



Coastwatchers

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Reports for Coastwatchers AGM July 21st 2018 – Mark Rote

Treasury

- A quiet year – a \$500 donation to EDO from Coastwatchers being the most significant expenditure, Coastwatchers operating surplus of \$1,481 and Environment Fund surplus of \$193. See audited financial reports.
- Bank statements now accessible online to authorised committee members
- Co-authorised online direct deposits now possible for authorised committee members
- We can now receive membership payments by credit card.
- Accounting currently being set up in cloud-based software to enable easy transfer to new treasurer/s.

Membership

- Confusing and vague household memberships have been discontinued in favour of individual memberships
- Standard membership fee set for this and next year at \$20 which was the previous concession fee (individual fee was \$25 and household fee was \$35).
- This allows better compliance with statutory requirements, simplifies administration and it is hoped will encourage new members in future
- With membership renewals and tidying up of the membership list still in progress, the short term effect of this change on membership numbers is yet to be assessed.
- At June 30th 2018 we had a total of 124 members – 110 financial and 14 non financial.

Environment Fund

- No expenditure this year, making it the 4th consecutive year of zero expenditure from the Fund.
- No fund-raising this year – in the light of recent inactivity it was initially delayed until a note from the new President outlining new energy and direction for Coastwatchers could accompany it. In June an alternative plan use expenditure from the Fund as “justification” for fund-raising failed.
- A retirement from the newly appointed Fund committee and the realisation of a technical oversight in the appointment of one instead of two authorised bank signatories to the new Fund committee has put the Fund committee into abeyance until further changes to the make up of the Fund committee are made.

Website – Coastwatchers

- Significant addition of content and evolution of navigation. Still plenty more to be done.

Email Systems

- Email set up within the coastwatchers.org domain; easily controlled by the committee and administration readily passed on to new committee members.

Website – Committee Operations Manual

- A second and rapidly evolving website has been set up for the use of the Coastwatchers management committee, detailing various rules, responsibilities, systems, procedures and protocols along with relevant background and history, and lacing these various spokes into a round and true wheel that future committee members will not have to reinvent.
- This website is password protected and its content is not indexed by Google or, presumably, other search engines..