

**Friends of Royal Park – AGM 2010 29/07/2010**

**Venue:** Royal Park Club Rooms, Cnr Warrenheip and Hedrick Streets, Buninyong

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Present:** Vicki Adams, Jill Clarke, Paul Ryle, Jenny Ryle, Bob Whitten, Joy Whitten, Andrea Mason, Sue Nunn, Andrew Aitkin

**Apologies:** Phil Allen, Anna Morton, Mark Coffey

**Treasurers Report - Sue Nunn:**

Financial Report for AGM 29/07/2010 Friends of Royal Park

Friends of Royal Park Bank Reconciliation, 2010  
30/06/2009-30/6/2010

Income			Expenditure
Bank Balance 30/6/2009	2113.24		
Interest	100.12	B/fees	25.90
M/ships	433.47	Garden materials	1970.45
Grants	7717.00	Aust. Post	33.50
Donations	534.20	Electricity	100.56
ATO refunds	1101.00	Water	188.35
		Admin.	16.90
		Repairs/maint.	2863.15
		Infrastructure	3899.60
		Bank Bal 30/6/2010	2900.62
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Note: mships includes fees for Community Garden plots Infrastructure:tanks, plumbing costs etc.			

Motion: The Treasurers report be accepted.

Moved by Sue Nunn, seconded by Bob Whitten - Motion carried

## Presidents Report – Andrea Mason:

Friends of Royal Park, President's Report, July, 29, 2010

Too much to do and not enough time to do it in! We all seem to keep saying it but this small team of dedicated people has achieved much to be proud of in the last year.

We managed to raise some much needed funds this year through the Central Victoria Solar City Solar Park launch, Buninyong Foodworks program and our membership. Next year hopefully the garlic production will be a winner, the solar panels if BREAZE's application on our behalf is successful and our new venture into Greensmart Pots sales will help meet our ongoing utilities and maintenance costs. We have also been able to successfully fulfil our funding received in the previous year.

Great publicity and marketing continues through our website and Enews – thanks Jill - we all know we would be lost without you. We also had a presence at the Ballarat Show, the Ballarat Community Garden, Buninyong News, posters and open house days. We were involved in small way with a waste issue with the Buninyong Slow Food lunch which is a great sign that our role is beginning to be recognised to other groups in Buninyong. We need to build on this. For a short time during the year were the designated CFA Safer place in case of extreme fire conditions. However this role has since been taken away.

The Community Garden continues to grow. Thanks to Paul Ryle for his continued hard work in developing and promoting the garden with the help of many others. The tanks and water system are now established and the pump will be set up as soon as the painting is finished. The compost bins have been set up and the beds that are being used are looking good. Hopefully now interest will continue to increase as everyone sees the progress that's been made. The mowing continues to be an issue but hopefully with the new mower and rules we can get through this once we have an ongoing income.

One of our most important resources is our new partnerships. The Buninyong Junior Soccer Club is a fantastic partner who brings new people and energy to the project. Thank you to Sue Mroczkowski and the others from the group who have already contributed so much including the funds for the renovations, new kitchen facilities and the ongoing mowing of the oval. They have also managed the work of the BEST Work for the Dole crew and the inside is looking alot better already. Other key partners include the Leigh Catchment Group, BREAZE and the Ecoliving Project, and the Ballarat Permaculture Guild.

We are not going to be able to do this alone and we must encourage and strengthen our new relationships and plan new projects which improve the facilities so that even more user groups will see Royal Park as an excellent venue which has something different to offer while continuing to promote sustainability. Thank you to DSE for their help as we come up against the many challenges as the Committee of Management. With a new strategic document in place we are now well placed to launch into the next stage of our development. We need to concentrate on the building redevelopment and getting ready to be a part of the exciting Ballarat Ecoliving Project .

And as for the team, I'd like to first to acknowledge Phillip Allen who held this position for the first half of the year and whose hard work over the past five years has put in place so many good things here at Royal Park. Jill Clarke took on the role of Secretary and has managed the role of communications very well which has tied well with her continued work on the website. Sue Nunn has done a great job as Treasurer and has mastered the GST and BAS statements (that's if anyone ever really does master it!)

And of course thanks to Paul, Bob, Vicki, the mowing team, and the many others who helped at the working bees throughout the year.

Thank you everyone



Motion: The Presidents report be accepted.

Moved by Andrea Mason, seconded by Sue Nunn - Motion carried

The meeting was then chaired by Jenny Ryle:

All positions were declared open, and the nominations were -

**President/Chair**

Andrea Mason, nominated by Sue Nunn, seconded by Vicki Adams

**Vice President**

Paul Ryle, nominated by Sue Nunn

**Secretary**

Jill Clarke, nominated by Sue Nunn, Nomination declined – position vacant.

**Treasurer**

Sue Nunn, nominated by Vicki Adams

**General Committee members**

Bob Whitten, continues

Vicki Adams, continues

Mark Coffey, nominated by Sue Nunn

Jill Clarke, nominated by Paul Ryle

The above positions were filled unopposed.

Jenny handed the chair back to the Chair, Andrea Mason.

Membership:

**Motion:** Membership fees for 2010 to stay the same - set at \$10 individual, \$15 family. Community garden plot \$40, from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30 June. A new category of Community Group will be added at \$15/year, with one voting right.

Moved Paul Ryle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Whitten, Motion carried.

Good Governance:

**Motion:** That the Secretary/Treasurer will ensure that the passwords (Gmail, web site committee access) and signatories to cheque book, Gay's Home Hardware, Buninyong Service Station and any other business accounts will be adjusted after each AGM as required.

Moved Andrea Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Ryle– Motion carried.

Motion: Sue Nunn will add Vicki to be a signatory on the FoRP cheque account

Moved Sue Nunn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Clarke – Motion carried.

AGM Meeting Closed at 8pm