

*Our AGM was held on 26<sup>th</sup> April at the RW Stone Reserve Hall in Camp Hill Rd in Somers. Thanks to all of those who attended. The current Committee is listed as follows:*

<i>President:</i>	<i>Phil Birchall</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Peter Cooper</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Karin Cooper</i>
<i>Orinary Committee members:</i>	<i>Pam Walker</i>
	<i>Allan Lim Joon</i>
	<i>Helen Dickson</i>
	<i>Henry Broadbent</i>

*The year's treasury reports were presented and passed. The President gave a summary of the year's events. All volunteers and the Committee were thanked for their commitment and the Committee wish to also thank all those people who attended the AGM.*

*FOLKLAW is a 'can do' volunteer group, not a 'let's talk about it' organisation. We get things done and make any money donated or raised go much further than any other organisation. In other words for every dollar raised, we probably put in about five dollars of work and materials.*

*Our working bees are held on the last Sunday of every month at 9.30 am at the Campsie Court end of the Koala Reserve. All ages are welcome. Volunteers do not have to be FOLKLAW members to contribute.*



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*Our first project of the year was to put in 70 new plants around the pumping station at the Koala Reserve. This was done at our first working bee for the year on March 30<sup>th</sup>. These plants were grown and donated by FOLKLAW. We also weeded and dug up a number of Coastal Banksia seedlings that were growing in the reserve. Many of these seedlings would have died as there is too much competition from other plants in the reserve. The seedlings have been put into tubes and will be transplanted when they are bigger and the ground is wetter.*

*Our second project of the year was to build a koala and bird enclosure for Jennie Bryant, our local wildlife carer. Jennie needed an aviary where she could house the birds that were recuperating from injuries or illnesses. This new enclosure was to be built big enough for the birds to fly in so that they could strengthen their wings prior to being re-released into the wild. The materials for the enclosure were paid for by FOLKLAW with money raised by Ritchie's donations and private donations. Our treasurer, Peter Cooper ordered the*

materials and arranged for their delivery on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The value of the materials was approximately \$2,200.

We held a working bee on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April and the following volunteers very kindly donated a full day of their time and tools in getting the project off the ground.

Phil, Cassie and Luke Birchall of Bittern  
Karin and Peter Cooper of Melbourne  
Henry Broadbent of Somers  
Steve Ainsworth of Bittern  
Hugh of Tyabb and Jennie Bryant of Tyabb.



Morning tea and a cooked lunch was donated by Peter and Karin Cooper and by the end of the first

day, the framework of the aviary was completed. We are now waiting on the delivery of the colourbond roofing before we can continue the next stage. Securing the roofing to around the bottom half of the aviary and then wire around the rest of the aviary is to be done next. The aviary is actually 2 enclosures side by side - the koalas will be housed on the left and the birds on the right. 2 different sizes of mesh and wire is being used so that the koalas do not get their claws caught in the mesh.



If you would like to give us a hand with future projects, please contact us on the above address or call us on 9690 1774.