

Peacehaven News

Working Bee – May 4th



Coming Events At Peacehaven

- **Botanic Meeting**
Friday, 26 April 2013
9.30 am.
- **May General Meeting**
Wednesday, 1 May 2013
9.30 am.

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Mounds of mulch waiting to be spread throughout the dry rainforest area

The Friends are needed to help spread mulch in the dry rainforest area and the prehistoric corner.

These sections are in dire need of new mulch as weeds are spreading everywhere. The Council will do the heavy shifting. The Friends are asked to rake and clear around

the trunks of the plants. Rakes supplied.

If your time is limited perhaps you can enjoy the park for a short while, take photos, or have a chat with over morning tea. You will be welcome.

Please meet at the old dairy: 8.30 am, Saturday, 4 May.

Paper recycling

Don't forget you can recycle your old phone books at Peacehaven. Drop off any newspapers, junk mail, or phone books at the Old Dairy on Thursday and Saturday mornings (same hours as the nursery.)

Your rubbish earned the Friends over \$600 last year.



This newsletter was printed courtesy of the TRC Highfields Service Centre.

A golden glow in the rainforest

On the western side of the rainforest area is the Heath-leaved Banksia *Banksia ericifolia*. It has been flowering for about two months now. Take the gravel path between the rainforest and the boundary fence and you can't miss it. Some of you will have this in your garden as it is an old favourite. In fact it was first cultivated way back in 1788. Sir Joseph Banks collected specimens from Botany Bay in 1770.

It is also loved by the wildlife of Peacehaven with honeyeaters and lorikeets feasting on its nectar-laden blooms. Ants and bees can also be seen amongst the flowers. While other insects feed on the seeds.



Another friend

This particular friend is the newly appointed TRC Foreman of Parks and Gardens Highfields, Christian Love. You will see in the minutes that Christian came to the April general meeting.

He is excited about making Highfields and surrounds the best looking location and Peacehaven the premier park on the Downs.

He lives locally and his children attend school in Highfields and he and his son play for the soccer club in Highfields.

He's originally a country boy from the Gold Coast hinterland and moved to the district six and a half years ago.

He's been working in horticulture since 2000 with gardens and bushland. For the last six years he's been working with Toowoomba Regional Council as a ranger. Some members may already know him through the Friends of Escarpment Parks.



Excited about making Peacehaven the premier park on the Downs

New plantings



Now that the rainforest trees are shooting up Wayne has been adding some local native plants to the understorey.

These include Hairy Water Vine *Cayratia acris*, Molucca Raspberry *Rubus moluccanus* var. *trilobus*, Four-leaved Pepper

Plant *Peperomia tetraphylla* and the near-threatened Edge Senna *Senna acclinis*.

Backyard Birds

of the Toowoomba Region Workshop

When: 18 May 2013 10 am-12.30 pm including lunch.

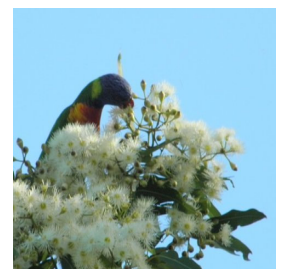
Where: In the State Emergency Headquarters, K Block, 165 Hume St, T'mba.

Mayor Paul Antonio will open the workshop and Holly Parsons, National Birds in Backyards Program Manager, will launch the project and explain its aims. There will be talks on suitable plants to attract birds, cultivated plants suitable/available for Toowoomba gardens, how to identify birds, using the Bird Finder program and reporting birds to the BIBY website.

And: Field trip to a small urban garden, a large urban and a rural garden—1-4 pm. Cost \$5 (to be paid on arrival).

RSVP essential to Grahame Rogers:

gwrogers@bigpond.com or 07 4698 1727.



Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Friends of Peacehaven Botanic Park Inc.
9.30 am, 3 April 2013 at Peacehaven Botanic Park, Highfields

Minutes of the General Meeting, Wednesday, 3rd April 2013, Peacehaven Botanic Park

Open: The President, George Smith opened the meeting at 9.32 am and welcomed all members and visitors.

Attendance: A quorum of at least 6 members was present – George Smith, Gus Hamilton, Lesley Beaton, Anna Smith, Trish Gardner, Alison Balke, Joy Sheath, Dave Sheath, Carole Lyons. Visitors: Christian Love.

Apologies: Welby Davidson, Bride Smith, Joan Sheath. Carole moved and Trish seconded that the apologies be accepted; **carried**.

George introduced Christian Love, Foreman Parks and Gardens, Highfields to the meeting and Christian spoke briefly about his background and role at Toowoomba Regional Council.

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 6th February 2013.

Lesley moved and Trish seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true record; **carried**.

Business arising from the minutes:

Dove Logo – nothing to report as yet.

