



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley (10/10/2004).

Present: D. Barrett (Chair and Minutes), N. Stuart (Secretary and Treasurer), L. Petö, R. Brister, S. Davis, Lyn and John Stanger, S. Ridd.

Apologies: Nil.

Bush Regeneration: Les reported on recent broom removal activities in Frank Walford Park and Wells Street. Blackberry and broom will be targeted at the next meeting.

Contact Les for details of the time and day for the next meeting.

Correspondence and Notices: Neil presented the lists for Inwards and Outwards correspondence. Discussion centered on the Blue Mountains Heritage Institute (BMWHRI), remediation work in the Valley, the meeting with Council and National Parks on the formation of the provisionally title Gully Advisory Group (GAG). It was noted that there will be a series of important meetings on 16 Oct., 30 Oct., and 9 Nov., to discuss the formation of an aboriginal representative committee, its representatives, and the BMWHRI, respectively.

Archaeological Survey: Selection of the archaeologist has been put back until January 2005. Enquiries will be made to BMCC to ensure that the \$30,000 set aside for interpretive signage is *additional* to the \$43,000 grant.

Shirley's painting: Shirley reported that her painting (and donated by the Friends), in memory of Rose Dawn Colless, was accepted by the Director of Nursing (Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital, Katoomba) at a moving ceremony on Tuesday 5 October, and to a very appreciative audience.

Website: It was agreed that the Friends would have a website entry, courtesy of Warren Röss. The Working Group will develop appropriate proposals for the site.

Skyway Development: The working Group will meet to prepare a letter to Council expressing our concerns and objection to the development. Advice from our lawyer concerning 'Crown Lands' and 'Existing Use Rights' will be forthcoming. Bob Debus will be approached too.

Legal Representation: It was agreed that if requested, the Friends would be prepared to make a statement, on the issue of 'deemed refusal', to lawyers McPhee Kelshaw in regard to development on 21 Stuarts Rd, Katoomba.

Next Ordinary Meeting and AGM: Sunday, 21 November, 2004, 2-4 pm.

Street Stall: 4 December, 9-12:30 pm.