

**Dromana Foreshore Committee of Management Inc.**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 26th February 2024**  
**6.30pm**

Meeting Opened: 6.30pm.		
1.	<p><b>In attendance:</b> JA LA NM JS MT RG  Invited: ME, WC  Observer: Rick MPBBA  6:30 timeslot open to 2x guests – re: Public Toilet Blocks opening hours.  <b>Apologies:</b> MB JW</p>	
2.	<p><b>Conflicts of Interest</b> – Chairperson asked for any changes of conflict of interest.</p> <p>JA declared that she had a Conflict of Interest in regard to toilets and would abstain from the discussion.</p>	<b>JA</b>
3.	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting held on: 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024</b>  Moved: LA Seconded: RG Carried:</p>	<b>JA</b>
4.	<p><b><u>Secretary/ Correspondence/Transfers/ Financial Statement</u></b>  Correspondence/Transfers/Financial Statement  Moved: JS Seconded: MT Carried:  BS128 late transfer request – approved subject to measurements.  BS04 approved.  BS239 not approved – DFCoM must follow the wishes as stated in the Will.  BS84 approved.  BS222 approved</p>	<b>WC/MB</b>
5.	<p><b>Matters Arising – Toilet Opening Hours</b>  LA chaired this section of the meeting due to JA’s conflict of Interest.</p> <p>LA welcomed Sue Nance &amp; Michelle Guymer and invited them to talk about their experience and expectations. Ms Nance addressed the committee expressing her concern about the toilets, specifically T8 not being open for longer hours throughout the year. Ms Nance noted that the signage of opening hours is confusing. They also explained that their concerns are reflected in the number of signatures and the comments left on the online petition.</p> <p>Ms Nance and Ms Guymer also discussed the approaches they made to local and state government representatives before they were aware that DFCoM is the governing body for toilets on the foreshore.</p> <p>The chair acknowledged their concerns and explained that the Committee’s budget is solely made up of boatshed fees and seasonal caravan park fees, and occasional one-off grants. The DFCoM receives no funding from local, state, or federal government. The chair further explained that each toilet block cost’s approx \$18,000 per annum which does not include any adverse events such as vandalism. There is also an ongoing shortage of reliable staff for cleaning, servicing, and locking/unlocking rosters of the amenities.</p> <p>The DFCoM Ranger spoke about an audit he had conducted of our adjoining Foreshores and found that there are more toilets, open for longer hours on the Dromana Foreshore section than on either of our neighbours’.</p>	

	<p>During the high season (December 1st – April 30th) this translates to 43 cubicles including the Council toilets that are open to the public. In addition, the Ranger noted that all available toilet blocks are not powered, which poses a safety concern if they are left open after sunset.</p> <p>JA spoke about several serious vandalism and safety incidents which had occurred in the past when toilets had been kept open for extended hours.</p> <p>The discussion was concluded with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Nance and Ms Guymer agreeing to further consider what adjustments could be suggested to the DFCoM to address the changing needs of the community. And how those might be achieved.</li> <li>• The DFCoM agreeing to discuss among themselves any flexibility in our budget and our scheduling of toilet opening times.</li> </ul> <p>DFCoM thanked the guests for making the time to address the meeting. The Committee reiterated that it is always open to direct approaches from the community when issues of budgeting and policy may need adjusting to better reflect community expectations.</p>	
6.	<b>Subcommittee Reports:</b>	
	<b>Caravan Park</b> – Letter from Carol Wilson to be addressed by MB.	<b>MB</b> JA/RG
	<b>Works / Bay Trail</b> – MT read out the minutes as not all members had received them. Request from a local childcare centre for a Toy Library to be installed at the exercise station - discussion was had and it was agreed that we do not allow the “library “to be erected on our foreshore... this may lead to numerous others asking for similar erections and it would be setting a precedent. Chat sheet from Australia day tabled. JS to organise new sign for Lions Club.	<b>JW</b> JA/LA MT/NM (ME)
	<b>Latrobe Reserve</b> – As tabled.	<b>MT</b> LA/JW (ME)
	<b>Vegetation Management</b> – As tabled.	<b>MT</b> LA/JW (ME)
	<b>Finance</b> – In a Good Position.	
	<b>Grants</b> – MT has sent current details of DFCoM’s bin program to Grant Writer, this is to enable a more detailed application to the Bendigo Bank when the grants open later in the year.	<b>JS</b> MB
	<b>Combined Foreshores</b> – Nil	<b>ME</b>
	<b>Town Centre</b> – BBQ’s – a number of repairs have been completed so far which have been costly.	<b>ME</b>
	<b>Staff / Volunteer Liaison</b> – Nothing to report	<b>MB</b> RG
	<b>Dogs on Beaches</b> – Nothing to report	<b>JS</b>
	<b>All Subcommittee Reports approved.</b> Subcommittee Reports Moved: JS Seconded: LA Carried:	

7.	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>MT spoke about an incident on Australia day where an ambulance was called and the Police in attendance advised a DFCoM committee member who was on site, that the ambulance would not be required to access the Dromana Bay Life Saving Club area from Point Nepean Rd and the removal of the Bollard was not required, as the ambulance could access via the car park area and the bay trail.</p> <p>Sadly, Rob Tannahill recently passed away, his funeral is to be held on Friday 1/03/24. ME &amp; JS will attend on behalf of DFCoM. Rob was an integral part of the Dromana Foreshore Committee of Management for many years. Dromana Foreshore Committee have agreed to install a plaque in his honour and JA suggested and it was agreed that one be placed on the Matthew Flinders rock as Rob had instigated this whilst he was on the Dromana Foreshore Committee.</p> <p>A member of the public approached the DFCoM Ranger and asked if they could run a Cleanup Australia day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The Committee agreed and the Ranger will advise them it is ok to go ahead.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> Toilet opening times to be uploaded.</p> <p><b>ReturnIt</b> – DFCoM to open an account and the general public can then nominate their donated bottles and cans refund to go to the DFCoM, this is similar to the IGA/Ritchies donations. NM &amp; LA to organise.</p> <p><b>MPBBA</b> – Advised there is National map of public toilets which is available for download.</p> <p>RG asked if Vegetation management by BS owners on Dromana Foreshore was an issue – No as most BS owners seek guidance from our Ranger or they send an email request if they have any vegetation issues around their boatshed.</p> <p>MPBBA business plan is underway.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Meeting Closed: 7:55 pm</b></p> <p><b>Next meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm Dromana Tennis Club</b></p>	