do with the 100 final copies?

Kelvin Thomson stated it was important for land managers to have accurate copies of the Concept Plan to schedule budgets and works. Further copies will be placed in local libraries.

Philip Radstrake requested a further late amendment to the Concept Plan in Reach 1 Docklands. He stated that trees and shrubs were not indigenous in the area but salt bush and marsh sedges were.

Ann Cremean stated that the Concept Plan was not vegetation specific in any Reach and felt the Flora and Fauna study was not sufficiently incorporated.

Ann Cremean asked that an indigenous re-vegetation program be set out in the Action Program of each Reach with an order of costs and the responsible agency listed.

John Phillips read to the meeting Ann Cremean's submission on the Concept Plan.

Kelvin Thomson stated that Ann Cremean's submission was not specific enough on detailed requirements, nor was it Action Program oriented. Therefore, amendments to the plan at separate Reaches concerning indigenous vegetation were not included. The amendment made was to recognise that 'To Re-vegetate' should include the conservation of indigenous species.

Kelvin Thomson asked the Indigenous vegetation sub-committee to convene promptly to make the desired changes and meet Scott Wright of Melbourne Water to have the amendments incorporated into the final plan.

Wayne Harvey stated that given the Association is funding the final copy of the Plan, it should reserve the right to make late amendments without being constrained by artificial deadlines.

Alex Smart commented that the Concept Plan should be viewed as an evolving document where priorities change. If the plan does not meet the complete satisfaction of any one interest group then the entire plan should not be seen as a failure.

### 3.6 Australian Conservation Foundation \$8,000 fine trust monies

Wayne Harvey reported that the ACF had paid an \$8,000 cheque to the City of Broadmeadows for works in the Yuroke Creek. The money will be used for planting and other works in the Broadmeadows Valley Park. A committee comprising 7 community representatives meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm to oversee development of the park.

Anyone interested in attending meetings or involvement in planting days should contact Nick Graesser or Wayne Harvey at the City of Broadmeadows.

3.7 Kelvin Thomson reported that the application from Essendon Lions Club for Open Space 2000 funding for its plans at 5 Mile Reserve was pending the outcome of numerous priority applications in the area.

### 3.8 Signage Sub-committee

John Phillips advised that the sub-committee had not met, pending a written response from Melbourne Water on the commitment of \$5,000 as matching contribution to the Area Improvement Grant of \$5,000.

Kelvin Thomson requested that the Association's name and logo be used on the signage along the creek.

Wayne Harvey presented a recycled plastic post sign which compares favourably in terms of cost and durability with wooden signs. Directions and information are routed into the plastic sign as with wooden signs and the Association logo can be attached either as a decal or riveted metal sign.

### 3.9 Education Program

Kelvin Thomson advised that David Young of Greening Australia will report back to the Association at various stages of the Program's implementation over the next year.

Ann Cremean asked how the project was going to be run and who would be involved.

Kelvin Thomson replied that Greening Australia would continue with the ongoing work identified in the Concept Plan with the schools continuing to be a strong consultative link to the community.

### 3.10 Indigenous Sub-committee

Ann Cremean stated that Adam Myut of Friends of Royal Park West was happy to be involved with the sub-committee.

Paul McGrath of the City of Brunswick volunteered as convenor to organise the next urgent meeting to discuss suitable amendments to the concept plan.

### 3.11 Herbert Street Project

Nick Graesser of Greening of Broadmeadows reported that the project was \$12 over budget.

A cheque of \$3,250 is now required from the Association to meet the cost of the project.

### 3.12 Creek Bank Works Trestle Bridge

Phil Lenthall of Melbourne Water reported that the bulk earthworks and 2 weirs were now complete.

Wayne Harvey of the City of Broadmeadows commented that the banks appear steeper than the original creek banks.

Lois Binnie of the City of Essendon stated that Council intended the bike path to go ahead under the Trestle Bridge in its municipality, but there had been misunderstanding with Melbourne Water who had not planned for it.

Kelvin Thomson will organise a meeting on site to discuss plantings at the works area. The meeting is to involve Melbourne Water Yarra Region, Lois Binnie, Terry Mundy, Terry Mullane and Nick Graesser of the City of Broadmeadows.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 The Secretary distributed a list to members of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous month.

John Phillips referred to the recently released final Melbourne Docklands Strategy and the references within it to the Association's submission.

The Docklands Strategy recognises the importance of a wetlands and significant area of open space in the Moonee Ponds Creek estuary, but limits the vision put forward in the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan by accepting the extension of Appleton Dock and the southern section (Yarra crossing) of the Western Bypass.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 A request made by the Department of Conservation & Environment that the Association provide a final report and expenditure statement on a \$2,000 Special Project Grant paid to the Association in May 1990, was thought to relate to the Flemington plantings money.

Sandy Dickenson of Greening Australia has subsequently checked records which indicate the \$2,000 was not handled by Greening Australia and does not relate to the Flemington Project.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 The Treasurer distributed a financial status report (see Attachment) which states the Moonee Ponds Creek Association's actual balance at 30 June 1992 is \$8,518:17.

The motion was put that the Treasurer's report be received.

Moved Evelyn Northey, seconded Andy Ingham, carried.

6.2 Alex Smart put the motion that the Association pay the City of Broadmeadows a cheque for the sum of \$3,250 to meet the Herbert Street planting project.

Moved Beryl Plumridge, seconded John Phillips, carried.

Action: Treasurer.

6.3 Alex Smart suggested that the member Councils provide \$5,000 to the Association on an annual basis as happened in 1991.

Kelvin Thomson stated that the Councils payment of \$5,000 in 1991 was a one-off payment for the Concept Plan.

Contributions from the Councils was significant in officer time, secretarial service and works allocation. Moreover, Kelvin Thomson felt that the applications to external funding agencies met the Associations work costs and as a result there is no need to ask for additional Council funds.

Cr. Rosemary Kerr stated that some Council annual contribution was necessary to keep the Association going and achieve work priorities.

After further discussion the motion was put that the member Councils be requested to each contribute \$500 to the Association in 1992/3 for planting works.

Moved Alex Smart, seconded Andy Ingham, carried.

Action: Secretary.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 Greening of Broadmeadows.

Nick Graesser of Greening of Broadmeadows advised the meeting of a number of upcoming community planting days in Spring:

Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve Saturday 19 September at 11.00 am.

Jacana Reserve Saturday 3 October at 11.00 am.

Willowbank Reserve pending Open Space 2000 funding.

7.1.1. Nick Graesser also reported that a youth conservation program concerned with grasslands in the lower reaches of the Broadmeadows Valley Park will take place in early August. Ann Cremean is involved in the program which is one of 10 taking place in Victoria.

7.2 Kelvin Thomson reported that there was the possibility for a major children's playground to be installed in the City of Broadmeadows (e.g. Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve) through the sponsorship of Mitre 10 Hardware.

7.3 Kelvin Thomson stated that the photos taken on planting days were suitable for display. Wayne Harvey advised that a local company could mount poster size photos on plastic card with text at approximately \$70 per poster.

A quote has been received that 15 professionally produced photos for display purposes can be taken for \$300.

The motion was put that 15 photographs of the creek environs be taken by a professional photographer for the sum of \$300.

Moved Cr. Rosemary Kerr, seconded Jo Connellan, carried.  
Action: Treasurer.

7.4 Kelvin Thomson requested that if any member knew the whereabouts of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association artwork logo, could they contact him.

7.5 Wayne Harvey asked whether the Association would consider sponsoring unemployed youth in works along the creek.

General discussion followed where issues of co-ordination, public liability insurance etc. were raised.

The meeting concluded that it was best to refer youth employment schemes to the Councils responsible for works along the creek.

Action: Council representatives to report back to the Association.

7.6 Wayne Harvey outlined the VicRoads Western Bypass Timetable.

VicRoads is currently selecting community representatives for the Consultative Committee for the Environment Effects Statement.

## 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DATE	Thursday 27 August 1992
TIME	8:00 pm
VENUE	Flemington Library 313 Racecourse Road Flemington 42 K1
MELWAYS REFERENCE	
MEETING CLOSED AT	10:30 pm.

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MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT - June 1992

		\$	\$
Balance Brought Forward at 1.6.92			10,432.17
Income :			
Membership	30.00		
Donations	56.00		
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SUB-TOTAL			10,518.17
Expenditure :			
City of Brunswick	668.00		
City of Essendon	666.00		
City of Broadmeadows	666.00		2,000.00
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BALANCE AT 30.6.92			8,518.17
Account Reconciliation :			
Balance as per Statement		8,518.17	
Less un-presented cheques		0,000.00	
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Actual Balance at 30.6.92			8,518.17

*John Smart*  
23/7/92

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

held at Flemington Library  
313 Racecourse Road Flemington  
Thursday 27 August 1992

**PRESENT AT MEETING**

John Phillips  
Lois Binnie  
Gregory Walker  
Phil Lenthall  
Terry Mundy  
Tony Smith  
Evelyn Northey  
Beryl Plumridge  
Nick Ronan  
Alex Smart  
Wayne Harvey  
Cr. Rosemary Kerr  
Cr. Cathy Lanigan  
Paul McGrath  
Phillip Radstake  
Kelvin Thomson

City of Melbourne (Secretary)  
City of Essendon  
Melbourne Water  
Melbourne Water - Maribyrnong Region  
Strathmore Progress Association  
Strathmore Sports Club  
Sancta Sophia College  
Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Melbourne Water - Yarra Region  
Pascoe Vale Naturalists (Treasurer)  
City of Broadmeadows  
City of Broadmeadows  
City of Brunswick  
City of Brunswick  
Resident of Northcote  
MLA for Pascoe Vale (President)

President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA declared the meeting open at 8.10 pm.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Sandy Dickinson  
Cr. Peter Scully  
Mark Boyle  
Cr. Joe Edmonds  
Ric Williams  
Peter Plumridge  
Jo Connellan  
Cr. Sharon Keppel  
Cr. Kevin Sheahan  
Nick Graesser

Greening Australia Victoria  
City of Essendon  
City of Essendon  
City of Essendon  
Glenroy Resident  
Pascoe Vale Naturalists  
Brunswick Resident  
City of Broadmeadows  
City of Broadmeadows  
City of Broadmeadows

Kelvin Thomson welcomed Cr. Cathy Lanigan to the meeting as the City of Brunswick's representative replacing Cr. Andy Ingham who has been elected Mayor.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 July 1992 were confirmed as circulated.  
Moved Cr. Rosemary Kerr, seconded Paul McGrath, carried.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 3.1 Jacana Valley Golf Course Proposal

Wayne Harvey informed the meeting that Melbourne Water was currently undertaking a study into all of its broad land holdings across the metropolitan area with the aim of identifying potential golf course sites.

The WBCM Group, consultant planners/engineers, were doing further analysis for a golf course proposal in Jacana Valley. There is the possibility that Melbourne Water may in future seek tenders for golf course proposals across the metropolitan area. The golf course consortia at Jacana Valley are still working on proposals and have not spoken to Council since the on site meeting in July.

#### 3.2 Open Space 2000

Alex Smart reported on the Open Space 2000 funding recommendations to the Minister for Conservation & Environment relating to the Moonee Ponds Creek. The candidature funding proposals are as follows:

• Essendon Lions Club 5 Mile Creek Reserve	\$4,500
• Moonee Ponds Creek Association	\$5,000
• Greening Broadmeadows	\$3,500
• Melbourne City Council; Moonee Ponds Creek link to Inner Circle Railway Park (matched funding)	\$83,000
• Royal Park West-Remnant Bushland (matched funding)	\$10,000
• Docklands revegetation	\$50,000
• Melbourne Water; Bridge over creek at Brunswick Road, (matched funding)	\$75,000
• Keilor Plains Society for growing Australian native plants; Strathnaver Reserve	\$1,420

#### 3.3 Cowans Land Residential Proposal

Wayne Harvey advised that the Council of the City of Broadmeadows considered a deputation from residents in August who expressed the following concerns:

- i) Road crossing of the creek;
- ii) Residential development down the escarpment towards the creek.

Council resolved to support the residential rezoning amendment with modifications and referred the amendment to a panel hearing to be convened in early October.

The issue of Public Open Space (POS) zoning adjacent to the creek has been extensively debated, with the residents requesting the POS zone extending to the point of the 90 metre contour on the escarpment.

The applicant maintains the 60 metre contour above the creek valley is sufficient open space. The residents negotiating point was to compromise at the 80 metre contour line, but the applicant has dismissed this claim.

#### 3.4 Flemington Trial Weir

The Melbourne Water Maribyrnong Regional design team have resolved the drainage problems associated with the discharge channels into the weir.

A pit will be constructed above the level of the lake at the point of discharge freeing up the Royal Park drain. Once these works are complete the weir will be raised to the high crest level.

3.5 Concept Plan

The indigenous vegetation sub-committee presented Kelvin Thomson with the desired changes to the plan and Kelvin Thomson referred these to Scott Wright of Melbourne Water who will incorporate them into the final printed version.

3.6 Signage Sub-Committee

John Phillips advised that the Open Space 2000 application for \$5,000 as matching contribution to the Northern Area Improvement Grant of \$5,000 for trail signage had not been formally decided upon.

Confirmation is required from Open Space 2000 before the Area Improvement funds can be released.

Nick Ronan of Melbourne Water stated that metropolitan trail signage applications to Open Space 2000 totalled \$30,000 and were recommended to the Minister for approval.

3.7 Education Program

Kelvin Thomson advised that the draft art work for maps and brochures relating to various areas of the creek had progressed well and that David Young of Greening Australia will provide the brochure to the next meeting.

3.8 Creek Bank Works Trestle Bridge

Kelvin Thomson advised that an on site meeting was held to discuss the progression of works. Melbourne Water indicated they were keen to see the works completed and ensure that the banks would not be subject to erosion.

Phil Lenthall of Melbourne Water stated that last years \$30,000 Open Space 2000 grant was expended for the works and that no funds were immediately available, although further funds could be forthcoming.

Scalloping of both sides of the creek bank is a long term aim, but works on the west bank will probably cost in the order of \$30,000.

Melbourne Water is preparing to plant 600 trees and 400 native grasses along the creek at Trestle Bridge.

Terry Mundy reported that the Boeing Reserve Management Board expressed concern that the Boeing Reserve had not been considered in future creek works. Terry Mundy asked whether works would remove the bike track.

It was stated that the Essendon Council paved track would remain on top of the bank and a less formal gravel track would run along a widened creek valley.

Wayne Harvey stated that Melbourne Water had agreed to repair the Broadmeadows Council track adjacent to the creek.

3.9 Mounted Photographs of the Creek

In the absence of Ray White this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

3.10 Federal Funding of Local Government Job Initiatives

Cr. Rosemary Kerr reported the following projects approved by the City of Broadmeadows regarding the creek and environs:

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| • Broadmeadows Valley Park (Yuroke Creek) | \$1.5 million |
| • South of Camp Road (weirs, lake etc.)   | \$1.2 million |
| • Bike paths to Gellibrand Hill           | \$200,000     |
| • Bridge at West Meadows                  | \$150,000     |

Nick Ronan requested Local Government to give advance warning to Melbourne Water of projects arising from Federal funding so that drainage and parks issues could be co-ordinated.

Cr. Cathy Lanigan stated that it was difficult obtaining the 20-30% matching contribution for Federal funds. Nevertheless, the City of Brunswick would do works in the vicinity of Fraser Reserve on Hopetoun Avenue. It was considered useful for the Association to co-ordinate regional issues in the third round of funding submissions.

Kelvin Thomson stated that much informal work was being done by the Councils in integrating proposed projects and there was no requirement for an Association sub-committee.

Lois Binnie advised that the City of Essendon would undertake project work at Lebanon Reserve sporting area.

### 3.11 Western Bypass

Cr. Cathy Lanigan and Jo Connellan are proposing to set up a sub-committee to comment on the Environmental Effects Statement for the Western Bypass proposal. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Association.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary distributed a list to members of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous month.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 John Phillips referred to a letter from the City of Broadmeadows dated 3 August 1992 requesting comment on plans by the Council to sell a parcel of land at Chris Court abutting the creek in Oak Park.

