

Minutes of the Friends of Peacehaven Botanic Park
Held at the Baptist Church Hall, Kuhls Road on 2nd July 2008
Commencing at 7:00 pm.

Present: Robert Campbell, Betty Jones, Keith Smith, Des Sellwood, Greg Gall, Jean Spanjol, Debra Howe(Toowoomba Regional Council) Anna Smith.

Apologies: Jim O’Dea, Bride & George Smith, Ruth Keirsnowski, Ronda Sellwood, Tony Spanjol.

Anna declared the meeting open, and welcomed Debra Howe from the Toowoomba Regional council. Debra spoke on her role in the amalgamated council. Debra is the Acting Manager - Tourism and Events Branch. Creation of the Tourism & Events Branch is a visionary project. The portfolio includes regional and Local Event Support, Visitor Information Centres, Jondaryan Woolshed, Sister Cities Programs and Toowoomba & Golden West Tourism liaison. Working together fosters growth and opportunity within TRC region. Amalgamation provides many opportunities for tourism and events development in the TRC region and that includes Davidson Arboretum and Peacehaven Botanic Park. Debra also gave us some ideas on how to move forward without becoming incorporated. Anna thanked Debra for giving her time to address the meeting.

Apologies: Moved as accepted by: Betty Jones, Seconded by Des Sellwood. Carried

Minutes of Previous meeting:

Moved as accepted by Keith Smith, Seconded by: Betty Jones. Carried

Business arising from minutes to be carried over to general business.

Correspondence

Inward:

Email from the Toowoomba Chronicle stating that a reporter could not attend the morning tea and could we send in photos and a news item.

Email from Jim regarding the web page from the Highfields shopping Centre.

Outward: Nil

Jean Spanjol moved that the inward be received, Seconded by Des Sellwood. Carried

Reports

- Peacehaven and Davidson’s monthly report by Robert.
- Toilet block will start to be erected on the 14th July 2008
- Rose garden is being constructed.
- On the 18th July we will know if Peacehaven and Davidson’s Arboretum have been nominated as Botanic Garden status.
- Some of the larger gum trees have been removed from Davidson’s to allow the more precious deciduous trees to thrive.
- The nursery is now in operation at Peacehaven and hopefully we can now start propagating plants to sell on to supplement park funds.
- Annuals and bulbs are growing quite well and hopefully will produce a good display in spring.
- Would like to congratulate The Friends of Peacehaven for a successful day we had with the sponsors.

Financial: nil

Grants: We are investigating two grants at present.

Presidents:

The Friends had a busy month with a working bee and cooking for a very successful morning the tea with the councillors and sponsors. It was a cold bleak morning but the atmosphere was warm and very relaxed and we thank the councillors for taking time out to visit us.

Carolyn Nielson from Hilltop Real Estate has given Peacehaven fantastic support with her generous donation of a Picnic table with more donations to be made in the future. Her donation will total \$5000. The signs for the Park are a work in progress thanks to Mr Brian Kennedy and Keith Smith.

Business arising from last meeting:

I had a meeting with Pastor Michael Braunberger from the Highfields Lutheran Church and he will conduct the Peace Service on the 28th September 2008. The choir from Brownsolme will lead the singing. The Baptist Church has agreed to supply some chairs. People are to bring their own chair or blanket. Will advise other churches and advise in media. Order of service will be printed.

General Business:

- National Tree Day will be held at Peacehaven on 27th July 2008 with the support of the Toowoomba and Cooby - Highfields Landcare Groups. Toowoomba Landcare will supply a free BBQ while the Friends do the cooking and sell drinks, tea and coffee. There is also the opportunity to raise some funds on the day by having a lucky number board and selling plants from the nursery.
- **There will be a free tree available to those who attend.**
We will need helpers!!
- The meeting agreed that Jim be reimbursed \$33.90 being for paint he bought for the sign for the open day.
- A certificate of gratitude will be given to the sponsors of Peacehaven Park using the same general layout of the tree sponsorship certificates.

Membership:

Memberships are now due. If your membership is not renewed by the 1st August 2008 you will no longer receive the minutes of the meetings or the newsletter. Your membership has helped with the development of the park and the park is changing every month. Membership is \$15 for a family \$10 for a single. You can pay you membership at the council office located in the Highfields Cultural Centre or at the next meeting.

Guest Speaker:

Mr Mike Gerlach will address our next meeting on 6th August 2008. He will give his advise on whether we become incorporated, the benefits and the problems. Your attendance is of the utmost importance. A vote will be taken to decide which way we go.

Meeting closed 8.15pm.

JOB VACANT:

A Secretary is desperately needed. We cannot think about Incorporation without one, can you help?

DATES TO REMEMBER:

National Tree Day 27th July 2008 at 10am.

Peace Service 28th September 2008 @ 2pm.

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Craigs's Highfields Thrifty-
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The Toowoomba Chronicle

Highfields Garden Centre

North East Downs Lions Club

Hilltop Real Estate

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PEACEHAVEN NEWSLETTER

Hi there, the attendance was down at the last meeting owing to the State of Origin football, we all got home to see the second half what a great win.

We were well informed by Debra Howe on her role in the Regional Council.

The park is looking great, the rose gardens are in place and waiting to be planted.

A native bee hive has been placed in the wildlife garden.

The wishing well is operational and it looks great. Kevin Drew did the painting and Keith Smith did the fitting of the top and the bucket. Thanks guys for a great job.

Craig's Highfields Thrifty-Link Hardware, Highfields Garden Centre and Hillcrest Nursery have extended their Sponsorship for another year. To get a discount from these stores you must present your new membership card. Our appreciation goes to these businesses for their continued support.

MEMBERSHIP:

Your membership is important to the development of Peacehaven. If you don't renew it you will no longer receive the minutes or the newsletter so please give it serious thought.

National Tree Day on 27th July 2008: *Come and received a free tree*

July 27th is National Tree Day and it will be celebrated at Peacehaven Botanic Park starting at 10 am. There will be a free BBQ supplied by the Toowoomba Landcare Group. Tea, coffee and drinks will be available for sale by The Friends of Peacehaven. There will be plants available for sale from the Peacehaven nursery.

A tree planting ceremony will be conducted and a Botanical time where you can learn about different trees and their uses in the past.

Come and see the tree you sponsored and you also be able to renew your membership at the same time. Forms will be available on the day.

Thought for the month: "Age is mostly a matter of mind – If you don't mind, it doesn't matter"