Peace Sculpture – Anna and Gus have confirmed that the Jones's donation was not transferred to the Friends' account by Crows Nest Shire Council. This issue will be followed up. Meanwhile George will write a reply to the Joneses. (More in General Business).

Autumnfest – no contact from Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery volunteers. Lesley will follow up.

Correspondence:

4 Inward & 1 Outward correspondence as per report. Anna moved and Carole seconded that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed; **carried**.

Business arising from the correspondence:

Garden Clubs of Australia membership and associated insurance cover will be direct debited from the Friends' a/c. Letter to the CEO of TRC re Crows Nest Community Nursery to be kept on the table until a reply is received.

Reports:

Financial Report: *Gus Hamilton, Treasurer*

Balances as at 31 March 2013: S1 a/c - \$11387.13; S1.1 a/c (Franke Scrub) - \$1396.03; Term Deposit 16(2012) - \$14668.55; Term Deposit 16(2013) - \$25,000.00.

Total Income of S1 a/c for Mar 2013 - \$ 2185.00. Total Expenditure of S1 a/c for Mar 2013 - \$ 5924.02.

It was moved by Gus, seconded by Trish that the financial report be accepted; **carried**.

Business arising from the Financial report:

Cheques to be ratified and accounts to be passed for payment: Reimbursements to Joy for nursery supplies, George for paper and printer ink, Colonial Woodcrafts for stump in time project, and Craig's Highfields Hardware.

Moved Gus and seconded Anna that these accounts be passed for payment; **carried**.

Because Gus had to leave early reports were moved to follow General Business.

Projects and Grants: 'Stump in Time'

Centre sign will be mounted on stump with tape across date of unveiling. This will be corrected later.

Anna moved and Alison seconded that 3 frames for seats would be purchased. TRC will fit slats and install.

Possible date for unveiling – World Environment Day (2nd June) was suggested but will depend on completion of mosaics.

Wisdom of Tree sign to be made and installed next to the largest Grey Gum near the lake.

General Business:

Mission Statement: Strategic document including the mission statement has been sent to Michael Condren by Robert.

Safety issues and risks: George reported on the InSafeHands workshop. There are new volunteer forms requesting more detail. Important to assess the risks. Trish reported that Achim Eberhart of TRC had helped the Franke Scrub volunteers simplify the bureaucratic demands.

Community Engagement Forum: Eddie reminded us of this event. See last month's minutes for details.

Peace Sculpture: Anna will check the records to see what was actually proposed for this. A Peace Bell was suggested as an idea for a peace symbol.

History Corner: Discussion on what this would include and where it was to be. No definite outcome though some signage about Stan Kuhl and his vision is needed, possibly near entrance.

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**Newsletter of the
Friends of Peacehaven**

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Don't forget our sponsors. Craigs Highfields Hardware has supported Peacehaven Botanic Park and the Friends since the very beginning. There is a great range of gardening supplies and equipment, and members get a discount.

From the Editor's Desktop —

Peacehaven is a true haven of peace and tranquillity. With all the strife and fear engendered in the world today through war and terrorism we need such places. Walking in the park and admiring the views, the plants and the wildlife calms us as nature always does. Make sure you put aside some time to spend there. Let nature take its course and soothe you too.

We are lucky to have such a space in our community.

Discover the Peace and Tranquility

New member

Welcome to Lidwina Wheeler. Lidwina is already working in the nursery. She helps with propagation and sales.

Next meeting: 9.30 am, Wednesday 1 May, 2013
Venue: Old Dairy, Peacehaven

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Prehistoric Sculpture: Discussion on the type of dinosaur/prehistoric animal. Joy & Dave volunteered to visit Paul Stumkat when they are in Killarney to see examples of his work and canvass ideas.

Concept Plan: Welby has discussed some of his ideas with Robert.

TRC's Toowoomba Show display: Franke Scrub will have a poster on display. George and Lesley to organise one for the Friends.

Raffle: No decision made.

Reports cont'd

Botanical Group: (Lesley Beaton) – 1) photograph collection to be catalogued by volunteers Brian Pierce and Lorraine Clewett, 2) nearly all plants in the Park have been checked and identified by Trish, Joy & Lesley with great help from Steve Plant, 3) Wayne & Trish are working on the proposed sclerophyll woodland plant list, 4) The Entrance Garden rejuvenation plan to be developed.

Nursery/Herbarium: (Joy Sheath) – as per report circulated.

Franke Scrub: (Trish Gardner)

Tree Sponsorship: (Trish Gardner) – Letter sent to sponsor re tree destroyed in high winds.

Planning Committee: no meeting this month

Meeting closed: 11.15 am.

Next meeting: Following the 9:30 am Management Committee Meeting, 1 May 2013 at Peacehaven.