Wayne Harvey stated the Council will preserve a small pathway along the creek and access point at Chris Court. There is also a bike track on the opposite bank of the creek.

Kelvin Thomson questioned Council reasoning for selling available public open space when the land could be restored to its original state.

Cr. Rosemary Kerr said that Council owned many small blocks of land with little value in an open space system of linkages and that they were costing too much to maintain.

Nick Ronan stated that the value of small interspersed blocks along the creek was that nodes of bush linkages could be developed as parts of a whole system.

Kelvin Thomson agreed and stated there was not an abundance of open space in that part of Oak Park.

5.2 SEC Powerline Improvement Plan

Lois Binnie advised that the plan primarily related to low voltage lines and that the high voltage transmission lines which cross the creek are not eligible for funding.

5.3 Open Space 2000

John Phillips reported that Open Space 2000 has rejected chain wire fence removal as a worthwhile community based project. The Association had made 2 separate Open Space 2000 applications to remove fencing.

Alex Smart stated that Open Space 2000 need to adopt a strategy plan to underline appropriate projects. Nick Ronan of Melbourne Water stated that model applications need to be made available and joint proposals between the community and Melbourne Water will in future have to be better co-ordinated and thought out.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alex Smart reported that one cheque has been drawn for \$3,250 to Greening of Broadmeadows which was referred to in the minutes of 23 July 1992. Income was received from 2 new memberships.

7. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

7.1 Tony Smith reported on the Strathmore Sports club long term plan at Lebanon Reserve including:

- disabled access ramps to the Reserve facilities (subject to opening hours);
- obtaining funding to construct a bike path/footbridge between Herbert and Melissa Streets, Strathmore, to service residential areas on either side of the creek.

Kelvin Thomson stated that this proposal was now on notice with discussions required between the Cities of Broadmeadows and Essendon and Melbourne Water. Removal of fences should be addressed to Nick Ronan of Melbourne Water, Yarra Region.

Kelvin Thomson asked the Signage Sub-committee to consider disabled toilet signs along the track.

7.2 Kelvin Thomson advised that Julie O'Keefe was organising the Association's activities through his office and was responsible for the following planting projects in association with Greening Australia:

- Strathmore High School -7 September 500 plants
- Ethol Street Oak Park -13 September 500 plants

7.3 Nick Ronan reported on the formation of Melbourne Water's Regional Advisory Bodies and the call for expressions of interest from groups and organisations to act as customer interest representatives.

Yarra Region will have 26 Municipal representatives and 5 customer representatives, of which at least one person will represent open space interests. The Regional Advisory Board will meet approximately 4 times per year and the sub-committees more regularly. Open Space/Recreation will be a standing sub-committee.

7.4 Kelvin Thomson advised that Rob Gell may be involved in Spring tree plantings raising publicity for the work of the Association along the creek.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DATE : Thursday 8 October 1992  
TIME : 8:00 pm  
VENUE : Essendon Civic Centre, Mayoral Room  
Cnr. Kellaway Ave & Pascoe Vale Road, Moonee Ponds  
(enter from Pascoe Vale Road)  
MELWAYS REF : 28 J6

Meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF**  
**MOONEE PONDS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

held at Essendon Civic Centre  
Cnr. Kellaway Ave & Pascoe Vale Road Moonee Ponds  
Thursday 8 October 1992

***PRESENT AT MEETING***

John Phillips	City of Melbourne (Secretary)
Mark Boyle	City of Essendon
Kathy Duncan	Shire of Bulla
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists (Treasurer)
Cathy Lanigan	City of Brunswick
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Ann Cremean	Resident - Ascot Vale
Allan Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Evelyn Northey	Sancta Sophia College
Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
David Mulholland	Coburg City Council
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows
Sandy Dickinson	Greening Australia (Vic)
David Young	Greening Australia (Vic)
Kelvin Thomson	MLA Pascoe Vale (President)
Stephen Wright	City of Essendon
John Beatty	21 Cameron Road Essendon
Terry Mundy	Strathmore Progress Association

President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA declared the meeting open at 8.10 pm.

***1. APOLOGIES***

Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows
Cllr. Keppel	City of Broadmeadows
Cllr. Kerr	City of Broadmeadows
Nick Ronan	Melbourne Water
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
Cllr. Joe Edmonds	City of Essendon
Greg Walker	Melbourne Water
Ric Williams	Glenroy Resident
Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Dorothy Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Cllr. Norma Willoughby	City of Coburg
Philip Radstake	Resident of Northcote

***2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES***

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 August 1992 were confirmed as circulated:

Moved: Paul McGrath, seconded: Kathy Lanigan, carried.



### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 3.1 Jacana Valley Golf Course Proposal

Wayne Harvey informed the meeting that Melbourne Water had invited submissions for golf course proposals in four locations across the metropolitan area including Jacana Valley.

The Jacana Valley golf course consortia are continuing negotiations with the City of Broadmeadows. The consortia will report in the near future to the Golf Course Sub-Committee of the Association to answer any outstanding concerns.

#### 3.2 Open Space 2000

Alex Smart reported that Melbourne Water has commissioned a consultant study to ascertain if the Open Space 2000 program is effective.

Kelvin Thomson stated that Open Space 2000 should remain with Melbourne Water and continue to operate with an independent revenue base.

Alex Smart stated Open Space 2000 has focused open space issues across the metropolitan area and had broken down rivalries between various management/funding authorities.

Wayne Harvey put the following motion to the meeting: That the Association write to the relevant Minister, Chairman of Melbourne Water and Director of Open Space 2000, supporting the current direction and program the Open Space 2000 Directorate is taking.

Moved: Wayne Harvey, seconded: Terry Mundy, carried.

#### 3.3 Cowans Land Residential Proposal

Kelvin Thomson advised that the independent Panel held to hear submissions to the rezoning amendment took place and that in his capacity as President of the Association, presented a submission which raised the following points:

- no road crossing of the creek;
- that the embankment/escarpment be zoned Public Open Space (POS);
- that the potential for sewerage seepage and water run-off be minimised and prevented.

Kelvin Thomson advised that some residents were opposing the rezoning from Industrial to Residential. With live permits for industrial development still current on the land, Kelvin Thomson considered that rezoning the land would reduce the potential for an even greater intrusion on open space amenity along the creek. A detailed technical study of soil stability for housing will now take place as part of the residential proposal.

#### 3.4 Flemington Trial Weir

In the absence of Melbourne Water representatives, this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

#### 3.5 Concept Plan

In the absence of Melbourne Water representatives, this matter was not reported. (However, the Final Report has since been released and will now be presented to the next meeting.)

3.6 Signage Committee

John Phillips reported that correspondence had been received from Melbourne Water indicating a grant of \$5,000 would be made as matching contribution to the Northern Area Improvement Grant of \$5,000 to manufacture signs along the shared bike-walking track.

The total sum of \$10,000 for the Moonee Ponds Creek will be pooled with other metropolitan area signage grants to achieve bulk manufacturing rates.

The signage sub-committee will now convene to list the desired location of signs in accordance with a Melbourne Water plan which marks signage location and lists text for each sign.

3.7 Education Program

David Young of Greening Australia (Vic) presented a brochure of Skeleton Creek from the Altona-Newport area, as a desirable model format to follow in presenting information (text and map) about the Moonee Ponds Creek and the Concept Plan. It is proposed to produce four brochures covering the different and distinct reaches of the creek.

The purpose of the brochure is to raise the local community's awareness of the Concept Plan and specific features of the creek. The draft text for the brochures is attached to the minutes for comment. All comments will be brought back to the next meeting for consideration.

3.8 Creek Bank Works Trestle Bridge

Terry Mundy corrected the minutes of 27 August 1992 on this matter stating that scalloping the west banks of the creek similar to the City of Broadmeadows side, would remove the paved track in the City of Essendon. A less formal gravel track would remain.

3.9 Mounted Photographs of the Creek

In the absence of Ray White, this matter was deferred to the next meeting. (The Treasurers Report deals with outstanding financial matters concerning photographs of the creek.)

3.10 Federal Funding of Local Government Job Initiatives

Wayne Harvey reported that the bike path planned to link Gellibrand Hill park with the current Moonee Ponds Creek bike track has been deferred. The other member Councils confirmed that the projects previously listed in the minutes of the Association 27 August 1992 will proceed as planned.

3.11 Western Bypass

The item of correspondence from Cllr. Peter Scully of the City of Essendon in support of VicRoads work concerning the Environment Effects Statement, was tabled and noted by the meeting.

3.12 Strathmore Sports Club Plans - Lebanon Reserve

In the absence of Tony Smith this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

3.13 Spring Plantings

- Kelvin Thomson reported that the Errol Street Oak Park planting was successful with very good local resident interest.
  - The Strathmore High School planting was unsuccessful due to rain and did not proceed.
  - The Greening of Broadmeadows planting south of Trestle Bridge was successful.
  - Kelvin Thomson advised that Rob Gell was unavailable during the Spring planting but may be invited with the 'Melbourne Extra' television crew to do a magazine/interest style program on the creek.
  - Paul McGrath reported that applications for funding to Greening Australia had been passed on to the Federal Conservation & Environment office which had in turn made a grant of \$2,000 to the Brunswick Road revegetation project.
- Open Space 2000 has also made two grants of \$500 each for local schools.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alex Smart reported that \$300 had previously been approved by the Association to undertake photography along the creek. This sum has not been spent.

Alex Smart submitted that a total of \$470 has been subsequently spent on photography of the creek.

The amount spent is as follows:

	\$170	photography
	\$210	three large prints 24cm x 24cm
	\$90	film.
Total	<u>\$470</u>	

The motion was put to the meeting that the amount of \$470 be paid by the Association for the photography of the creek.

Moved: Beryl Plumridge, seconded: Wayne Harvey, carried.

The Treasurer reported that the Association decal artwork had been reproduced at a cost of \$90 following the loss of the originals.

The motion was put to the meeting that the amount of \$90 be paid by the Association for the decal artwork.

Moved: Allan Thomson, seconded: Cathy Lanigan, carried.

**5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 Alex Smart raised the issue of tree plantings along the route of the Western Ring Road. Deciduous trees have been planted on the Tullamarine/Western Ring Road interchange and native species on the Pascoe Vale Road interchange. Alex Smart voiced concern at the apparent inconsistency in landscape treatment and recalled a presentation from VicRoads to the Association over a year ago, when it was stated that deciduous trees would be made a feature of the planting at a number of interchanges along the Ring Road.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday 26 November 1992
<b>TIME:</b>	8.00 pm
<b>VENUE</b>	City of Broadmeadows Municipal Offices 'The Silver Room' Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows

**MELWAYS REF:** 6G8

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The lower section of the creek, between Flemington and the bay, has been recognised as having great potential for recreation.

It has been proposed that the watercourse and estuary will be diverted back to its original series of ponds with care to retain essential flood control features. A major effort will be required by all, to clean up litter and improve water quality.

Land bordering the rail yards will be re-zoned and incorporated into creek reserves providing attractive areas and facilities for recreation. The creek reserves will provide walking trails that will form an important link to the bay and new Dockland Developments while plans to deepen the creek will encourage canoeing and boating.

Paths, fishing platforms, and boardwalks will provide safe access to the creek and surrounding reserves. Trees and shrubs will screen industry and the rail yards, to form a corridor of green, with pleasant views for walkers and cyclists. Landscaping with pockets of natural vegetation will also form valuable habitat for wildlife.

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Land bordering the creek is being re-zoned and incorporated into reserves in the cities of Essendon, Melbourne and Brunswick. Paths from the Merri Creek and Royal Park, will link with Moonee Ponds Creek trails, with small bridges forming access to recreation areas.

Creek reserves will provide signed walking trails that will extend under the Mt Alexander Road Bridge. Trees and shrubs will screen industry to form a corridor of green with pleasant views for both walkers and cyclists.

With a number of surrounding sporting facilities and ovals, the creek has the potential to become an attractive and valued recreational area. Landscaping with pockets of natural vegetation will form valuable habitat for wildlife.

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Land bordering the creek will be re-zoned and incorporated into creek reserves. Paths from Royal Park, Kelvin Thompson Park, the Merri Creek and Essendon airport will link with Moonee Ponds Creek linear trails, and small bridges will form access to creek reserves.

Surrounding reserves will be revegetated with local native plants and become attractive and valued recreational areas. The creek banks will provide signed walking trails and trees and shrubs will reduce noise and screen industry to form a corridor of green with pleasant views for walkers and cyclists. Landscaping with pockets of natural vegetation will also form valuable habitat for wildlife.

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The section of the creek that runs from Gellibrand Hill through Bulla to Broadmeadows, has the potential to offer an attractive recreational resource to surrounding residential areas and link bordering farmland to Gellibrand Hill Park.

Linear walking trails will link with those of Gellibrand Hill Park, with trees and shrubs forming a corridor of green with pleasant views for walkers and cyclists. Archeological research will aim to identify and preserve aboriginal relics in the upper regions of the creek and landscaping with natural vegetation will form valuable habitat for native wildlife.

Efforts will be made to control the erosion of creek banks in Gellibrand Hill Park and prevent silt and pollutants entering the creek. The billabong created by Westmeadows Island will be restored and planted with natural aquatic vegetation and a beach and wetland will be established in the area under the Tullamarine Freeway.

Pockets of land bordering the creek will be re-zoned and vegetation will be planted throughout the valley screening industry and the freeway while enhancing views from surrounding residential estates.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF**  
**MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

held at Broadmeadows Municipal Offices  
Committee Room, Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows  
26 November 1992

***PRESENT AT MEETING***

Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists (Treasurer)
Paul McGrath	City of Brunswick
Lois Binnie	City of Essendon
Nick Ronan	Melbourne Water
Wayne Harvey	City of Broadmeadows
Nance Williams	Glenroy Resident
Beryl Tippet	Glenroy Resident
Judy McNicol	Glenroy Resident
Tony Smith	Strathmore Sports Club
Joe Cummins	Brunswick Resident
Ann Cremean	Resident - Ascot Vale
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows
Ray White	Resident - Essendon
David Young	Greening Australia (Vic)
Kelvin Thomson	MLA Pascoe Vale (President)
Alex Timic	City of Broadmeadows
John Phillips	City of Melbourne (Secretary)

President, Mr Kelvin Thomson MLA declared the meeting open at 8.15 pm.

**1. *APOLOGIES***

Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Cllr. Cathy Lanigan	City of Brunswick
Cllr. Keppel	City of Broadmeadows
Cllr. Joe Edmonds	City of Essendon
Cllr. Kevin Sheahan	City of Broadmeadows
Sandy Dickinson	Greening Australia Victoria
Greg Walker	Melbourne Water

**2. *CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES***

Kelvin Thomson requested that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 October 1992 be amended with the following corrections:

- (i) At paragraph 3.3 Cowans Land Residential Proposal delete the sentence:  
"With live permits for industrial development still current on the land, Kelvin Thomson considered that rezoning the land would reduce the potential for an even greater intrusion on open space amenity along the creek."
- (ii) At paragraph 3.13 Spring Plantings in the first dot point sentence delete "Errol Street" and replace with "Ethol Street."



The Minutes of 8 October 1992 with amendments were then confirmed.

Moved: Paul McGrath      Seconded: John Phillips      Carried

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

3.1 **Jacana Valley Golf Course Proposal**

Wayne Harvey informed the meeting that the City of Broadmeadows was continuing to negotiate with the consortium. Melbourne Water was considering a 13 hole golf course at Jacana Valley.

3.2 **Open Space 2000**

Kelvin Thomson read a letter to the meeting from Dr Ray Marginson Chairman - Open Space Advisory Committee, who wrote, "Like you, I strongly support the objectives of the program and the focus on co-ordinating strategic planning, funding and community involvement across a range of authorities and types of regional open space ... I am confident that the program will continue in the future and thank you for your interest and support."

3.3 **Cowans Land Residential Proposal**

John Phillips informed the meeting that the Panel Report on the rezoning amendment has been received by the City of Broadmeadows. In general the Panel concluded that:

- The land is better suited to residential use rather than industrial use;
- Morgans land would be better suited to residential and Public Open Space development in the longer term;
- The Panel recommended that the amendment be only partly adopted rezoning only Cowans Land. The Panel did not form the view that rezoning Morgans land would promote the removal of the factories;
- The Panel recommended that Morgans land remain zoned General Industrial and the recommendations of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association be further examined in respect to its future use.

