

Otway Ranges Walking Track Association. No. A0034409H

Minutes of ORWTA AGM, Lavers Hill Roadhouse, 6:20pm, Sunday 13th September 2015

Attendees; A.Dow, L.Roe, A.Hackett, S.McKenzie, B.McKenzie, J.Piesse, F.Parsons.

Apologies; P.Dressel, B.Jordan, S.Twigg.

Acceptance of Minutes of 2014 AGM Moved; A.Hackett, Seconded; L.Roe.

**Treasurers Report
Income and Expense Summary
01/07/14 to 30/06/15**

Income

Subs	\$	580.00
Interest	\$	30.69
Walking dues	\$	146.00
DVD sales	\$	200.00
Book sales	\$	50.00
Website sponsorship	\$	211.35

Total Income \$ 1,218.04

Expenditure

Vic walk	\$	552.50
Post Box fees & postage	\$	115.00
Government Charges	\$	53.00
Web expenses	\$	211.35
Waterfall books	\$	560.00

Total Expenses \$ 1,491.85

Operating Loss -\$ 273.81

Bank Summary

Balance of accounts at 1-7-14	\$	3,341.30	
Total Deposits			\$1,218.04
Total Withdrawals			<u>\$1,491.85</u>
Bank Balance as at 30-6-2014			\$3,067.49

Prepared By Patricia Dressel (Retiring Treasurer) ORWTA

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report Moved; B.McKenzie, Seconded; J.Piesse

President's Report

Another busy year has gone by all too quickly. The overall mission to establish the Trans Otway Waterfall Walk in its entirety may be a long way off, but ORWTA have been very proactive lately with the reestablishment of the meetings for all the Stakeholders for getting the Highview Walk off the ground. Thanks to Andrew Nosedo for his involvement and Sue McKenzie who has been liaising with all parties.

It was certainly a disappointment and a big blow to Apollo Bay when in June we lost our last chance to re-open Marriners Falls. There had been a big push to reverse the decision to close the very popular short walk to this waterfall, however, after the final report was delivered, it was deemed far too unsafe with major public risk problems.

When walks are offered on our program we often do a 'pre-walk' walk. However, one of our real challenges for our club is to carry out clean-up maintenance on some of the tracks prior to some of the walks due to time, labour and weather restraints. Members of the Geelong Bushwalking Club have assisted us in the past and requests for their help have been made again. If we don't get assistance to maintain these tracks then some walks may not be able to be offered in the future.

We have had a full and interesting twelve months walk program. Most were on our proposed track; for example the Wild Dog Falls may have been done in February but it was memorable as rained for the first half and leeches were plentiful. Also, as our Secretary would know that it was a great achievement finally walking the Wild Dog Track again. However, we offered walks off the TOWW; none being so rewarding as today as we hiked the best day of the Great Ocean Walk. Our monthly walks do not happen by accident and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trip leaders that have lead walks; both members and non-members alike. I also acknowledge the association we have with the Geelong Bushwalking Club of combining the first (or sometimes the second) Sunday walk. Thanks go to Daphne Sands as the editor of the GBC newsletter who puts information of our past and upcoming walks to their members. Lastly, I thank all the office bearers and committee members for their work during the year.

Although sometimes we lack resources due to time restraints of our members, but the ORWTA remains committed to our overall mission of creating the Trans Otway Waterfall Walk. However, we need a concentrated effort to get the first stage up and going, that of the Highview Walk. We all hope that is achievable in the next two years.

Happy walking !!

Alan Dow,

President: Otway Ranges Walking Track Association

General Business

In view of our healthy bank balance, it was felt that the ORWTA membership fees should remain at \$30, although \$21 of this amount must be forwarded to Bushwalking Victoria for insurance purposes.

However, to maintain the present annual fee of \$30, it was felt that a fee of \$2 should be charged at each walk for those who are already members of a Bushwalking Victoria club. For guest walkers who are not members of another walking club, it was decided that a fee of \$5 should be charged, with the incentive that after attending six walks, non members would become members by virtue of having paid \$30.

Moved; J.Piesse, Seconded; B.McKenzie. Carried

Emergency Contacts

A review should be carried out of the names and details for those to be contacted in the event of the activation of our emergency beacon.

Moved; S.McKenzie, Seconded; L.Roe.

Election of Office Bearers

The chair was assumed by B.McKenzie for the election of Office Bearers. The results were as follows:

Office:	Nominee:	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
President	A.Dow	S.McKenzie	A.Hackett
Vice President	A.Hackett	L.Roe	A.Dow
Secretary	L.Roe	A.Hackett	S.McKenzie
Treasurer	S.McKenzie	B.McKenzie	A.Dow
Assistant Treasurer	B.McKenzie	S.McKenzie	J.Piesse
Public Officer.	L.Roe (By default as part of the role of secretary)		
Committee	S.McKenzie (website co-ordinator).	L.Roe	A.Dow
	J.Piesse	A.Dow	S.McKenzie
	A.Noseda	S.McKenzie	A.Dow

All nominees were elected unopposed.

Meeting closed 7:20pm

Walk Report; Milanesia Beach to Moonlight Head

Walkers; Les Roe(leader), Alan Dow, Lynda Carter, Andrew Hackett, David Vaughan, Sarah Coll, Rosemary ?, Kevin ?,

Eight enthusiastic walkers gathered at Lavers Hill on a bright sunny morning, to be ferried to the Milanesia car park by our car shuffle expert Alan Dow. We set off down the bush track while Alan worked his magic with the cars. A leisurely stroll along along the beach was followed by a long climb up to the first of many spectacular view points, where Alan rejoined us. After a few more ups and downs, we detoured off the main track to the Ryan's Den campsite for lunch. From here we had beautiful sunny views looking both east and west along the coast. A very warm arvo was had following the ups and downs through the Tea Tree bush until we reached the Parker's Access car park. From here, most people elected to walk on past the rolling paddocks and into the deep bush to complete the walk at the Gable Lookout car park. A long, but very enjoyable walk, with great company!

Walk report provided by Les Roe.