

**Mornington Peninsula and Western Port
Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd**

**MINUTES
2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Sunday, 18 November 2007
Koo Wee Rup Community Hall
Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup

The Chair, Rob Gell, opened the meeting at 11.00 am and welcomed members and visitors.

PRESENT

Directors, Alternate Directors and Members

Libby Anthony, Robin Borger, Bob Brinkman, Hans Brunner, Nicholas Cole, Robin Dzedins, Tim Ealy, Rob Gell, Doug Hamilton, Allan Hood, Jane Jobe, Jim Kerin, Jack Krohn, Anwyn Martin, Norm McKinlay, Jan Oliver, Yvonne Reifenberg, Bruce Ridgway, Carolyn Rose, Shane Scanlon, Reade Smith, Jeff Weir, Cecelia Witton

Visitor

Andrew McLorinan

APOLOGIES

Ian McPhail (Guest Speaker), Alex Atkins, Neil Beddoe, Jan Charlwood, Erich and Dianne Goetz, Gillian Gordon, Dr Michael Kennedy, Neil McCarthy, Barbara Porter, Virginia Richardson, Peter Woodgate

CHAIR'S REPORT

Rob Gell presented the Chair's and Research Committee Reports, as printed in the Foundation's 2007 Annual Report. This being his third Annual General Meeting, he reflected on the Foundation's achievement of moving forward with very favourable financial year results, largely due to valuable grant funding for two successful projects – Southern Brown Bandicoot Recovery and Watson Creek.

The Chair also recognised the contributions made by Graham McLennan (recently departed Executive Officer), in establishing major communications and coordinating capacity with all Biosphere stakeholders, as well as Jane Jobe (Deputy Chair) in setting up the Foundation's website and publishing the new Biosphere newsletter.

Rob Gell introduced the meeting to new Executive Officer, Cecelia Witton, who is well known within the Biosphere region for her dedicated involvement in a range of environmental projects.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Libby Anthony reported the Foundation's financial situation as printed in the Annual Report for 2007. She drew attention to the much improved financial position achieved from successful grant funding received and still due to come in during 2007-08.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **LAUNCH OF NEWSLETTER “*THE BIOSPHERE BANDICOOT*”**
Jane Jobe launched this first of three editions, which presents a showcase for sustainability for the whole community, not just the Biosphere. She acknowledged that this first edition was the combined effort of the Communications Sub-Committee (Jim Kerin, Alison Kuitert, Virginia Richardson) with contributions also made by many others.
- **LIVING STRATEGY**
The September 2007 revised version was made available for distribution in hardcopy at the meeting.

At 11.40 am the formal meeting closed.

INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

These centred on capacity building and partnership development.