Wayne Harvey informed the meeting that the Council of the City of Broadmeadows would consider the Panel's recommendations on 30 November 1992. The officers' report to Council commented that it is not considered good planning to leave Morgans land zoned industrial. The report added:

"It is conceded that the rezoning will increase its value and therefore any acquisition would be more expensive, however at the reality of the Government purchasing this land in the foreseeable future, it is very unlikely."

"The implications of leaving Morgans land industrial are that, if Cowans land is developed for residential purposes with no regard to the further development of Morgans land, the concerns of residents relating to access through Glenroy may be well founded. In treating the whole site as one unit, access issues can be clarified from the start in the rezoning."

Kelvin Thomson reiterated that there must not be any vehicular access to the proposed development across the creek and noted that the applicant's statements support this position.

3.4 **Flemington Trial Weir**

Wayne Harvey expressed disappointment that no further works had occurred to raise the level of the weir to high crest level. It is now over a year since the public/media launch of the Concept Plan took place on the site of the weir. Nick Ronan of Melbourne Water Yarra Region assured the meeting the issue would be raised with Maribyrnong Region and appropriate action taken.

Kelvin Thomson requested that Melbourne Water give assurances that the work was going to be done.

3.5 Concept Plan

The Final Report has been published but copies have not been distributed by Melbourne Water. John Phillips stated that Scott Wright of Melbourne Water had intended to deliver the Final Reports to Kelvin Thomson's office. Kelvin Thomson agreed to follow up the matter with Scott Wright.

3.6 Signage Sub-Committee

John Phillips reported that the Northern Area Improvement Grant of \$5,000 as matching contribution to the Open Space 2000 sum of \$5,000 has been released with all conditions met.

The sub-committee met and agreed on the Moonee Ponds Creek signs plan prepared by Melbourne Water and this plan has been forwarded to Melbourne Water as part of the manufacture tender/contract for all metropolitan trail signs. It is expected that the signs will be installed by June 1993.

The member Councils have written to the Association agreeing to install and maintain the trail signs at their expense.

Nick Ronan of Melbourne Water stated that seating was required along the path at various locations and there was potential that Open Space 2000 funds could meet this cost.

Kelvin Thomson supported this proposal.

3.7 Education Program

David young of Greening Australia (Vic) presented a mock-up design of the Moonee Ponds Creek brochure and asked for comments which included:

- Reduce the visual dominance of the background i.e. road network and text;
- The need for a description of the area covered on the front cover;
- Place a picture of the White Faced Heron on the front cover since the Heron is associated with naturalised sections of the creek;
- The map to be based on the Concept Plan Reach maps highlighting key recommendations from the Concept Plan.

David Young stated that the schools involved in the Education Program would distribute the brochure and this would extend to a network of groups. The Association through member Councils and Melbourne Water would also be involved in the brochures distribution.

There will be 1000 copies printed of each of the four brochures at a cost of \$2,000. David Young requested whether the Association wished to see the final brochure prior to printing. There was consensus that this was not required. Kelvin Thomson stated that he would peruse the final draft brochure before printing.

3.8 Mounted Photographs of the Creek

Ray White advised that the photographs were on display in the City of Broadmeadows Municipal Offices for over a week in November. It is intended to mount further displays at other Council offices/libraries, but there is a need for distinctive MPCA signs and brochures to give away.

Alex Smart agreed to discuss with Ray White the possibility of producing large signs with the MPCA logo and text.

3.9 Federal Funding Local Capital Works Program

Wayne Harvey advised that \$1.6M. was being spent on the Broadmeadows Valley Park/Yuroke Creek and works were under way. A further \$1.8M was being spent along the Merlynston Creek in the vicinity of Camp Road.

As part of the JobSkills program, 25 people will begin planting works upstream of Mickleham Road in January 1993 as well as attending an environmental horticultural education training course.

3.10 Strathmore Sports Club Plans - Lebanon Reserve

Tony Smith advised that the status-quo remained. A decision on potential Federal funding has not been made.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 The Secretary, John Phillips, distributed a list of all inward and outward correspondence for the previous month and drew attention to a number of items: —

- (i) The City of Broadmeadows invitation to Association members to nominate for the Council's Environment Strategy Steering Committee or to become involved in one of the Working Groups charged with preparation and implementation of the strategy.

Kelvin Thomson advised that he had spoken to Vicky Hood Project Officer, about the strategy and requested interested members to contact Nick Graesser or Wayne Harvey at the City of Broadmeadows if interested in nominating to be in the Working Groups;

- (ii) With respect to the Northern Area Improvement Grant of \$5,000 for trail signage, John Phillips advised that the Area Improvement Program is to be abandoned by the State Government.

The motion was put that the Association write to Rob Maclellan - Minister for Planning, expressing concern at the apparent disbandment of the Area Improvement Program.

Moved: John Phillips, seconded: Nick Graesser, carried;

- (iii) **Pedestrian Bridge Westmeadows**  
Wayne Harvey stated that the bridge design and hand rail detailing were in keeping with the historic atmosphere of the general area.

The bridge will serve as a significant pedestrian link. Kelvin Thomson stated that the proposed bridge is consistent with the Concept Plan and should be supported.

The motion was put to write to the City of Broadmeadows in support of the proposed pedestrian bridge at Westmeadows.

Moved: John Phillips, seconded: Tony Smith, carried;

- (iv) Kelvin Thomson raised an additional item received from Ken McInnes promoting the Hume and Hovell Walking Track proposal. Major sections of the track have already been created west of the Snowy Mountains in NSW. The proposal is to create a track from Gellibrand Hill to Point Wilson, following a part of the Moonee Ponds Creek along the route taken by explorers Hume and Hovell in 1824.

Kelvin Thomson put that motion that the Association write to Open Space 2000 in support of the Hume and Hovell walking track as a future open space trail link across the western metropolitan area.

Moved: Alex Smart, seconded: Paul McGrath, carried.

5. **TREASURERS REPORT**

- 5.1 Treasurer, Alex Smart, submitted a financial status report dated 26 November 1992. Motion put - that the Treasurers report be received.

Moved: Alex Smart, seconded: Wayne Harvey, carried.

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 Proposed Sale of Land at Chris Court Oak Park, adjoining the creek

Wayne Harvey stated that the Council of the City of Broadmeadows was considering resident submissions to the proposed sale of land at Chris Court at its meeting on 30 November 1992. Kelvin Thomson stated he was opposed to the sale and contrary to media reports, the Association has not formally resolved to either approve or disapprove of the sale. Kelvin Thomson proposed that a sub-committee of interested persons investigate the potential of the site for open space and report back to the next meeting of the Association with the advantages and disadvantages of retaining or selling the land.

Cllr. Rosemary Kerr stated that the City of Broadmeadows had a duty to settle the matter expeditiously. If the land was not used for recreation it had to be sold in line with Council's rationalism of costs in maintaining many similar small land subdivisions.

Wayne Harvey stated that the matter had laid on the table for 3 months since being listed in the Minutes of 27 August 1992 with no indication from the Association that it disagreed with the proposal.

Wayne Harvey put the motion, seconded Cllr. Rosemary Kerr, "That the Moonee Ponds Creek Association support the City of Broadmeadows in bringing action to sell land adjacent to Chris Court Oak Park."

The motion was debated at some length.

Kelvin Thomson stated that the proposed land sale was not put to a vote on 27 August 1992 because the site was unseen and the issues were not fully canvassed by the Association.

Alex Smart agreed that the issue must be investigated before a quick decision was made.

**At this point Kelvin Thomson vacated the Chair of the meeting and Secretary John Phillips took the Chair for the duration of the Chris Court land sale discussion.**

Kelvin Thomson then moved an amendment to the substantive motion, seconded Alex Smart "That the Association establish a sub-committee of interested persons to visit the site and investigate issues and report back to the next meeting of the Association."

Wayne Harvey stated that a sub-committee should have been established in August and that without a resolution on the matter, the process of public consultation and decision making had been unduly slowed down.

David Young asked whether the City of Broadmeadows had sought a formal resolution of the Association to write to Council?

Wayne Harvey stated that the City of Broadmeadows did not want to force the issue, particularly given the thrust of the Association's August meeting which was in support of the land sale.

Ray White stated the Minutes of 27 August 1992 did not endorse the sale as there was no formal vote and the City of Broadmeadows should have moved a resolution if it so desired.

At 9.50 pm Wayne Harvey moved a motion to defer the Chris Court debate while he sought further Council documentation, seconded Cllr. Rosemary Kerr, carried.

6.2 **Land Care Environment Action Program (LEAP)**

Ann Cremean presented the LEAP project to the meeting and stated it met the objectives of the Association. Each LEAP project offers a combination of formal vocational training through TAFE complemented by practical experience in areas of:

- Cultural Heritage
- Landcare
- and
- Conservation
- Environment.

Young people aged 15-20 registered as unemployed at the CES may be eligible to participate. An allowance which is taxable is paid to participants on the program. Sponsoring organisations are paid a contribution towards costs incurred in administering projects including formal training costs, supervision, materials, injury and indemnity insurance etc. Sponsoring organisations may include local government authorities and Landcare and Environment groups.

Ann Cremean stated that the role of TAFE is to determine supervision requirements on a project, but the sponsor groups role is to define work arrangements. Kelvin Thomson felt that the LEAP project was worthy of further investigation and asked whether the Association was willing to form a sub-committee to investigate MPCA involvement and nominate sites and projects.

Members of the sub-committee include:

Ray White	Lois Binnie (243-8797)	Tony Smith (370-3166)
Paul McGrath (380-3233)	Nick Graesser (301-3200)	Ann Cremean (370-7605)

The sub-committee will report back to the next meeting of the Association.

6.1.1 **At 10.15 pm Kelvin Thomson vacated the Chair to Secretary John Phillips with the re-commencement of discussion on the Chris Court issue.**

Wayne Harvey drew a plan of the subject site on a white board to explain the issues surrounding the sale.

The City of Broadmeadows plans to maintain an open space setback verge along the creek ranging between 7 metres and 14 metres with a pedestrian path leading from Chris Court. The sum of money resulting from the sale will be placed in the Council's 'resort and recreation' open space fund. Further discussion ensued on the disadvantages and advantages of the sale of the land.

The Chair put to the meeting the amendment to the substantive motion; moved Kelvin Thomson, seconded Alex Smart "That the Moonee Ponds Creek Association establish a sub-committee of interested persons to visit the site to investigate issues and report back." The amendment was defeated.

The Chair put to the meeting a further amendment to the substantive motion, moved Tony Smith, seconded Nick Graesser "That the Moonee Ponds Creek Association does not object to the City of Broadmeadows sale of land known as Lot 8 Chris Court Oak Park." The amendment was carried.

6.3 **Kelvin Thomson resumed the Chair and advised that on the south side of the creek, west of Pascoe Vale Road in the City of Essendon there is an overgrown-weed problem area.**

Lois Binnie recognised the problem and stated action would be taken.

6.4 Western Ring Road Planting

Wayne Harvey reported that there was indigenous plantings along the linear road, but at the principal road interchange areas there were exotic plantings. Wayne Harvey said VicRoads had agreed to reconsider the planting regime along the road in support of entire indigenous species, but David Young of Greening Australia stated that he had viewed the tender documentation for indigenous plants and VicRoads selections were problematic due to the limited number of original species available for seed collection. The motion was put that the Association write to VicRoads expressing concern that non-native plants have been planted along the Western Ring Road project.

*Motion by Wayne Harvey, seconded Alex Smart, carried.*

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

DATE: Thursday 28 January 1993  
TIME: 8.00 pm  
VENUE: City of Coburg Municipal Offices, Acacia Room  
Cnr Elm Grove & Bell Street Coburg

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# MINUTES OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC

Held at the City of Broadmeadows

on Thursday 14 April 1994

1. PRESENT:
- |                  |   |                                 |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Kelvin Thomson   | - | M.L.A. Pascoe Vale              |
| Paul McGrath     | - | City of Brunswick               |
| Alex Smart       | - | Pascoe Vale Naturalists         |
| Beryl Plumridge  | - | Pascoe Vale Naturalists         |
| David Mulholland | - | Coburg City Council             |
| Cr Rosemary Kerr | - | City of Broadmeadows            |
| Anne Cremean     | - | City of Broadmeadows            |
| Bob Rau          | - | City of Broadmeadows            |
| Nick Graesser    | - | City of Broadmeadows            |
| Robert Galbraith | - | Resident of Glenroy West        |
| Charles Slidders | - | Resident of Glenroy             |
| Terry Nicholson  | - | Resident of Glenroy             |
| Peter Rankin     | - | Melbourne Water                 |
| Terry Mundy      | - | Strathmore Progress Association |
| Tony Smith       | - | Strathmore Sports Club          |

- APOLOGIES:
- |                  |   |                       |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Cr Joe Edmonds   | - | City of Essendon      |
| Lois Binnie      | - | City of Essendon      |
| Craig Metcalf    | - | Melbourne Water       |
| Greg Mulcahy     | - | Coburg City Council   |
| Phillip Radstake | - | Resident of Northcote |
| Cr Cathy Duncan  | - | Shire of Bulla        |

Bob Rau in absence of Kelvin Thomson declared the meeting open at 8.07pm.

## 2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 3 March 1994

Moved : Beryl Plumridge                      Seconded : Paul McGrath

That the minutes be adopted.

Carried

## 3. Matters Arising from Minutes

- The bike ride held on 19 March was very successful with around 20 people riding. The ride ended at the weir and most were pleased with how it is operating at present.
- Clean up Australia Day  
Beryl Plumridge reported that the City of Coburg clean-up was very successful. The effort was concentrated around industrial areas and only minimal rubbish had to be collected. There seems to be signs of these people showing some pride in their area.

Brunswick Road Footbridge

Alex Smart spoke on a meeting he had with Russell Smith in respect to the new footbridge. Russell is disappointed that the bridge was not located closer to Travancore to allow them access across the creek and freeway into Royal Park.

4. Correspondence

A list of inwards and outwards correspondence was distributed. This correspondence was received.

5. Matters Arising from Correspondence

Copies of City of Essendon Local Conservation Strategy issues paper were distributed.

Comments to be forwarded to Anne Casey Conservation Officer by Friday 22 April 1994.

Kelvin Thomson took over the chair.

6. Treasurers Report

February 1994 and March 1994 were distributed.

Kelvin Thomson produced an account from David Young, Manager, Education and Training, Greening Australia Victoria Inc. for \$10,000 to cover the costs of the Moonee Ponds Creek Education Project through a grant from the Northern Area Improvement Program.

It was moved by Alex Smart. Seconded by David Mulholland

That the M.P.C.A. Inc pay \$10,000 to Greening Australia Victoria Inc to cover costs of Education Project.

Carried

7. General Business

Cowans Land

Councillor Rosemary Kerr - City of Broadmeadows gave a run down on the project to date. A public meeting was held on the Thursday before Easter where plans and details were exhibited. It is proposed that the project will be presented to Council around mid May.

A laminated copy of the plan was presented at the meeting.

There were general concerns that the development would encroach onto the open space along the creek, was a large development that would not be effected by decreasing the number of properties in the development. The development in many ways also goes against the general requirements of the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan.



It was moved by Tony Smith. Seconded by Alex Smart

that a letter be sent to the City of Broadmeadows stating the objections of the project in its present state, with the main points of protest being

- General disregard of the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan particularly in respect to the encroachment of the creek line, which has been designated as public open space.
- The top line of housing will have a negative aspect on the sky line.
- The value of properties would possibly increase if there was a decrease in the size of the development.

Cr Rosemary Kerr noted that an area at the end of Devereux Street, Oak Park has been sold for a housing development of up to 17 units.

The re-vegetation committee provided minutes of their meeting held on 3 March 1994 and details of Melbourne Parks and Waterways Funding applications.

A site meeting will be held on Thursday 21 April 1994 at Wright Street, Westmeadows to see revegetation works that are being undertaken.

