

MINUTES GFA Public Meeting Tue 5th May 2012

Venue...Belconnen Public Library Meeting room 7:30-9:30

1. Apologies
Shane Rattenbury, MLA Molonglo
Mary Porter, MLA Ginninderra.
Meredith Hunter, MLA Ginninderra
Dirk van der Vliet, Joan Kellet.
2. Chris Watson gave an overview of the proceedings and introduced the main speaker Damon Cusack from the Ginninderra catchment Group.
3. Damon Cusack presents his talk "The Ginninderra Catchment as an urban wildlife Corridor". The talk was well received and generated a good discussion and numerous questions. The powerpoint of the talk is available on the website.

Then followed the formal association meeting reports.

4. Ecotourism submission.
Chris gave a brief report on this meeting.
5. Katy Gallagher meeting. .
Chris gave a brief report on this meeting. Main outcome from this meeting was that Katy Gallagher will be writing directly to Barry O'Farrell to initiate dialogue regarding the Park. She will also be writing to Nic Carmody (Mayor Yass Valley Council) and Katrina Hodgkinson (Member for NSW member for Hume).
She regards the Park as outside the brief of the Cross Border Commissioner (Steve Toms)
6. Visit to the Falls by Brian Everingham (NSW NPA).
Chris gave a brief report on this meeting.

Following from all these reports was a general discussion on how to raise the public profile of the Ginninderra Falls National Park.

7. It Was generally felt that in this day and age the best approach was to use "social media". Damon suggested that an "online petition" which collected 50,000 signatures was not out of the question. Chris raised the issue of how money for the purchase of the park land would be forthcoming. On this point Damon felt that public support was the main issue, once significant public support has been generated then politicians would see votes in the supporting the proposal and once there was significant political support then money should come.

Further points raised in regard to generating public support were .:

- 1) Use of website....facebook.
- 2) Involve research effort from CITUniversity of Canberra.
- 3) Put a link to “Tim the Yowie man” on the website.

Motion regarding winding up of the Association that

In the event that the Ginninderra Falls Association Inc is dissolved or wound up, this general meeting nominates that any surplus property of the Ginninderra Falls Association be vested in the National Parks Association of NSW Inc, PO Box 337, Newtown NSW 2042 and in the National Parks Association of the ACT Inc, GPO Box 544, Canberra ACT 2601.

Moved Darryl Seto. Seconded Jean Geue

Meeting closed 9:00 pm.