



McCrae Homestead Coastal Group Inc.

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Newsletter AGM 2017 Issue

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

The Annual General Meeting of the McCrae Homestead Coastal Group Inc. will be held on **Wednesday, 22nd November 2017, at 7.15 pm** in the Rosebud Library Meeting Room, McDowell Street, Rosebud

(MEL.158 E12 – access to the Meeting Room is via the side entrance at left of building. Enter from car park in front of library.)

AGENDA

1. OPENING AND WELCOME
2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
See following pages
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
4. FINANCIAL REPORT
5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS
President
Secretary
Treasurer
Ordinary Committee Members (2)

GENERAL INFORMATION

"MELBOURNE DOWNUNDER" – Prior to the commencement of the AGM we will screen this documentary by Sheree Marris.

This is a stunning natural history documentary that will take you on an incredible journey of discovery, revealing our best kept secret, Port Phillip Bay. You will meet the most remarkable marine creatures and discover amazing things about their life styles in the pristine waters.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS – a nomination form is on the back page. Completed forms may be mailed to PO Box 29, McCrae 3938 to be delivered by noon, Tuesday 21st November 2017, or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the AGM.

Nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS may be brought forward for discussion at the conclusion of the AGM, time permitting

SUPPER will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS are due and payable. A renewal of membership form is on the back page and may be sent with your remittance to PO Box 29, McCrae, or paid at the meeting.

Office Bearers:

Secretary: Margaret Wilson 5986 4159
President: Len Warfe 5987 2537
Treasurer: Barry Robinson 5981 2909
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MINUTES OF 2016 AGM

Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting of the McCrae Homestead Coastal Group Inc. (MHCG) held on Wednesday 16th November 2016, in the Community Room, Rosebud Library, McDowell Street, Rosebud, commencing at 7.15pm.

PRESENT

Ten members were present as per sign-on sheet. Also in attendance were Matt Stahmer, Natural Systems Team and Neil Blake OAM, Port Phillip Baykeeper, guest speaker.

APOLOGIES

None received

OPENING & WELCOME

The President welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2015 had been circulated and were confirmed on the motion of Dee Robinson, seconded Margaret Wilson.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

20% of camping fees to be allocated to the Natural Systems Team for protection and rehabilitation of the Coastal Banksia Woodland within the Rosebud Foreshore Reserve - Keith Anderson asked had any response been received from the Shire and was advised no. The matter will be followed up with the MPRRA who initially made the request.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President reported on the following matters:

- o Election of eight new Councillors in October
- o Drafting of Marine & Coastal Bill to replace Coastal Management Act 1995
- o Work on Coburn Creek progressing to plan
- o Successful in obtaining a Placemaking Grant (\$4000) from MPSC; also a grant of \$5410 from Melbourne Water
- o Four new members this year, one resignation
- o Working bees: 22 days for total 320 hours, an increase on 2015; highest attendance 11, lowest 3.
- o Naturelinks continues to provide contracting work
- o Installation of a cavetti either side of the road leading to the beach car park.

The report was received and adopted on the motion of Len Warfe, seconded Barry Robinson.

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Len Evans asked if the Correa on the eastern entrance to the car park could be trimmed a little. Matt Stahmer suggested it could be carried out by the group on a regular working bee. Some members were not sure that trimming was essential and it was left that the group would decide after a site inspection.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the period ended 31 October 2016, which had been certified by the Committee and on the motion of Barry Robinson, seconded Graham Rose:

the 2015/16 Financial Report, which gives a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the MHCG during and at the end of the financial year ending on 31 October 2016, was received and adopted.

Barry Robinson had also distributed a table showing the type and value of grants received since 2002 which amounted to \$101,581 – invaluable in enabling the group maintain this unique area.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

All positions were declared vacant and Neil Blake assumed the chair to conduct the election. The following persons were elected:

President: Len Warfe

Secretary: Margaret Wilson

Treasurer: Barry Robinson

Committee (2): Dee Robinson, Graham Rose

GUEST SPEAKER

Neil Blake, OAM, Port Phillip Baykeeper spoke on mapping the changing coast on Port Phillip Bay. A summary of his discussion will be included in the next newsletter.