Roger Lord has been asked to prepare an expanded planting plan for future works on various sites.

Alex Smart congratulated this sub-committee on their work and efforts.

The secretary will follow up with the Gas & Fuel Corporation into the use of the Moreland Road site for dumping.

The secretary will follow up with Ken Mathers of VicRoads in respect to organising a site meeting to discuss future Tullamarine Freeway works.

Tony Smith commented on the good work that had been undertaken on the Kororoit Creek adjacent to Geelong Road.

Discussion was held on the Melbourne Water Funding Allocations for 1992/93 and how there seems to be an unfair representation of funding in the northern and western suburbs.

Alex Smart gave a run-down on how the Melbourne Water levy money is distributed.

The whole process of the funding application process needs to be tidied up as Councils find it awkward to budget for projects, hoping for Parks & Waterways Grants to complete major projects along the various waterways.

## Golf Course Project

Bob Rau reported that plans have been submitted but have been asked to re-submit with a better standard of plan. Problems have also arisen with the lining of the proposed dam and bike path through this area. A meeting will be held in June to discuss this project and members from this committee will be invited to attend.

The Merri Creek Management Committee has offered this association any assistance that they can provide in relation to creek management issues.

### 8. Next Meeting

Date: 2 June 1994

Venue: City of Coburg  
Town Hall  
Bell Street, Coburg  
(enter from Elm Grove)

Time: 8.00pm

**MINUTES OF THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.**

**MEETING HELD AT THE GREENVALE RECREATION CENTRE**

**THURSDAY JULY 21, 1994**

**PRESENT:**

Kelvin Thomson	- M.L.A. for Pascoe Vale
Paul McGrath	- Moreland City Council
Cr. Kathy Duncan	- Shire of Bulla
David Runnalls	- Shire of Bulla
Bob Rau	- City of Broadmeadows
Ann Cremean	- City of Broadmeadows
Terry Mundy	- Boeing Reserve Committee
Philip Radstake	- Resident of Northcote
Dorothy McLeod	- Resident of Koala CRES, Westmeadows
Betty Witham	- Resident of Koala CRES, Westmeadows

**APOLOGIES:**

Margaret Baird	- City of Melbourne
Cr Rosemary Kerr	- City of Broadmeadows
Cr Joe Edmonds	- City of Essendon
Lisa McLeod	- Resident of Kensington
Alex Smart	- Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Beryl Plumridge	- Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Tony Smith	- Strathmore Sports Club

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE, 1994**

Moved: Bob Rau  
Seconded: Philip Radstake  
That the Minutes be adopted.

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Kelvin Thomson has provided information regarding the Pascoe Vale Gas and Fuel Depot to interested local residents.

Kelvin Thomson and Paul McGrath attended a meeting and display of plans for the proposed Jacana Golf Club at the Broadmeadows Club on Thursday July, 21 1994. Kelvin expressed the main concerns of this association to any future development.

- Public access and pathways
- Water usage from creek to supplement maintenance requirements
- Run off from the course of fertilisers and pesticides which may have an effect on nutrients in the creek.

The course developer John Bourke of Sportscares Australia Pty Ltd spoke on the proposed development.

- The pathway may have to be re-aligned closer to the creek.
- A grid catchment system will be installed around the course to catch any run off of fertilisers or herbicides before they reach the creek.
- 2,000 indigenous trees and shrubs will be planted in the initial development. The developer is prepared to utilise groups such as the Greening of Broadmeadows to assist in this work.
- A copy of the plans for the development will be available for display for the next meeting. Bob Rau has concerns about the amount of water that could possibly be removed from the creek for maintenance purposes on the golf course, which may lead to problems along other sections of the creek.

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of inwards and outwards correspondence was distributed.

This correspondence was received.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

An additional letter needs to be written to Melbourne Water in respect to the works depot in Arden Street, Kensington.

Comments on the City of Essendon Local Conservation Strategy need to be forwarded to Anne Casey by Friday July 29, 1994.

### 5. TREASURERS REPORT

A copy of the July Treasurers report was presented to the meeting by Kelvin Thomson in the absence of Alex Smart.

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

The revegetation Committee met at Chris Court, Oak Park on June 20, 1994. Ann Cremean spoke on a very successful planting along the banks, and several areas adjacent to the creek with 25-30 people attending. Since the planting many of the plants have died probably because of the recent severe frosts. The next meeting will be held at Cross Street east of Brunswick on Thursday August 18 at 10.00.

Terry Mundy spoke on an Essendon Council family celebration day to be held at Boeing Reserve on August 28, 1994 between 11.00am - 4.00pm. There will be many activities planned for this day from sports to nature walks. Ann Cremean is to lead information walks through the Strathnaver Reserve remnant grasslands. There will be a need to contact the City of Essendon to block off the grassland area from vehicle and pedestrian traffic and parking adjacent to this area. It may be an opportunity for this association to have a display on this day. We will need to locate as all information and give-aways could be used for this display.

Ann Cremean spoke on a recent successful planting at Wright Street, Westmeadows with many local residents becoming involved. Dorothy McLeod and Betty Witham who attended the planting and the M.P.C.A. meeting spoke on this area and what is proposed for it in the future? Another planting for this area is planned for August, 14 at 2.00pm.

David Runnalls from the Shire of Bulla spoke of plantings along Atwood Creek which links into the Moonee Ponds Creek. The Shire has constructed pathways from Atwood using Melbourne Water grant money. A system of paths through Roxborough Park will eventually link through to the Moonee Ponds Creek pathway.

The new footbridge has been installed over the creek near Brunswick Road which now provides Brunswick residents with access to the creek and pathway.

Bob Rau spoke of a very successful bus trip with Yarra Care through Diamond Creek, Craigieburn, Roxborough Park and Broadmeadows. The people were shown pollutant traps and revegetation projects through the City of Broadmeadows and most were extremely surprised on the range and quality of works inspected.

## 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday August 25, 1994.  
Moreland City Council Nursery  
Cross Street - Melways 29 K 7  
East Brunswick  
Commencing at 8.00pm.

(Parking is available in the nursery grounds).

MINUTES OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC  
HELD AT FLEMINGTON LIBRARY  
RACECOURSE ROAD, FLEMINGTON  
THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1994  
COMMENCING AT 8.10 PM

**PRESENT:**

Kelvin Thomson	MLA Pascoe Vale
Paul McGrath	Moreland City Council
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Allan Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Terry Mundy	Boeing Reserve Advisory Committee
Tony Smith	Strathmore Sports Club
Cr Joe Edmends	City of Essendon
Tom Baker	Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek
Mark Boyle	City of Essendon
Angelo Kourambas	City of Melbourne
Jill Dellar	Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek
Ron Goodman	RMIT (Journalism Student)
Phillip Radstake	Resident of Northcote

**1. APOLOGIES**

Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Dorothy Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Karyn Judkins	City of Essendon
Vincent Pettigrove	Melbourne Parks & Waterways

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM MEETING AUGUST 25, 1994**

**MOVED:** Cr Joe Edmends  
**SECONDED:** Allan Thomson

That the Minutes be received.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Plans for the proposed golf course at Jacana were displayed to the meeting.

The three major concerns of this association to the construction of the golf course are:

- use of indigenous plants in all plantings.
- correct and safe relocation of the cycle and pedestrian track along the creek.
- run off of possible pollutants from the golf course into the creek.

Cr Joe Edmends was concerned about the location of a golf course in relation to the retarding basin, and possible run off problems that will be inevitable particularly during the establishment period.

The Secretary should write to Melbourne Water to seek their thoughts on what effects flooding would have on water quality caused by nutrient run off and siltation into the creek during establishment of the golf course.

Terry Mundy spoke on the Essendon Family Day which was held at Boeing Reserve on Sunday August 28. Terry had mixed feelings about the day which he thought was poorly attended, but all those who did attend had a good time and showed a general interest in the area. Through a series of unseen problems the walk through the Strathnaver Grasslands was not as successful as was hoped. It is hoped that this day will form the foundation for an annual event.

Tom Baker from the Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek spoke on his group and their concerns for the creek around the Westmeadows area. This is a most important area of the creek that has often been neglected by people who manage the area and people who live near the creek. Tom spoke of the many birds sighted and the very successful revegetation projects that have been undertaken over recent times.

This group also has many concerns for this area:

- the pollution coming from the freeway and adjacent areas into the creek.
- The quality of the water in the creek (particularly around Koala Crescent. The colour of the water is constantly changing and requires urgent action.
- The ownership of the large pocket of land along Mickelham Road between the creek and the Atwood Research Centre. This area has been rezoned light industrial, but the Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek would like the Federal or State Government to purchase this land and have it rezoned public open space and develop the area as a flora and fauna park.

Kelvin Thomson also spoke about issues concerning this area.

- The land ownership issue has been discussed with Roger Lord, Melbourne Parks & Waterways Environmental Projects Officer who was able to find out some information but more will be required.
- The future of the Cleanaway site.
- The pollution in the creek, including a large oil slick. Kelvin met on site with Vince Pettigrove, Melbourne Water, Stream Water Quality Co-ordinator and discussed the problems occurring. Melbourne Water need to install a boom across the Creek to catch any oils and pollutants. The EPA should also be informed of the problems and seek support and assistance.

- The need for improved fencing to prevent cattle from adjacent paddocks wandering down to the creek needs to be attended to as soon as possible.

#### FOLLOW UP ISSUES.

- Before the next meeting we should get verification of ownership of the Mickelham Road land. Contact Shire of Bulla and Melbourne Parks and Waterways.
- Write to the Planning Minister to seek the status of the Government possibly acquiring the Mickelham Road land.
- Contact Melbourne Water and the EPA about the quality of water in the creek. Particular around Koala Crescent. Vincent Pettigrove from Melbourne Water should be invited to the next meeting to discuss water quality issues.
- Kelvin Thomson will contact the Local Federal Member to seek support in all issues, but particularly the land purchase.
- Contact Roger Lord in regard to getting the fence reinstated to prevent cattle movement.

A walk through this area has been organised by the Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek on Sunday, October 23, commencing at 2.00 pm. John Stewart will lead the walk and people should meet at the park on Koala Crescent near Swan Avenue (Melways Map 5 J6). This walk will be very beneficial and as many people as possible should make the effort to attend.

Allan Thomson spoke of the meeting with the new Commissioners of Moreland City Council. The meeting was made to welcome community groups concerned with environmental issues and to ensure these groups that they will continue to support their works.

Alex Smart spoke about the first meeting of the Northern Tributaries Regional Open Space Plan Working Group. The chairperson of this committee is Mark Tansley from Melbourne Water. This committee is looking at strategic open space issues, what open space we already have and how we should further develop what we have. Alex has pointed out to the committee major issues concerning the Moonee Ponds Creek. At this stage the Committee has not discussed in depth how the Melbourne Parks and Waterways rate levy could be better spent. There is to be several community workshops held at Brunswick and Westmeadows on October 24 and 25. (Further information will be attached to these minutes.)



#### REGGIO CALABRIA CLUB SIGNAGE.

At this stage no response has been received from Moreland City Council in respect to this Association's objection to a planning permit for any large signage. Kelvin Thomson is to meet Committee members from the Club on Sunday, October 9, 1994 to discuss the matter further. Cr Joe Edmends stated that the City of Essendon has also put in an objection to this signage.

The new oval at Boeing Reserve has had the initial earthworks completed and the banks have been cut back to a safe and manageable angle. These works do not encroach onto the bike path.

There has been no response to the request for any photographs or material belonging to the Association that can be used for display purposes. Any material can be returned to Kelvin Thomson's office at 122 Snell Grove, Oak Park or contact Paul McGrath on 380 3403 to organise collection.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE:.

A list of inward and outward correspondence was presented to the meeting.

Additional items presented by Kelvin Thomson:

- Minister of Conservation Vision for Melbourne's "Circle of September 1999 Parks"

This correspondence was received.

#### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary should contact Mr John Nankervis, Manager of Planning Services with Melbourne Parks and Waterways to encourage participation at this Association's meeting.

There was much discussion regarding the proposed subdivision of Melbourne Water land at the rear of existing properties at Moonee Boulevard, Jacana. Melbourne Water have stated that this land is surplus to their needs. The meeting considered that this land forms an important area of open space and should remain this way. There also needs to be more consultation from Melbourne Water with the community before it continues to sell assets. Cr Joe Edmends has grave concerns about this development and recommended that the Secretary write to both the City of Broadmeadows and Melbourne Water expressing our objection to this project. Melbourne Water should also be invited to meet committee members on site to discuss the project.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer provided a statement of funds which showed a balance of \$13,190.54.

A cheque for \$4000 to cover costs for 1994/95 funding projects from Melbourne Parks and Waterways was presented to the Treasurer.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mark Boyle spoke of a proposed City of Essendon Planting Day to be held at Strathnaver Reserve on Sunday, 6 November 1994 commencing at 10.00 am.

A letter of thanks for her years of work for this Association should be written to Ann Cremean. Ann has left the City of Broadmeadows to take up a position with the City of Heidelberg. /

Kelvin Thomson spoke on the sale of the large area of land that was once a Gas & Fuel Depot in Moreland Road. It was hoped that this land could be developed as an extension to the Lionsville Project on the opposite side of the creek, but the selling price did not allow this to occur. The City of Coburg rezoned this land as residential in October 1993. We will have to be alert to ensure that this development does not encroach onto public open space. Kelvin Thomson has written to the Gas & Fuel and Moreland City Council expressing his disappointment with this project.

The Secretary should write to the Moreland City Council expressing this Association's disappointment with this proposed development and ensure that any development should not encroach onto the creek in the future.

Kelvin Thomson spoke of another proposed development along the creek, this time being off Mitchell Parade, Pascoe Vale. We must ensure that this project does not encroach onto the creek and public open space.

Allan Thomson from the Pascoe Vale Naturalists spoke about a plant sale to be held at 160 Derby Street, Pascoe Vale on the weekend of October 15 and 16.

Allan also had copies of the book "Plants of the Merri Merri" for sale.

General discussion was had about the proposed Western Ring Road, there are six different options proposed for this project, with a private developer to choose the most appropriate, which is a most unsatisfactory situation. There has been no environmental effects or impact study undertaken on the Moonee Ponds Creek. There are still many grey areas that need further discussion. As comments close on 14 October, 1994, we need to write a letter to the Project Office stating that we wish to comment, but we will be a little late with our thoughts.

Kelvin Thomson presented an article regarding a "circle of Parks for Melbourne". This project is to create a continuous network of bike and walking paths and new areas of parkland around Melbourne. There are two uncertainties about this plan, and both concern the Moonee Ponds Creek, the Flemington Road bottleneck area and the Tullamarine Freeway Widening/Western By-pass Projects.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, November 24 1994  
Commencing at 8.00pm  
City of Essendon  
Essendon Civic Centre  
Corner Kellaway Avenue and Pascoe Vale Road  
Moonee Ponds

Thursday 2 Feb

**MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24, 1994**

**AT THE ESSENDON CIVIC CENTRE**

**PRESENT:**

Kelvin Thomson	MLA Pascoe Vale
Paul McGrath	Moreland City Council
Mark Boyle	City of Essendon
Nick Graesser	City of Broadmeadows
Vincent Pettigrove	Melbourne Water (Yarra Region)
Tom Baker	Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek
B Howe	Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek
Terry Mundy	Boeing Reserve Advisory Committee
Tony Smith	Strathmore Sports Club
Allan Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Philip Radstake	Northcote Resident
Doug Belford	Brentwood Ave Resident (Pascoe Vale South)
John Macrae	Brentwood Ave Resident
Dorothy Waterman	Brentwood Ave Resident
Elizabeth Waterman	Brentwood Ave Resident
Loretta Brick	Resident - Moreland
D Crump	Resident - Moreland
M Brick	Resident - Moreland
Kevin Brick	Resident - Moreland

**APOLOGIES:**

Beryl Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Peter Plumridge	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Dorothy Thomson	Pascoe Vale Naturalists
Cr Joe Edmonds	City of Essendon
Karyn Judkins	City of Essendon
Alex Smart	Pascoe Vale Naturalists

*Bob*

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 1994.**

Moved: Terry Mundy Seconded: Allan Thomson  
That the minutes be received.

