

CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEETING HELD 06/03/2017

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

Australia Post – renewal notice for Post Office Box - \$124 if paid by 31 March

(\$121 in 2016, \$115 in 2015)

David Coleman – Banks Volunteer Award 2017 – nominations close 27 March, presentation by Julie Bishop at Club Rivers, 5 April

Membership renewals – Hinley, Edmenson

Dr Betty Hall – thanks for certificate of recognition for long-term membership, donation of \$50

Sandy Grekas, Oatley PS P & C – like to partner with OFF in centenary project - identifying 100 species on the school grounds - launch project on 1 August (Wattle Day), and work through spring (email in 24/2/17)

David Stead (President, David G Stead Memorial Wild Life Research Foundation of Australia) – seeking info on memorial to Loretto Williams at Wirrimbirra Sanctuary and OFF's involvement in that

Jason Dalglish GRC – Council is making another habitat tree next to the existing habitat tree (opp the pub); will also be removing 2 eucalypts near war memorial due to major branch failures and structural defects; will replace them with mature trees (email in 21/2/17)

Janine Kitson – promotion of WEA environmental history courses, please circulate (email in 21/2/17).

Australian Museum – invitation to visit on Seniors Day () (email in 15/2/17)

Jim Nicholson's family – Jim had fall in January, now in nursing home in Picton; please remove his name from mailing list (email in 3/2/17)

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

Mark Coure MP – Crown Land Management Bill 2016 – request NSW Govt refer cases of serious and systemic mismanagement of Crown land to ICAC; defer commencement date of Crown Land Act until after ICAC has reported; put out for further public review, the new Act and proposed regulations so they can be fully considered before the Act is again presented to Parliament, with necessary amendments (letter drafted by Kim, posted 14/2/17)

Georges River Council GM – Oatley Bowling Club site - strongly object to development proposal because constraints imposed by bushfire regulations could require extensive clearance for an Asset Protection Zone (up to 100 native trees and shrubs in Myles Dunphy Reserve and at entrance to River Road off Mulga Road). This was not obvious from Council documents; in fact Council went to great pains to say only 50% of the site would be rezoned and there would be no impacts on the Reserve (letter posted 24/2/17)

Georges River Council GM - Lime Kiln Bay Wetland ponds - request Council remove sediment urgently; don't dump it in Oatley Park but beside Scout Hall in Glen Road, suggest covering with mulch to reduce odour (posted 17/2/17)

Georges River Council GM – congratulations on Australia Day Festival and litter reduction measures (incl. no balloons), suggest placing clearly labeled recycling and litter bins side by side; for next year, request stall site near Council stalls, and earlier vehicular access when packing up in the afternoon (posted 17/2/17)

John Davoren – thanks for innovative and dedicated service as Editor of OFF News for 9 years (posted 17/2/17); reply from John - he found the role a very pleasant and a challenging one, regrets he is not able to continue but hopes to remain an active member of OFF and perhaps play some role in the future.

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