



Friends of
Port Willunga
*Caring for the natural environment
and historic heritage*

AGM Minutes 2023

**Friends of Port Willunga Annual General Meeting held Sunday, 22nd
January, 2023 at 11am
at the Aldinga Institute Hall, Old Coach Road, Aldinga**

1. Acknowledgement of Country and welcome of guests Moira Were, Mayor, and Councillors Paul Yeomans and Lauren Jew and committee members by FOPW chairperson Stephanie Johnston

2. Apologies called for and recorded

Zanny Twopeny, Libby and Brian Esselbach, John Freeman, Liz Sanders, Alex McCarthy, Rebecca Sharkie, Tiss Milner

3. Proposal for adoption of the minutes of the AGM held 20th March, 2022

Moved: Jen Bratovic

Seconded: Rachel McMillan

Voted and carried

4. Chair's report – Stephanie Johnston

Stephanie reported on the Port Willunga Coast Park project, local heritage nominations, Friends of Port Willunga Bush Gardeners, the new Aldinga suburban development and preservation of “the green triangle” and Aleppo Pine Avenue, the Main South Road duplication project and changes to beach bylaws to protect the hooded plovers. She also acknowledged the recent death of Brian McPhee and his contribution to the committee as treasurer over many years.

Moved that report be adopted: Leigh Taylor

Seconded: John Crompton

Voted and carried

5. Treasurer's report – David Milner

David reported on expenditure and the end of year (31 December 2022) balance of \$7613.64

Moved that report be adopted: Stephanie Johnston

Seconded: Deborah Bogle

Voted and carried

6. Election of committee members – Fiona Lindquist

Existing members were introduced and all of the following re-elected to the Committee:

Stephanie Johnston

David Milner

Janie Freeman

Deborah Bogle

Rachel McMillan

Karen March

Zanny Twopeny

Alex McCarthy

Fiona Lindquist and Jen Bratovic agreed to continue to serve as “Co-opted” members of the committee for 2024.

7. Guest speaker – Mayor Moira Were AM (20 mins)

Mayor Weir thanked the Ward Councillors in attendance and encouraged FOPW members to use them. Her challenge to all: There are great leaders among you, we want to encourage recognition of work, also give organisations a bigger profile. Australia Day recognition = a hug back for hard work. She also spoke about how to influence change, tell your story, the value-trust integrity of what you're doing. Not only dollar value, don't underestimate the value of inclusivity, activity, community coming together, defeating loneliness. The best decisions come with discussion, discourse, conversation, and complete agreement is quite rare.

She spoke about serious interruptions to local democracy at Council meetings and reminded us about the rise of the extreme right – and left – in history. Council is working on a way to secure the safe passage of democracy with SAPOL. She pointed out we don't make the best decisions when we're fearful. She requested support in ensuring the right to speak, listen and make good decisions.

8. Vote of thanks to guest speaker – Deborah Bogle

9. Friends of Port Willunga Bush Gardeners presentation – Deborah Bogle/David Milner

Encouragement to members to join on 2nd Sunday of each month.

David spoke about the history of the Old Barn and encouraged Council to increase their commitment to the area. Deborah outlined the work of the Bush Gardeners' group in pursuit of

their aim to increase diversity in the Port Willunga Linear Reserve, and urged members to pick up a copy of Council's guide to coastal plantings.

10. Briefing on Main South Road upgrade Stage 2 from Geoff Hayter, Chair, Friends of Willunga Basin

A community coalition with FOPW against two grade-separated intersections at Aldinga was proposed: Geoff advocated for a last ditch stand against an urban environment being imposed on our semi-rural area.

11. Other business

(i) Excessive school lighting

(ii) Jet ski and motor boat exclusion zone for Aldinga Reef Aquatic Reserve

(iii) Star of Greece and Gull Rock car park issues

(iv) World Heritage bid update

(v) Nick Bungey - Observations from Richard Forbes regarding the history of Port Willunga.

Motion to investigate the establishment of a Heritage committee within the FOPW

Moved: Nick Bungey

Seconded: Jen Bratovic

Leigh Taylor commented that the National Trust branch in Willunga is very strong, continues to do great work in our area, with local history walks, great info at the Courthouse in Willunga and more. It was agreed that any committee formed would work with the NT. He added that he was not speaking against motion.

It was agreed that the investigation/establishment of a Heritage Committee would be discussed at the first FOPW Committee meeting early in the year.

Voted, 2 against. Carried.

(vi) Jane Baddock's husband has heart issues, request for more disabled car parking places allocated at the bottom of the car park, near toilets. FOPW offered to follow up with Council.

12. The meeting was closed at 12.30pm.

The Chair thanked all for their attendance.