*Cliff Bowden*  
*Tom Baker*  
*Alexander Watt - Strathmore Freeway*  
*Neredith Henkel*  
*Lance Chapote - Hanson St*  
*Bob Galbraith*

*Kathy Lyons  
Flernington  
Association*

*Julie  
Laws  
Arthur  
Wilson  
Freeway*

*James McConnell  
Diane McConell  
Joe Edmonds  
Terry Mundy  
Paul Mundy  
Alex Smart*

## 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

It was noted that Beryl Plumridge's name was not included in the list of those present at the meeting.

There was discussions in respect to the planting program for the new golf course at Jacana. The secretary should write to the City of Broadmeadows Planning Department to ensure that these works are carried out as per recommendations for the project.

### 2.1 Gas and Fuel Site - Development

Mr Bill Anderson, Director the the "Moreland Mews" project made a presentation to the meeting on the site development.

- The site is 7 acres in size and will be sub-divided into 50 lots.
- The site is zoned residential C.
- The developers have sent information to neighbouring residents and are seeking support in relation to collecting site information.
- 5% of the site is declared as public open space.
- The site has been given approval in an environmental audit.
- The site development should not extend closer than 40' from the creek.

Local residents who attended the meeting spoke in regard to their concerns of the development.

- The possible contamination of the site, being that it was once the location of a gasometer.
- The development extending on a narrow neck of the site north into Brentwood Avenue.
- The closeness of the development to the creek.
- Loss of amenity and access to Johnson Street residents.
- Lack of control on type of housing.
- Need for an access road along the rear of Johnson Street housing.

It was agreed that the Moonee Ponds Creek Association write to the Moreland City Council expressing objection to the development of the following grounds.

- Closeness to the creek of this development.
- Concerns regarding direct water quality and run off that could emanate from the project.
- The decrease of public access to the creek. Kelvin Thomson proposed that a sub-committee should be formed from local residents to develop their own proposals to assist the Moonee Ponds Creek Association and the developers in future decisions for the project.

2.2 Mr Vincent Pettigrove - Melbourne Water

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Stream water quality co-ordinator spoke to the meeting on his work on the Moonee Ponds Creek and other waterways. He has been working on a project around the upper Moonee Ponds Creek in respect to water quality. Tom Baker has been of great assistance to this project by collecting regular water samples often taken in the very early morning around Koala Crescent in Westmeadows. This meticulous work has also encouraged the EPA to undertake investigations into water quality problems.

Vincent has installed a boom across this area of the creek to catch any pollutant materials. From his work, Vincent rates the Moonee Ponds Creek as the worst creek in Melbourne in respect to water quality and hopes to do a broader study and set up 16 sites along the creek to allow water sampling. To look for nutrients, ecoli and metals and any invertebrates.

2.3 Tullamarine Freeway/Western By Pass

*Ken Mathers*

A copy of the various options for these projects were presented to the meeting with scheme 5 for the western by pass being the most practical in terms of less interference with the Moonee Ponds Creek. The widening of the Tullamarine Freeway to eight lanes does not seem practical in its present form. It was decided to approach Vic Roads to see if a representative could attend a future meeting to discuss the Tullamarine Freeway upgrading and other freeway related issues.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of inward and outward correspondence was presented to the meeting.

This correspondence was received.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

5. **TREASURERS REPORT**

In the treasurers absence a statement of funds was provided for the meeting which showed a balance of \$17,176.14.

Membership fees of \$2.00 are now due. Please contact the treasurer Alex Smart to organise payment.

It was moved by Terry Munday and seconded by Paul McGrath that the City of Broadmeadows be reimbursed for works undertaken on two projects as part of Melbourne Parks and Waterways Community Grants.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- The City of Essendon is to employ six people in a jobskills project. The people will be employed to undertake works around the Five Mile Creek area.
- After recent requests for assistance, photographs and display material were returned to the secretary but we are still on the lookout for interesting material.
- Several members attended community workshops at Brunswick and Westmeadows in regard to Melbourne Water Northern Tributaries Regional Open Space Plan. These members were assured that the Moonee Ponds Creek concept plans will form an important part of this project.
- with the likelihood of continued Council amalgamations it was agreed that we should write to all local councils and seek their continued support even if it is only in a caretaker role.
- A community planting will be held on Saturday November 26, 1994 at 10.00am on the western side of the old Gas and Fuel site near Moreland Road in Pascoe Vale South. This planting is organised by the Moreland City Council.
- Melbourne Water is to have regular attendance at our meetings with either Vincent Pettigrove or Roger Lord to attend.
- There are eight floodlight towers to be installed at the baseball field at Boeing Reserve. Local residents and progress association are not pleased with matter as they believe it will have a direct impact on the creek and nearby residents. Terry Mundy will endeavour to get plans for this project and will organise site meeting.
- Tony Smith showed a 1928 newspaper article which was discussing the Five Mile Creek.

*That we oppose Williams widening Rd*  
*+ Mr Alexander*

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**NEXT MEETING:**

FEBRUARY 2, 1995  
 CITY OF HUME - BROADMEADOWS TOWN HALL  
 PASCOE VALE ROAD - BROADMEADOWS.  
 8.00pm

*Reports from the groups*

*That the Moonee Ponds Creek Association, having now recognised the*

**MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**MEETING**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2, 1995**

**CITY OF HUME**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

**PASCOE VALE ROAD, BROADMEADOWS**

**COMMENCING AT 8.00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

KELVIN THOMSON  
 PAUL MCGRATH  
 ALEX SMART  
 TERRY MUNDY  
 TOM BAKER  
 JULIE LAW  
 JAMES MCCONNELL  
 DIANA MCCONNELL  
 MEREDITH HENKELL  
 KARYN JUDKINS  
 JOE EDMONDS  
 ROBERT GALBRAITH  
 LANCE CHAPPLE  
 ALEXANDRA WATT  
 CLIFF BOWDEN  
 ROGER LORD  
 BOB LEWIS  
 CATHY LYONS  
 GWEN WILSON  
 ROBERT STEADMAN  
 RUSSELL SMITH

M.L.A. PASCOE VALE  
 MORELAND CITY COUNCIL  
 PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS  
 BOEING RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 FRIENDS OF UPPER MOONEE PONDS CREEK  
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 BOEING RESERVE RESIDENT  
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 HUME CITY COUNCIL  
 CITY OF MOONEE VALLEY  
 STRATHMORE RESIDENT  
 RESIDENT OF GLENROY WEST  
 RESIDENT OF JOHNSON STREET, PASCOE VALE SOUTH  
 STRATHMORE RESIDENT  
 MELBOURNE WATER  
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 FLEMINGTON RESIDENT  
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 FLEMINGTON RESIDENT  
 PASCOE VALE RESIDENT  
 FLEMINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**APOLOGIES:**

BERYL PLUMRIDGE  
 BOB RAU  
 ROSEMARY KERR

PASCOE VALE NATURALISTS  
 HUME CITY COUNCIL  
 GLENROY RESIDENT



1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 24, 1994

Terry Munday moved, Tom Baker seconded that -

The Minutes be received.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Tullamarine Freeway Widening

- A VicRoad brochure describing proposed works was distributed.
- Kelvin Thomson spoke on issues emanating from the brochure, particularly the freeway over hanging the creek in the West Brunswick area.
- Displays and information meetings will be held at the Moonee Ponds Town Hall (from Monday February 6, to Friday February 10, 1995) and the Brunswick Town Hall foyer (from Monday February 13, to Friday February 17, 1995).
- A protest meeting has been organised by the Tullamarine Freeway Corridor Residents Group between 12 noon and 2.00pm at Fraser Reserve, Hopetown Avenue, West Brunswick on Sunday February 12.
- Russell Smith and Gwen Wilson spoke on the Flemington Associations opposition to the proposed freeway works and western by-pass as well as other freeway developments around Melbourne.
- Russell Smith spoke on the presentation made on behalf of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc. at the western by-pass impact appeal by Allan Thomson. A copy was presented to the meeting and will be filed in the Minutes.
- Russell Smith made a strong plea for greater support to ensure that people take greater action by attending meetings and by sending written objections to the Government.

Several motions were then presented to the meeting

Joe Edmonds moved, Terry Mundy seconded that -

That the M.P.C.A. opposes the widening of the Tullamarine freeway as presently proposed by VicRoads having regard to the sale of the development and the impact of the present proposal on the Moonee Ponds Creek and the Creek Valley.

Russell Smith moved, Bob Lewis seconded that

That the M.P.C.A. opposes the construction of all proposed VicRoads western by-pass options because of their serious impact on both the waterway and the environment along the whole valley.

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An amendment was moved by Joe Edmonds; Terry Mundy seconded that -

The M.P.C.A. opposes the construction of the western by-pass in a manner which would seriously impact on the Moonee Ponds Creek and its environs and urges the Government/VicRoads to disclose precise details of the final proposals for the by-pass to enable this association to assess the precise impact of the by-pass on the creek.

The amendment was put to the meeting and was carried and therefore became the motion which was put and carried.

The secretary to write to VicRoads to invite a representative to the next meeting.

### 3.2 Pascoe Vale South Gas and Fuel Site Development

Lance Chapple a resident of Johnson Street, Pascoe Vale South made a presentation to the meeting.

- Lance has lodged an appeal with the A.A.T. to prevent this development taking place in its present form.
- Photos, maps and overheads were shown describing the site.
- The appeal to the A.A.T. is based on the following points:
  - The open space provision is unsuitable for usable activity (against Vic Code 1 and Vic code 2).
  - Lack of proper environmental audit.
  - Lack of consideration to the Moonee Ponds Creek, its fauna and environs.
  - Size/density of lots.
  - Possible building of multi-purpose housing/flats.
  - Number of vehicles to use the site.
  - Incorrect advertised usage and area of projects.

THE APPEAL IS TO BE HELD AT 10.00AM ON MARCH 1, 1995.

Lance Chapple in closing said that the developers are aware of the appeal and are now prepared to meet with him to discuss the situation to prevent having to go to the A.A.T.

Alex Smart moved, Tom Baker seconded that -

The Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc. meet the A.A.T. filing fee of \$150.00 which Lance Chapple has paid out of his own pocket.

This motion was carried.

### 3.3 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Clean up day will be held on Sunday March 5, 1995. It was agreed to support two sites proposed by the Hume City Council, between 9.00am and 12.00noon.

1. Moonee Ponds Creek, Koala Cres, West Meadows (Map 5 J6).
2. Broadmeadows Valley Park, Shankland Boulevard, Meadow Heights (Map 179 G11)

For further information contact Bob Rau - 301 3335.

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Tom Baker reported that the Creek around West Meadows is still heavily polluted and needs urgent action to prevent this continuing to occur.

Contact Vincent Pettigrove at Melbourne Water to see if he is able to provide this association with reports on his 13 water sampling sites along the creek.

The proposed flood lights at Boeing Reserve are not included in the 1994/95 City of Moonee Valley Budget, so it is most unlikely that this development will proceed in the near future.

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of inward and outward correspondence was presented to the meeting. This correspondence was received.

### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

### 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer presented a statement of funds to the meeting which showed a balance of \$17,174.14. The cities of Hume and Moreland presented reports for works undertaken with Melbourne Parks and Waterways funding. Costs incurred were \$1,000.00 for each project.

It was agreed that these Councils should be reimbursed for costs incurred.

The secretary needs to follow up on final reports for works undertaken using 1993/94 Melbourne Water Grants.

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8. GENERAL BUSINESS

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Roger Lord (Melbourne Water) gave a report of the management plan for the Tullamarine Retarding Basin.

Some of the issues from this project so far:

- Location of aboriginal sites.
- Fauna and vegetation lists for the area.
- Leap project planned for the area.

A community meeting will be held at Koala Crescent, Westmeadows at 2.00pm on Sunday 19 February 1995. Melbourne Water wishes to seek input and ideas from local residents in regard to their wants for the Moonee Ponds Creek and its environs.

Cliff Bowden, Melbourne Water Co-ordinator of Revegetation will be in the Moonee Ponds Creek area to support the Greening Australia Spring Planting Project. This time will enable us to organise schools who may wish to be involved in several projects.

Terry Mundy expressed concerns about the changes to local Councils and also Melbourne Water and how this has had effects on the Creek which Terry states now is in poor condition and needs cleaning up. Some problems noted by Terry include:-

- \* Cut back in mowing particularly on slopes
- \* Increased weed and ash tree growth
- \* Silting of the creek

Bob Galbraith suggested that this association invite a Commissioner from each of the new Councils to attend our meetings. It is most practical to invite the Commissioners to attend the meeting held in their Municipality.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 16 March 1995**

**Moreland City Council Nursery  
Cross Street, East Brunswick**

**Commencing at 8.00pm.**



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

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Dear Member,

Over the last 6 months the Moonee Ponds Creek Association has been grappling with two major threats to the Moonee Ponds Creek:

1. the CityLink Freeway upgrading and its impacts on the Creek and surrounds and
2. the subdivision proposal for Morgans Land in Glenroy which would effectively cut off access along the creek on the western side and bring urban development fully into the Valley.

Neither of these proposals are in keeping with the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan and the Association has been opposing them.

Re: CityLink

As outlined in the minutes of the last few months, discussions with the CityLink Corporation and others have been held. However, the current landscaping proposal identifies plantings of exotic and native trees, many of which are environmental weeds. The promised construction of a Lake or Wetlands at the intersection with Flemington Road also appears to be questionable. VicRoads Publications had identified the lake and indigenous plantings as a key component of the project.

Re: Morgans Land and CityLink

Moreland Council recently refused a subdivision application for this land, although an appeal may yet be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The Moonee Ponds Creek Association is proposing that the CityLink Corporation purchase this land to compensate residents along the Moonee Ponds Creek Valley for the loss of Open Space resulting from the Freeway widening. Many Glenroy residents are also pursuing this action.

**The Committee urges you to write to CityLink urging the Corporation to:**

- **construct the wetland,**
- **use indigenous (local) plants and**
- **purchase Morgans land as compensation for the loss of Open Space.**

Write to: **Chief Executive Officer  
Melbourne CityLink Authority  
Floor One/150 Jolimont Rd  
East Melbourne 3002**

Yours faithfully

Karen Wilson  
Secretary, Moonee Ponds Creek Association



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

## Minutes

Meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm  
Mayors Room, Brunswick Town Hall

1995

**Present:** Allan Thomson, Dorothy Thomson, Beryl Plumridge, Alex Smart, Karen Wilson, Fred Harrington, Rosemary Kerr, Kelvin Thomson,  
**Apologies:** David Fisher, Tony Smith, Meredith Henkel, Terry Mundie

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting:**  
Accepted: Beryl Plumridge
  
2. **Business Arising**
  - 2.1. Information Shelters  
Deferred to next meeting
  - 2.2. Northern Rivers Management Study  
The appointment of consultants to be made soon. The Moonee Ponds Creek Association has been listed in the brief as a management committee to be consulted.  
Fred Harrington will ask Peter Mollison to provide a report to the group.
  - 2.3. Subdivision of Morgan's Land  
The subdivision was refused by Moreland Council, no notice of an appeal as yet.  
Kelvin Thomson has approached CityLink to consider purchasing the land as compensation for the loss of parkland due to the freeway.
  - 2.4. City Link Proposal  
Andrew Rowe to organise on-site meeting  
Discussion deferred to General Business.
  - 2.5. Melbourne Parks and Waterways Grants  
Deferred
  - 2.6. Stall at Zoo Garden Celebration  
Dorothy, Allan, Beryl and Peter committed thus far.  
One trestle table organised between the two groups  
A list of those attending the stall needs to be sent to the organisers.  
Interested members to contact Beryl Plumridge by 3<sup>rd</sup> October (9350 3124)
  - 2.7. Westmeadows Unit objection  
The AAT appeal is to be held in late October
  - 2.8. Reprinting of Concept Plan  
Alex Smart questioned whether printing should be delayed until CityLink plans are finalised. Problem of unavailability of copies in the interim. If Tony Smith has not acted, Karen Wilson to organise basic reprinting.
  - 2.9. Aerial photographs of Moreland

Fred Harrington has these available at Moreland Council.