Jenny Warfe thanked Neil for his talk and made him a small presentation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The group gave best wishes to Felix Fuller-Jackson who is moving to Bendigo to study, and thanked him for his contribution to the group while a member.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed and supper was served.

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Pull it out!!



Sea Spurge - Euphorbia paralias

What is it?

This invasive weed originated from Europe about 70 years ago, probably arriving in ship ballast water. First appearing in Western Australia and now found throughout south-eastern Australia, and is progressively working its way north.

Infestations have been found along our beaches and, if you see one, you are encouraged to pull it out.

Sea spurge can produce up to 5,000 salt-tolerant seeds which can survive for a number of years on ocean currents that spread them from beach to beach. Once established, a sea spurge colony can spread rapidly, displacing native vegetation and changing the structure of the beach. This disrupts the life of the endangered hooded plovers, little terns and oystercatchers that rely on open sand spits for nesting.

It is a small leafy shrub, pale green in colour and grows to about 70cm in height. It has multiple stems covered in small, soft, tightly packed leaves (small green/yellow flowers appear at the end of the stems between September and May).

Look for them anywhere on the beach front, from the high water mark into the dunes. It colonises

both bare sand (as above) and the native dune vegetation. It has also been found on rocky foreshores and rock shelves, on the steep back dunes and inside mouths of coastal lakes and estuaries – it's everywhere!

We found it on McCrae beach and even understand that it has been seen in a pot outside a shop

What can be done?



Same plant: check the taproot

If you find any sea spurge, please remove it.

Seedlings and juveniles can be removed by hand – but please wear gloves to protect your hands from the sap, and ensure that you remove the entire taproot.

Plants may be left on the beach to decompose.

Be careful.

The broken stems of sea spurge ooze a toxic milky sap which may irritate the skin and is painful if brought into contact with the eyes – remember to wear gloves and wash your hands after handling.

Please let someone know where you found the plant/s – you can leave a message on the McCrae email or contact the Shire Natural Systems Team. This is to ensure that follow up inspections are carried out.

Working Bees

Remaining working bees for 2017 are:
Sundays
12th November; 3rd December; 10th December

Nomination form on back page

Don't forget to forward your nomination to reach the Secretary by Tuesday 21st November 2017.

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**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2018
NOMINATION FORM**

I,
Print Name Signature

being a member of the MHCG,

nominate..... for the

position of

Seconded
Print Name Signature

Nomination accepted

.....
Print Name Signature

Date:

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Stop Press!

Great news – with the departure of the people from 573 Pt. Nepean Road, the mulch can finally be replaced on our number 2 site.

We did some preparation at the last working bee and expect it to be re-mulched before Christmas.

Although the plants have generally come along really well in that site, they will stand a much better chance when the weeds have been suppressed. Good news indeed

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RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP 2018

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

TITLE: FAMILY NAME:
OTHER NAME/S:

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:
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..... POST CODE:

POSTAL ADDRESS:
.....
..... POST CODE:

TELEPHONE:
EMAIL:

Note: Our preferred method of communication is via email.

- 1. Please accept my application for renewal of membership of the McCrae Homestead Coastal Group Inc.
- 2. I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association.
- 3. I enclose my remittance covering:

Annual Subscription	\$5.00
Donation	\$.....
Total	\$.....

Signature of applicant:
Date:

Make cheque payable to McCrae Homestead Coastal Group Inc. and send completed form with remittance to PO Box 29 McCrae Vic 3938
Membership may be renewed and paid at the AGM.

It's a bit early, and we will be working on the foreshore in December, but there will not be another newsletter this year so



**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**