### 3. Correspondence

#### 3.1. Outward

- 3.1.1. Melbourne Zoo
- 3.1.2. Melbourne City Link Authority
- 3.1.3. Transurban
- 3.1.4. Minister for Planning
- 3.1.5. Melbourne Parks and Waterways
- 3.1.6. Darren Sanford
- 3.1.7. Hume City Council

#### 3.2. Inward

- 3.2.1. Mike Brown, Melbourne Water; re CityLink  
No response required
- 3.2.2. Steven Crawley, Moonee Valley; re Conservation Strategy  
Kelvin was to respond
- 3.2.3. Philip Lenthall, Melbourne Parks and Waterways  
The Moonee Ponds Creek Association may make an application for the purchase of Morgans Lands when Grant Applications are advertised.

### 4. General Business

#### 4.1. CityLink

It does not appear to be premature for the Moonee Ponds Creek Association to be involved as damage has already been done in some areas.

Allan Thomson, Eric Ward and Alex Smart attended a meeting with Balderstone-Horneybrook on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. The landscaping plan includes a range of environmental weeds, such as *Pinus radiata*, Ash, Poplars and introduced natives to which the Moonee Ponds Creek Association objects.

A meeting held at Melbourne Water with Council Staff and Melbourne Water discussed weirs and the proposed lake. It seems that Melbourne Water do not wish to contribute to any such plans. The removal of concrete to relocate the creek has been proposed - the reinstatement of earthen banks in the new location has not been clarified.

Peter Mollison is developing a contacts list for this project, Fred Harrington is to obtain this for the Association.

Kelvin Thomson to make an appointment with Mike Brown of Melbourne Water to discuss joint objectives.

**Motion: The Moonee Ponds Creek Association supports the construction of a Lake, with indigenous plantings, according to the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan, as outlined in earlier publications by VicRoads.**

Moved: Alex Smart    Seconded: Allan Thomson

Karen Wilson to write to Liz Baumgart outlining the Associations concerns with the proposed plantings.

Glenroy West residents are supporting the land purchase proposition (of Morgans Land by CityLink)

Karen Wilson to write to CityLink supporting this proposal.

Members are encouraged to write to CityLink proposing:  
that the CityLink Authority purchase the Morgans site  
the use of indigenous plants along the Moonee Ponds Creek

4.2. Edgars Creek

Allan Thomson explained that Melbourne Water are addressing an erosion problem which is occurring due to changes made to the Creek 20 years ago. Changes which were opposed by the Moonee Ponds Creek Association.

4.3. Further correspondence

4.3.1. The Rotary Club of Strathmore (John Edwards) has been involved in building shadehouses at local schools (Bethel and Gladstone Views) and is now investigating Strathmore Primary. They are seeking commitment from the Moonee Ponds Creek Association by way of assistance with pricking out seedlings in December and planting days in 1997. They invite a member to attend the meeting at the school.

4.3.2. Jack Dinkgrievs of Melbourne Parks and Waterways has thanked the Association for meeting with them to discuss projects and problems on the Creek. (Alex Smart and Kelvin Thomson attended)

4.3.3. Notice of a planting day for Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> at Upper Moonee Ponds Creek.

4.3.4. Sure-Gro advertising products

4.3.5. Community grant Planting - Kangan TAFE Job Skills will be able to finish second site during the school holidays.

4.3.6. Spring Planting:

4.3.7. Treasurer's Report for July and August (see attached)

Moved Rosemary Kerr      Seconded: Dorothy Thomson

Meeting Closed 10pm

**Next meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm**

**Boeing Reserve, Boeing Rd, Strathmore Heights**

We need help to staff the Information Stall at the Gardens Festival at the Zoo on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October.

Even one hour would be great and you will have free entrance!

If you can help, please contact Beryl Plumridge on 9350 3124 by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October.



Not all met to. 50



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

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**Minutes**  
**Meeting: October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**  
**Boeing Reserve Community Centre**

1996

**Present:** Allan Thomson, Dorothy Thomson, Alex Smart, Karen Wilson, Peter Gould, James McConnell, Terry Mundie, Karyn Judkins, Tony Smith, Kelvin Thomson,  
**Apologies:** Meredith Henkel, Beryl Plumridge, Peter Plumridge

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Accepted: Terry Mundie, Seconded: Alex Smart

**2. Business Arising**

**2.1. Information Shelters**

Slow progress is occurring. Tony Smith has re-drawn the map N-S. The remains of a winery near Fanny St Reserve are rumoured to exist. The Moonee Valley Residents Group may be interested in chasing this up. Design to improve access to the information (to change regularly) would be better

Terry to contact Melbourne Water regarding these designs

**2.2. Northern Rivers Management Study**

The Consultants, carol Kunert and George Wright, set meeting dates for community groups to participate: (see attached newsletter)

**The meeting for the Moonee Ponds Creek is Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, 7.30pm, Strathmore Heights Community Centre, Boeing Reserve (off Boeing Rd), Strathmore Heights (Mel 16 C5)**  
**Please read the attached Northern Waterways Review News**  
**All members of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association are invited and encouraged to attend.**

**2.3. City Link Proposal**

Kelvin Thomson identified works already underway which have cleared planting sites. He has been in contact with Trinity Whitehead from Boulderstone-Horneybrook. City of Moreland supports the proposal for CityLink to purchase Morgan's land.

CityLink's response to our proposal was detailed and explained prior land ownerships, however, the members did not feel that the reasons were adequate, given the loss of Public Open Space.

- Karen Wilson to write to City Link thanking them for their detailed response and noting that the handing over of land from other government authorities - should be compensation to public, also the differences in land values in the different areas.
  - Karen Wilson to write to the appropriate Minister outlining the proposal from the Moonee Ponds Creek Association
  - Copies of the letters to be passed on to Moreland City Council
- Alex Smart and Allan Thomson have met with the subcontractors resulting in significant improvement to the proposed planting list. Noise barriers have also been raised and the current proposal includes the cheapest option - reflective rather than absorptive. Alex Smart was on Terry Laidler's program on 3LO and was invited to provide names for a discussion. Allistair Phillips from Moreland CC and Jane Shepherd from RMIT were proposed by the committee.

**The final draft will be available for public comment at local Council Offices from the 25<sup>th</sup> of November for 20 days. All members are encouraged to view and comment on the plans.**

Greening of Moreland Committee also have concerns regarding the plantings on the creek.

Karen Wilson to write to the Committee expressing our concerns and request that it be included in their mailing list.

#### 2.4. Morgan's Land

An appeal has been made and the Panel hearing will be on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December at 10am. Kelvin Thomson has already sent a letter and a representative if the Association is required. Tony Smith was possibly able to attend.

#### 2.5. Zoo stall

Eric Ward was the only volunteer and the stall was only staffed on Saturday. Participation in next years festival may need to be considered.

#### 2.6. Concept Plan reprinting

Tony Smith is working on putting the information on computer and is likely to finish in the new year, when printing will occur. It will possibly placed on the Internet.

### 3. **Treasurers Report** (see attached)

### 4. **Correspondence**

#### 4.1. Outward

4.1.1. City Link

4.1.2. Liz Baumgart

- 4.1.3. Rotary Club
- 4.2. Inward
  - 4.2.1. Melbourne City Link Authority
  - 4.2.2. Peter Flanagan

## 5. **General Business**

- 5.1. Melbourne Parks and Waterways Grants Report  
Kelvin Thomson to complete and sign by end of October
- 5.2. Melbourne Parks and Waterways Grants Allocations  
Moreland CC has identified that the distribution of Melbourne Parks and Waterways funding is inequitable with lower levels in the North-West of Melbourne.  
Karen Wilson to write to Melbourne Parks and Waterways requesting that the funding allocations be more equitable.  
Moved: Terry Mundie      Seconded: Allan Thomson
- 5.3. Peter Gould from the Moonee Valley Community Coalition attended the meeting to meet with the members. The group has been active in responding to the Niddrie Quarry and would be interesting in liaising with other groups in the future regarding broader issues.
- 5.4. Kelvin Thomson raised autumn plantings and/or a bike ride to be included on the agenda for next years activities. Further discussion to be deferred until the next meeting.
- 5.5. Terry Mundie commented on the huge number of improvements along the creek being conducted by various organisations and individuals, including: Melbourne Water, Kangan TAFE, and Melbourne Water, with particularly good work conducted by a TAFE group.  
It was suggested that Moreland and Moonee Valley Councils organise a community forum on revegetation work in the "Strathmore" section of the creek to coordinate and increase the works. (A similar project has been established in Altona)
- 5.6. Tony Smith reported that the Broadmeadows Club had no news regarding the Jacana Golf Course.
- 5.7. James McConnell received a certificate from Greening Australia, Victoria for the Association's participation in the program.

### **Next Meeting (Note change in date!!!)**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of December at 8pm  
Westmeadows Community Hall  
(New Building in Reserve on Ardlie St, Melways - 179 A6)

## What's all this about?

**H**ello and welcome to the first of two editions of the Northern Waterways Review News. This newsletter gives you an update on how the review is going, some early findings and ways that you can become involved.

*Carol Kunert and George Wright*

**M**oonee Ponds Creek, Merri Creek, Darebin Creek and Plenty River and their catchments have significant natural environmental, open space and recreational assets.

Management of the waterways and adjoining open space is shared by Melbourne Water (bed and banks, drainage and flood protection), and the municipalities of Darebin, Nillumbik, Banyule, Yarra, Moreland, Hume, Whittlesea and Moonee Valley.

The Environment Protection Authority, Melbourne Parks and Waterways and

Department of Natural Resources and Environment also have interests in water quality, strategic open space, and the natural environment for these waterways and their catchments.

Four main groups exist to coordinate the management and rehabilitation of the waterways, each with their own particular structure and methods of operation and funding.

All have representation from local government, agencies and community interest groups. They are the Merri Creek Management Committee, Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc., Darebin Parklands Committee of Management Inc. and Darebin Creek Coordinating Committee. In addition, three active friends groups for the Plenty River exist,

as well as numerous friends, residents and environment groups that play an active role in all looking after open space and the waterways.

## Merri Creek Management Committee

The successes along the Merri Creek are well recognised.

Significant results over the past years as a result of the coordination arrangements

have led to major development of open space and restoration of environment and recreation areas along the waterways.

The successes of the Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) have been recognised by many in attracting considerable funds and support for restoration of the environment in the Merri Creek Corridor.

The agencies and Councils covering the catchments of these northern waterways agreed to participate in a review of existing coordination and management arrangements with a view to expanding on the successes of the MCMC for the

Our brief is to find a way to achieve more effective inter-agency coordination, planning and management of the open space and creek environments of the northern waterways.

8 councils, 4 agencies and many interest groups work together to improve the waterways & open space.

### In this issue

- ◆ What the review is all about.
- ◆ What people are saying.
- ◆ How you can be involved.
- ◆ Some possible ideas for the future.



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

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**Minutes**  
**Meeting: January 30<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**  
**Mayors Room, Brunswick Town Hall**

1997

**Present:** Kelvin Thomson, Allan Thomson, Dorothy Thomson, Beryl Plumridge, Peter Plumridge, Alex Smart, Tony Smith, Terry Mundie, Phillip Radstrake, James McConnell, Karen Wilson, Fred Harrington, Andrew Rowe, Joanne Crawford, Bernice Honan  
**Apologies:** Meredith Henkel, Tom Baker, Peter Gould, Rosemary Kerr

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting:**

**2. General Business**

**2.1. Moreland Council Moonee Ponds Creek Reserve Fund**

Andrew Rowe reported that Council had approved the establishment of a reserve fund for the creek. \$200,000 to be received in compensation for loss of Open Space and \$285,000 in funds from a previous reserve, total of \$485,000. Council will be pursuing further funds from state agencies and other sources.

The Moonee Ponds Creek Association welcomed this initiative.

Karen Wilson to write to the cities of Melbourne, Moonee Valley and Melbourne and Melbourne Water requesting that they each commit to the implementation of the Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan by establishing funding and conducting appropriate works.

**2.2. Reprinting of Concept Plans**

This is still being undertaken by Tony Smith

**2.3. Karen Wilson outlined Meredith Henkel's imminent departure from Hume City Council**

A letter of thanks for Meredith's contribution to the Association and to be written.

**2.4. CityLink**

**2.4.1. The plans for are now on exhibition at Council Offices.**

Moreland - The Brunswick sections are available at the Campbell Turner and Brunswick Libraries and the full plans for the western district are able to be viewed at the Brunswick Town Hall. Peter Mollison has some extra material and should be contacted if required.

Moonee Valley - contact the Council for details

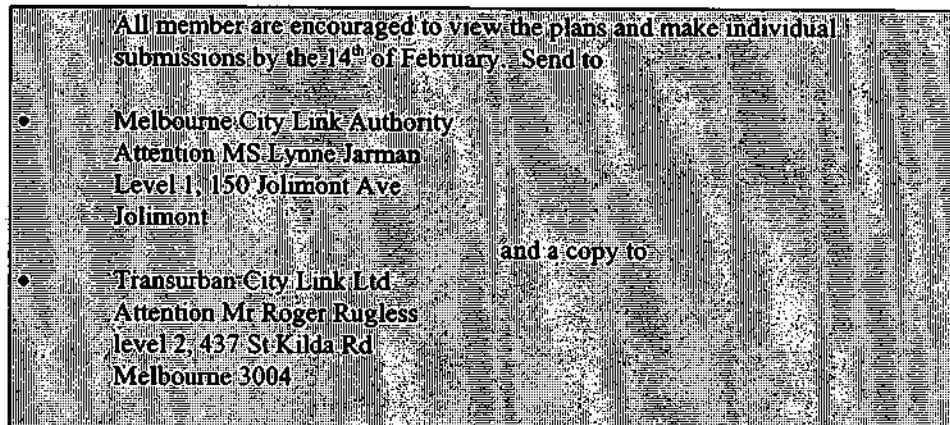
**2.4.2. Moreland Council's submission will be discussed at a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, 6.30pm in the Mayor's Room, Brunswick Town Hall.**

**2.4.3. Kelvin Thomson, Terry Mundie, Alex Smart and James McConnell to coordinate Moonee Ponds Creek Association's submission. Contact Kelvin Thomson on 9350 5777 if you are interested in participating.**

The submission will address issues such as:

- delaying works until construction is completed
- maintaining views of the Valley
- differences between initial outlines and final plans
- implementation of Concept Plan
- reinstatement of Chain of Ponds
- habitat value in gateway

- lack of improvement in works north of Racecourse Rd (ie. more concrete than before!)
- shared use paths
- welcome to Melbourne sign
- indigenous vegetation



- 2.4.4. The advice provided by Melbourne Water to Baulderstone-Horneybrook and CityLink should reflect its commitment to the Concept Plan made on '91. Unfortunately it seems that removal of the concrete is not supported by Melbourne Water. Fred Harrington outlined a successful meeting held between Ross Young, Merri Creek Management Committee and himself Kelvin Thomson to contact Ross Young to clarify their stance
- 2.4.5. Alex Smart proposed that:  
**Bill Johnsen be approached to coordinate the Association's submission , with a limit of \$2,000, subject to availability.**  
Seconded: Terry Mundie, Accepted  
Alex Smart to organise
- 2.5. Northern Rivers Review (see attached newsletter)  
Kelvin reported on the meeting with Merri Creek Management Committee and Friends of Merri Creek.  
Kelvin Thomson to discuss with Nick Ronan and Carol Kunert regarding future funding and consultation time  
Karen Wilson reported that the draft final report expanded on the points made in the newsletter.  
James McConnell, Tony Smith, Joanne Crawford, Alex Smart, Terry Mundie and Allan Thomson to provide a response for the Association when the report becomes available.  
The final report will be available in Council offices from February 17<sup>th</sup>, and details of time frame for comments will also be available.
- 2.6. Morgans Land Appeal  
The AAT upheld the application and saw no cause to vary the open space requirement. Supplementary submissions on the access issues can be made.  
Kelvin Thomson to liaise with Rosemary Kerr and Tony Smith if a submission from the Association is appropriate
- 2.7. Parks Victoria Grants  
James McConnell, Joanne Crawford and Kelvin Thomson to coordinate applications for some community plantings and completion of the steps at Mascoma Street.  
Fred Harrington reported that Moreland had \$60,000 to be used for plantings at Moomba Park by June.

- 2.8. Community Forum on revegetation  
James McConnell is pursuing the establishment of a community group/forum for the Boeing Reserve area and beyond in the Boeing reserve for the promoting revegetation.

**The first community forum meeting to be held on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**James McConnell and Kelvin Thomson to organise this at a community venue and liaise with Council staff from Moreland and Moonee Valley.**

- 2.9. Bike Trip  
Kelvin Thomson to discuss with Nicholas Elliot and local BUG groups.

**The bike trip to be held on Sunday March the 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2pm at the Westmeadows Community Centre, Melways Map 6 A6.  
The trip will cover about 15km, finishing by 5pm and a bus/trailer will be available to return people to the beginning if required**

- 2.10. Autumn planting at Johnston Street with Hume City Council is proposed for 31<sup>st</sup> of May - time and date to be confirmed. The Association to be involved in planting redgums into the banks.
- 2.11. A planting at Strathnaver to follow up from the Community Forum meeting to be held on the weekend of the 12/13 April.  
James O'Connell to organise
- 2.12. Bridge at Peppercorn Park  
After discussion as to whether this was a requirement of the development,  
Fred Harrington to check the permit conditions.

3. Treasurers Report, see attached.

4. Correspondence:

- 4.1. Northern Waterway Review News (see attached)
- 4.2. Moonee Valley Community Coalition
- 4.3. Dept. of Premier and Cabinet (re CityLink)
- 4.4. Parks Victoria
- 4.5. Rotary Club of Strathmore

The next meeting to be preceded by an Annual General Meeting.  
Please forward nomination for Executive positions to  
Karen Wilson,  
P.O. Box 42,  
Sunbury 3429.

Membership cost of \$2 is due and payable to Alex Smart, 90 The Grove, Coburg or at the meeting.

Meeting closed 10.30pm

Next meeting:  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm  
Broadmeadows Club  
Sunset Boulevard, Jacana

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.


TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 1996

Balance Brought Forward	\$	c
	9,079	.43
Income :    Subscription	<u>10</u>	<u>.00</u>
	9,089	.43

Expenditure :    Membership Fee		.50
F.I.D.	<u>          </u>	<u>.01</u>
	9,088	.92

Account Reconciliation :

Balance as per Statement	9,088	.92
Less unrepresented cheques		
<u>Actual Balance at 31st December, 1996</u>	<u>9,088</u>	<u>.92</u>



TREASURER

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 1996

Balance Brought Forward	\$	c
	9,079	.93
Income :		

Expenditure :    Membership Fee		.50
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	9,079	.43

Account Reconciliation :

Balance as per Statement	9,079	.43
Less unrepresented cheques		
<u>Actual Balance at 30th November, 1996</u>	<u>9,079</u>	<u>.43</u>



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Minnee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

## Annual General Meeting and General Meeting

### Minutes

Meeting: March 13th at 8pm  
Broadmeadows Club

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**Present:** Kelvin Thomson, Rosemary Kerr, Tom Baker, Allan Thomson, Dorothy Thomson, Alex Smart, Tony Smith, Terry Mundie, Pauline Mundie, James McConnell, Diana McConnell, Karen Wilson, Andrew Rowe, Wayne Perrett

**Apologies:** Andrew Rowe, Beryl Plumridge, Peter Plumridge

### Annual General Meeting

- Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting:**  
Minutes accepted  
Moved: Rosemary Kerr                      Seconded: Tony Smith
- Treasurers Report**  
(see attached)  
Approved by the auditor in January 1997  
Report accepted  
Moved: Alex Smart                              Seconded: Tom Baker  
A copy to be sent to the Office of Fair Trading by Alex Smart
- Election of Office Bearers**  
No nominations were posted to the Secretary prior to the meeting.  
Nominations  
President: Kelvin Thomson  
Vice Presidents: Tony Smith  
                            Terry Mundie  
Treasurer: Alex Smart  
Secretary: Moreland is the Council responsible for providing the next secretary. Rosemary Kerr to investigate the most appropriate officer. Karen Wilson to continue until the next meeting.  
Kelvin Thomson declared all positions filled and thanked the Office Bearers for the work of the past year.  
Alex Smart reported that the appropriate paperwork is submitted to the Office of Fair Trading with payment.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

## General Meeting

Present: as per AGM

**1. Minutes of previous meeting:**

Moved: Wayne

Seconded: James McConnell

**2. Business Arising**

**2.1. Letter from Moonee Valley in response to request for funding commitment**

The need for the Moonee Ponds Creek Association to develop a list of priorities for the allocation of funds for the Creek for Moreland Council was raised. Rosemary identified that a working group will be established for the allocation of the Moonee Ponds Creek funds when the money was available.

Wayne identified that Moonee Valley had committed \$40,000 to \$80,000 projects on the creek and a bridge for 5-mile creek.

Hume has a grant application for revegetation in Westmeadows township.

Moreland has four applications for works in the creek.

A need to update the Concept Plan is noted and the role of Melbourne Water in this is unclear.

**2.2. Northern Waterways Review**

An outline of the recommendations was provided by Karen Wilson and it was thought that a response from the association was required.

Karen to send copies to Tony Smith, Kelvin Thomson, James McConnell, Terry Mundy, Tom Baker, Wayne Perrett and Allan Thomson  
Kelvin Thomson to coordinate a response.

**2.3. Concept Plan**

A delegation to Melbourne Water requesting clarification of their role in the implementation of the Concept Plan - Tony Smith and Andrew Rowe.

Karen Wilson to write to the appropriate Minister requesting an outline of responsibilities for the implementation of the Concept Plan.

Karen Wilson to send copies of the plan to members of the Committee

**2.4. City Link**

A letter acknowledging the submission was received.

Wayne Perrett commented that amendments to the plans are received by Moonee Valley City Council on an ongoing basis.

The installation of clear barriers on the edge of the South Eastern Arterial have been noted and would be a significant improvement if used where the freeway was directly adjacent to the creek as they would allow some natural light through and maintain views of the creek.

**2.5. Morgans Land**

Rosemary Kerr reported that Council lodged a submission regarding the bridge and has sought compensation.

**2.6. Grants**

Natural Heritage Trust Grants submission can be made.

Bill Johnsen to be approached to develop an application for the works on the creek, with a ceiling of \$1,000 on behalf of the Association.

Moved: Terry Mundie

Seconded: James McConnell

Alex to pursue this and work with Bill, if available.

Parks Victoria Grants

Terry and James have done some preparation and will be discussing the project with Moonee Valley City Council staff.

**2.7. Community Forum**

The meeting to be postponed until Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and a planting to follow on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

Kelvin Thomson to book rooms and supply materials for a letter box drop.

James McConnell to contact Mark Boyle from Moonee Valley and Tim Kirkman from Moreland are discuss representation.

**2.8. Bike Trip**

Postponed until further notice.

**3. Correspondence:**

**3.1. Incoming:**

City of Moonee Valley

City Link

Melbourne Water (sewerage works)

**3.2. Outgoing:**

City of Moonee Valley

City of Melbourne

City of Hume

Melbourne Water

Meredith Henkel

City Link

**4. General Business**

4.1. Plants at Strathmore Primary School have survived the heat and are ready to plant.

4.2. The Greening Moreland Bus Tour (see attached)

4.3. Bike Festival at Coburg Lake (see attached)

**Meeting closed 10.15pm**

**Next meeting:**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm**

**City of Moonee Valley Council Offices**

Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 10 Months Ended 31/1/97.

Opening Balance (31/3/96) \$10,268.27

**INCOME**

Department of Justice - Refund	\$ 96.00	
Membership Fees	\$ 44.00	
Interest	<u>\$158.17</u>	\$ 298.17
		\$10,566.44

**EXPENDITURE**

Office Fair Trading	\$192.00	
Acrylic Sheet Form	\$176.00	
Moreland City Council	\$1,000.00	
F.I.D. & B.A.D.	\$ 3.08	
Bank Charges	<u>\$ 7.00</u>	\$ 1,378.08
Closing Balance 31/1/97		\$ 9,188.36



Treasurer.

I have examined the books, find everything in order and the money in the Credit Co-op Account as stated.

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Auditor.



**MINUTES**  
**9 October 1997, Brunswick Town Hall**

**Apologies:**

Alex Smart, Peter Plumridge, Beryl Plumridge, Dorothy Thomson, Cr Rosemary Kerr (Moreland), Cr Peter Gould (Moonee Valley)

**Present**

Kelvin Thomson, Alistair Phillips, Robyn Watson, Jan Lind, Elspeth Ferguson, Karen Rief, John Delpratt, Mary Chapman, Karen Wilson, Terry Mundy, James McConnell, Alan Thomson, Cr Andrew Rowe (Moreland)

**Presentation of revegetation plan for creek and environs at Olver Reserve**

Jan Lind presented a detailed study (by Jan Lind, Elspeth Ferguson and Karen Rief), on potential revegetation of Olver Reserve. Presentation based on slides and overheads. Aim of the project is to achieve revegetation down to the waters edge.

Going back to what was there will be quite difficult.

1. The creek is now perennial.
2. Alignments have been changed.
3. We are not sure what was there.
4. We can take cues from other areas ie Yarra Bend Park

A discussion followed covering work already undertaken by members of the MPCA. Robyn Watson and John Delpratt from Burnley Horticulture College (Melb. Uni.) were in attendance and discussed issues of survival and plant health in harsh revegetation environments. Moreland will seek funds for the project either in the mid-year budget review (Dec 97), or for next financial year. It is proposed discussions occur between Moreland and Moonee Valley for a combined approach.

**Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinator**

Karen Wilson presented the proposal for a Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinator. Although the proposal aligns with recommendations of the recent Northern Waterways Review (Melbourne Water, 1997), Melbourne Water has unfortunately declined the invitation contribute financially to the position. However, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Melbourne City Councils have allocated money this financial year and Hume City Council will seek to provide other forms of resourcing.

Karen and Alistair answered questions about this initiative. Members responded positively to the model proposed. A minor consultancy task is proposed to prepare a constitution for a coordinated management structure in which to locate the Moonee Ponds Creek Coordinator. A position description will also be prepared as part of that task. The constitution of a coordinated management structure will need to be endorsed by participating Councils.

## **Moonee Ponds Creek Revitalisation Plan**

Andrew Rowe and Alistair Phillips spoke on the progress of the Moonee Ponds Creek Revitalisation Plan. A second draft has been produced which now refers to the potential for concrete removal at least at key nodes. All proposed actions along the 10 reaches from Travencore to the trestle bridge have now been costed. Moreland will be recommending to the stakeholder group that Moonee Ponds Creek Association be consulted on the document from this point onward.

### **Park sign information**

Have written to Parks Victoria seeking information on sign designed to reduce vandalism. No response as yet.

### **City Link**

Moreland has letter boxed area around and ran an advertisement in the paper. Major reaction from City Link. They re commenced consulting with affected Councils, excluding Moreland.

Noise barriers-Kelvin Thomson reports that people are saying different things regarding the height of the barriers. Transparent barriers are only proposed at locations impacting directly on houses. Some land may go back to residents. Alan Thomson has a copy of the most recent plans. Discussed the situation of most of the plants not being trialed in this kind of landscaping use.

### **Parks Victoria projects (Moreland)**

Of the six projects approved two are on the Moonee Ponds Creek:

1. The Boulevard, Moonee Ponds Creek, Stage 5 Planting (\$5,250),
2. Mitchell Parade remnant vegetation management works (\$8,800)

### **Other Business**

**Penny Algar** from West Brunswick is seeking to create art on a site along the creek. Wants MPCA to auspice application because we are incorporated. Penny will consult with people around the area as part of the project. Considering locating the project at Kelvin Thomson Reserve. Members thought this was a good idea and worth supporting.

**James McConnell** wants to write a letter to Parks Victoria regarding planting at Moonee Boulevard, Glenroy West. Wants to meet with them to discuss planting at the site. Want to meet with Melbourne Water to discuss planting from Trestle Bridge to Broadmeadows nursery. Want approval to plant and plant lists. It would be useful to document Melbourne Water's support for planting in these area's particularly when applying for grants.

**Confirmation of Upfield line closure** now for an extra three months.

**Boulderstone-Hornibrook** recently resourced a planting at Barker Reserve beside the creek (cnr Dawson and Balfe Streets, West Brunswick).

**Remnant vegetation** assessment about to commence covering the whole of Moreland

**NEXT MEETING:** 7.30 pm, Thursday 11 December, 1997.  
**LOCATION:** Meet at Community Centre (behind police station) off Ardlie Street, Broadmeadows, Melways Map 6 A6. *Will then walk along the creek for a more informal meeting to end 1997.*





Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Minutes, May 5, 1999, at 8pm**

**Strathmore Sports/Football Club**

**Present:** Bob Steadman, Kelvin Thomson, Gavan O'Neill, Alex Smart, James McConnell, Diana McConnell.

**Apologies:** Alan and Dorothy Thomson, Peter Gould, Beryl Plumridge.

**Minutes of previous AGM:** Minutes accepted. Moved: Alex Smart.

**Seconded:** Kelvin Thomson.

## **Election of Office Bearers**

One nomination was posted to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

### **Nominations:**

**President:** Kelvin Thomson

**Vice Presidents:** Terry Mundy

James McConnell

**Treasurer:** Alex Smart

**Secretary:** Diana McConnell

Kelvin Thomson declared all positions filled and thanked the office bearers for the work of the past year. A copy to be sent to the Office of Fair Trading by Alex Smart.

## **Treasurers Report and Statement of Income and Expenditure**

(See Attached)

Reports accepted. Moved: James McConnell. Seconded: Bob Steadman.

A copy to be sent to the Office of Fair Trading by Alex Smart.

**Meeting Closed 8.30pm**

Moonee Ponds Creek Association Inc.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 12 Months Ended 28/2/99.

OPERATING ACCOUNT

Opening Balance 28/2/98 \$8,308.23

INCOME

Membership Fees	\$175.00
Interest	\$ 14.15
Donation	\$ 23.00
Parks Victoria	\$4460.00
Dept. Nat. Resources	\$6000.00
Moonee Valley Council	<u>\$300.00</u>
	\$10,972.15

EXPENDITURE

Transfer to Investment Account	\$6,000.00
City of Moonee Valley	\$4030.00
Greening Australia	\$25.00
James McConnell	\$400.00
F.I.D. & B.A.D.	\$14.48
Gavan O'Neill	\$265.00
Moss Rock	\$300.00
Earths Backyard	<u>\$671.50</u>
	\$11,705.98

Cash at Bank Closing Balance 28/2/99 \$ 7,574.40

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Opening Balance Investment Account 22/5/98 \$ 6,000.00

INCOME

Interest 22/10/98 \$125.75

EXPENDITURE

F.I.D. 3.68  
\$122.07

Closing Balance Investment Account 28/2/99 \$ 6,122.07

**TOTAL ASSETS AT 28.2.99** **\$13,696.47**



Treasurer.

I have examined the books, find everything in order and the money in the Credit Co-op Account as stated.



Auditor.

- 5 MAY 1999





Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

# MEETING

**Minutes, May 5, 1999, at 8.30pm**

**Strathmore Sports/Football Club**

**Present:** Bob Steadman, Kelvin Thomson, Gavan O'Neill, Alex Smart, James McConnell, Diana McConnell.

**Apologies:** Alan and Dorothy Thomson, Peter Gould, Beryl Plumridge.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting on February 2 were accepted.

## Correspondence

### **Moreland Sustainable Grant**

A Moreland Sustainable Grant Application has been selected and approved by council. The grant involves planting in the riparian zone of Moonee Ponds Creek in three general areas:-

- Between Devereaux St and Athens Reserve (Oak Park)
- Between Strathnaver Reserve and Oak Park Tennis Club
- From Moreland Rd approximately 1km downstream

James and Gavan to liase with implementation and spending for Stage 1 of the grant.

### **Unsealed Bike Path**

Moonee Valley Council has decided to seal 100m of Moonee Ponds Creek Bike Path to the trestle bridge. Christine Campbell M.P. member for Pascoe Vale has asked Moreland City Council allocate funds to seal the remaining section up to Morgan's Land. Gavan to attempt to coordinate to ensure the new paths also meet the Gowanbrae Estate's Bike Path.

## **General Business**

### **Growing a Green Web**

Council funding to obtain a Community Greening Officer from Greening Australia is unavailable at this stage. The request for funding is being redrafted by Gavan O'Neill and may receive success next financial year.

### **Grant Applications**

Due to last meetings suggestions for projects, Gavan followed up the success of a previous direct seeding trial done in Broadmeadows Valley. Nick Grasser of the Parks Unit suggested it was not particularly successful due to the areas clay soils and weed susceptibility.

### **Whitenbury Land**

Gavan is collating comments to prepare a submission which will go to town planning. One very important change the submission hopes to bring about is to save several mature remnant redgums. This would be possible if the current plans change the shape and position (by about 10 metres) of the road and possibly change the location of open space within the subdivision. Kelvin to liaise with Gavan on this topic. Gavan to also raise the topic with Bernie Finn.

### **Application for Advertising Sign**

A planning permit at 38 Mt Alexander Rd, Flemington, for a floodlit double sided promotion panel sky sign (28 metres high) has been rejected by Moonee Valley Council. The Minister for Planning and Local Government will consider submissions from all parties to the application to review. As such MPCA will write a letter of objection to the sign to be considered for the review. Diana to write (copy to Russell Smith and Gavan O'Neill).

### **Removal of signs on Moonee Ponds Creek bridges**

Signs at three creek crossings have been removed by City Link contractors during the construction of City Link. These were situated at either side of each crossing at Macauley Road, Arden Street and Racecourse Road. Diana to write a letter to Transurban City Link Ltd on behalf of MPCA calling for reinstatement of the signs (copy to Russell Smith).

### **Condition of Landscaping between Arden St and Mt Alexander Rd**

Gavan to attend meeting re assessment of landscaped site between Arden St and Mt Alexander Rd. At this stage batters have been graded and planted with grass.

### **Plans for Hope St/Dawson St Open Space**

Kelvin passed these plans around for people to view.

### **Melbourne Ports Corporation Creek Realignment**

A forum initiated by Melbourne Ports Corporation involving Ian Kiernan, and representatives from Councils, Docklands Authority, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and others took place. The purpose was to establish a regular forum which would:-

- \*get Moonee Ponds Creek nominated as a Clean Up Australia Day site.
- \*develop a rehabilitation program for Moonee ponds Creek with a total catchment management approach.

The approach would involve Ian Kiernan looking for Corporate Sponsorship for the program.

### **Planting Program**

A successful planting project took place last Saturday (May 1) in Westmeadows. Bob brought along the newly purchased water pump and proved it was very useful. People interested in the planting program should note the following update:

Sunday - July 18 1999

Meet at foot bridge. Raleigh St, Westmeadows (opp. Coghill St)

Mel 6 A7

### **Broadmeadows Club**

The Broadmeadows Club has sent plans for an oval to Kelvin in order to obtain an opinion from the MPCA before submitting their formal application. General opinion was that MPCA was not keen on the proposal and thought that there was an oversupply of ovals in the valley. Kelvin would let them know our general concerns.

**Greening Australia**

Graham Hunter of Greening Australia spoke in general to Kelvin about Greening Australia's Bushcare Support Program, Remnant Vegetation Program, Training Activities, and potential funding for groups. Gavan had also spoken to Greening Australia about their new centre for Urban Ecology regarding Revegetation and Regeneration.

**F2 Freeway**

Max Sargent of Friends of Merri Creek has contacted Alex to ask for a letter to support their panel hearing to object to an F2 Freeway through grasslands north of Mahoney's Rd to Craigieburn. Diana to write letter of support objecting to the F2 freeway through either Moonee Ponds Creek or Merri Creek Valleys.

**Meeting closed 9.30pm**

**NEXT MEETING**

**8pm August 5  
Westmeadows Community Centre  
Ardlie Reserve, Westmeadows  
Mel 6 A6**

**MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 1998**

	\$	c
Balance Brought Forward	8,404	91
Income :		
23.10.98 Subscription	18	00
Donation	23	00
31.10.98 Credit Interest		70
30.11.98 Credit Interest		64
31.12.98 Credit Interest	_____	66
	8,447	91
Expenditure :		
8.10.98 Earths Backyard	501	50
22.10.98 Gavan O'Neill	200	00
31.10.98 F.I.D.		03
31.10.98 BADT	1	50
30.11.98 BADT	1	00
23.12.98 Earths Backyard	170	00
	7,573	88

Account Reconciliation :

Balance as per Statement	7,743	88
Less unrepresented cheques	170	00
<b>Actual Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1998</b>	<b>7,573</b>	<b>88</b>

*Ally Chant*

**TREASURER**

30/4/99

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**MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 1998**

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNT - 3 MONTH TERM**

30 <sup>th</sup> September, 1998	OPENING BALANCE		6,000	00
INCOME :	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Interest 5%	125	75
EXPENDITURE :	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	F.I.D.	3	68
		Transfer to 575420162	122	07
		Transfer to 575420162	6,000	00

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNT - 12 MONTH TERM**

INCOME :	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Transfer from 575420155	122	07
		Transfer from 575420155	6,000	00

*Ally*

Sheet 2 of 2

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY FEBRUARY 1999

MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY FEBRUARY 1999

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT - 12 MONTH TERM

	\$	c
Balance Brought Forward	7,573	.88
Income :		
31.1.99 Credit Interest		.64
28.2.99 Credit Interest		.58
	7,575	.10

Expenditure :		
31.1.99 BADT		.70
	7,574	.40

Account Reconciliation :

Balance as per Statement	7,574	.40
Less unrepresented cheques		
<u>Actual Balance at 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1999</u>	<u>7,574</u>	<u>.40</u>

*Ally Smart*

TREASURER.

*30/4/99*

OPENING BALANCE	31 <sup>st</sup> January 1999	6,122	.07
CURRENT BALANCE	28 <sup>th</sup> February 1999	6,122	.07



Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

*Oct. 16  
Co-ordinating  
Committee*

# MOONEE PONDS CREEK ASSOCIATION

General meeting August 5, 1999

## Present

Gavan O'Neil, Bevan Roultan, Kelvin Thomson, James McConnell

## Apologies

Diana McConnell

*Terry/Gavan*

## Acceptance of minutes

A quorum wasn't available, so acceptance of minutes was delayed until next meeting. This includes the previous normal meeting and the Annual General meetings minutes.

## Action points from previous minutes

### Strathmore bike park link to Gowenbrae

Gavan reported that nothing has progressed on this issue

### Growing a Green Web

Funding has been approved by the Cities of Moreland and Hume to employ a community greening project officer. A total funding of \$21,000 has been made available. Both councils are keen to ensure the resource is spent within their boundaries. Hopefully in the future cities of Moonee Valley and Melbourne will also join in and the program can be extended over a catchment wide area. The employment of the officer will be undertaken soon.

### Witenbury Subdivision

The subdivision has been re-submitted. Gavan reported that there were Remnants in danger both from construction works in their root area and by being placed on private land within the subdivision. The trees under threat were 3 Redgums, 1 Yellow box and an Acacia implexa. The meeting resolved "We are absolutely committed to the Redgums and other Remnants remaining". We resolved that Kelvin would produce a letter to support moves by Council to procure a suitable outcome for the important remnants

*Gary Jungwirth*

### City Link creek development around Arden St. North Melbourne

Gavan reported that Melbourne Water still had a number of issues regarding this area, and that they still refused to accept to sign off this area of creek from Transurban. Apparently there is a lot of resident ire at the Southern end of the creek regarding the condition of this Area.

### Creek Realignment at dockland

The report is being finalised and is expected to be available from early September.

### Moreland Sustainable grants project

James and Gavan have been appointed to organise the pre work for the planting and set dates for the event. It has been confirmed by Alex that we did receive the money from Moreland. As a prelude to the meeting Melbourne Water has undertaken to install an overstory of Redgums from the old Broadmeadows Nursery to Devereaux St. Oak Park. This directly effects 3 of the 4 planned planting's. A letter is now being submitted to Moreland to alter the original plans and extend the deadline for the project.

### Broadmeadows club Football Oval

No formal application has been received by council yet

## **General Business**

Gavan reported that 2 infringement notices have been served for the alleged illegal excavation of land adjacent to Cleanaway. Melbourne water have advised him to stabilise the bank by putting jute mat over the area and revegetate the exposed dirt.

Kelvin advised the meeting that attempts for corporate sponsorship from Telstra had failed even though the CEO is apparently from within the creek valley in Glenroy.

James advised that J P Fawcner revised plans had not yet been made available as a result of a number of negative comments and submissions arising from the first plans. Recently council have sent a note saying the plans would be available in October.

Bevan noted that after riding down the bike path recently the creek and its environs were looking better. However he noted that rubbish was a huge problem in the creek. He was especially concerned about a large build up of plastic at the western ring road. Gavan noted in response to this, councils are beginning a comprehensive strategy to produce a stormwater master plan. Hume was definitely starting the plan this year and the Koala Crescent drain has already been highlighted as being a major problem as it drains the Gladstone Park shopping centre and the industrial land around Western Avenue.

## **Correspondence**

A community grant application kit was received from Vic Parks, Kelvin suggested James and Diana complete an application form. James suggested that if the money on offer was similar to that of last year it wouldn't be worth our applying. This was confirmed with Vic Parks that the money on offer was the same as last year.

## **Annual Fees**

Annual fees are now due. Members should fill in the enclosed form and send with \$2 per person (or \$10 per person for five years membership).

## **Planting Dates**

**Yabbies, Wrens and Ripples** (Food and Entertainment included = a good day)

Yuroke Creek, (A Moonee Ponds Creek Tributary)

Broadmeadows Valley Park, Off Erinbank Crescent, Westmeadows

Sunday 3 October, 10am onwards. For details contact City of Hume Phone 9309 1052

## **Strathnaver Reserve**

Upstream from the Strathmore Football Pavillion, Mel 16D6

Sunday 3 October, and Sunday 10 October

10am to 2pm. This planting is being undertaken by Practical Ecology for the City of Moonee Valley for further details phone Nicole Fitzpatrick 9243 8847.

## **Next Meeting**

At 22 Strathnaver Avenue Strathmore, 8pm on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October.





Moonee Ponds Creek Association Incorporated

# MEETING

**Minutes, October 10, 1999, at 8.30pm**

**Strathnaver Ave, Strathmore**

**Present:** Bob Steadman, Kelvin Thomson, Gavan O'Neill, James McConnell, Diana McConnell, Terry Mundy, Grant Rosewarne.

**Apologies.**

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of 3 meetings accepted (AGM and general meetings from 5/5/99 and 5/8/99).

## **Action Points from Previous Minutes**

### **Gowenbrae bike path link**

Terry reported from GBRAC that Christine Campbell and Peter Gould were negotiating for an outcome to the issue.

### **Growing a Green Webb**

Moonee Valley has now come on board to support the Moonee Ponds Creeks coordinators plans to implement a Growing a Green Webb type program. \$31000 is now available for the rest of the financial year to fund a person/company to support and encourage community greening efforts in the Moonee Ponds creek area. Gavan will be putting a brief through Hume council and a tender will be issued to a minimum of 3 companies to supply the resources for this position. The 3 companies invited to tender will probably be Greening Australia, The Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers and Practical Ecology, but this list had not been finalised.

### **Whitenbury**

Kelvin wrote a letter to Hume Council to gain support to Protect the Remnants in the Whitenbury Estate. Gary Jungworth raised the issue at Hume Council and the resolution was carried. We received a conformation letter from the Hume resolution that will be put on file that " Council agree to ensure

that any subdivision proposal at Attwood on the Whitenbury land retain three significant River Red Gums and the One Yellow Box".

### **City Link**

A number of issues are still being raised with Melbourne Water regarding the area around Arden Street and Racecourse Road. Gavan will be writing a letter to Transurban to raise all the issues and Gavan will supply Kelvin with a copy of this letter.

### **Creek Realignment**

The Technical Advisory report apparently is finished and is only in the hands of Docklands and the Ports Authority. Gavan is attempting to see the report and the meeting was strongly supportive of this due to possible damage to the areas wetlands. There is also a new problem with a new Docklands Access road which is proposed for the side of the creek. This is proposed to be only 5 meters from the creek and through the established revegetated area near Footscray Rd. Our relationship with the City of Melbourne came under Question as it was felt that they should be forwarding more information on to concerned community groups and that they were acting at the Docklands more as a Developer than a council which represents the community.

### **Moreland Sustainable Grants**

James has asked Moreland for alterations to the existing proposal and a time extension as Melbourne water has only just considered the plans. They decided they would undertake in stream revegetation works in 3 of the 4 areas covered which means the grants require a major change. (P.S. Melbourne Water plants are now in between Devereaux St and the Old Broadmeadow Nursery).

### **J.P.Fawcner Reserve**

James reported that the final plans had been released and would be considered by council during October. He was disappointed that the final plans did not incorporate revegetation in the area from Chris court to the Oak Park Tennis club as he considered this the most important area for revegetation as it linked the Strathnaver Grass reserve with the remnant grass's at Athens Place and the Revegetation project of Moonee Valley's at the Horseshoe. Terry commented that his attendance and comments raised from the community forum seemed to do nothing, as the final plans have had very little change. No one involved with the forum disagreed with the observation and concerns with the level of carparking was still high. Gavan was going to follow the issue with Leanne

O'Shea of Moreland Council to check the Environmental departments views on the plans.

## **General Business**

### **Melbourne Ports/ Clean up the Creek Committee**

Gavan reported that the terms of reference for the group are established and that the drive was to nominate and establish the Moonee Ponds Creek as a long term clean up Project. A revegetation sub committee is being formed and a student Landscape Architect is preparing a Catchment Base map which is being divided up to identify the Remnants and revegetation opportunities. The revegetation opportunities will be given priorities and a list of sponsorship targets will be prepared. The group has also identified that council maintenance budgets will need to be modified to account for the maintenance of the revegetated areas and alterations to maintenance contracts will need to be made. Kelvin requested that Gavan try to get Ian Keirnan to a coordinators meeting.

### **Ford Greening Projects**

Greening Australia has requested that the Coordinator nominate a site for the Ford employees to Green. The ford employees have a program where they donate money from there pays, then select projects that they wish to fund and work on. Gavan is preparing a site to submit to Ford which they hopefully will adopt.

### **Port Phillip Catchment Authority**

Gavan has spoken to the Executive Officer of the Port Phillip Catchment Management Authority trying to improve links and get them involved in the Clean up project. Gavan has been asked to provide a presentation to the catchment committee which will help to improve our links. James suggested that the contamination from the Creek, could help to raise the priorities of the work in our catchment and Kelvin stated that a report had been issued by Melbourne Water on the Water Quality.

### **Waterway Activity Plan**

The Waterway Activity Plan has come out from Melbourne Water. The plan indicates the 15 year improvement plan from Melbourne Water And extends from Pascoe Vale Rd. North, and include the Moonee Ponds, Euroke and Attwood Creeks. Kelvin is going to contact Scot Seymour at Melbourne

Water to obtain a copy of the plans. If this fails we will write a letter stressing our involvement in the area.

#### **Yabbies Wrens & Riffles**

Gavan reported on the success of the planting and thanked Bob for his watering efforts on the day.

#### **MPCCC forward planning strategy meeting**

The Association was advised that the Coordinating committee was holding a forward planning Strategy meeting at Westmeadows on 16/10/99.

#### **Bike path Extension through Woodlands**

Gavan spoke to the CEO of Melbourne Airport and the Woodlands Advisory Group to extend the path to the Airport. The Airport will investigate a feasibility study of this in their land.

#### **Watering Hose**

A motion was moved to purchase 3/4 inch hose for the pump. It was agreed that Bob would investigate prices for the hose and could spend up to \$250 and Alex would refund the purchase.

### **Next Meeting**

**Thursday 2nd December at 8pm**

**Moonee Valley Sporting Club/ Bowling Club  
Patterson Street  
Ormond Park  
Moonee Ponds**

Arrive at 7.45 for a pre meeting walk