**Beach Access and Erosion**

**Who’s responsibility is it?**

It is very clear that the only way the erosion issues and beach access will be addressed is through community action. Both PWS and HVC do not have the resources to do anything. Their role is to advise the community about what approvals are needed. They won’t do the work. There are too many beach communities in Tasmania facing the same issues we are.

It’s taken a while for the group to realise that we are essentially on our own and if we want to change things, we have to find a way to make it happen ourselves. This will require funding and expertise. We need to understand what is going on with the erosion and the best course of action to tackle it. Grant funding will help us do this.

Just this week we put in a detailed application for **Preparing Australian Communities** grant program. If successful, this grant would provide funding to investigate why the erosion is occurring and the best way to tackle it. A big thankyou to Kelsie Fractal for the hours of work she put into writing this grant. Fingers crossed it will be successful.

**Interest Groups**

Are you interested in eliminating weeds, addressing the feral cat issue, providing habitat for devils or cultural burning to name a few?

This year we’d like to form interest groups which could run their own ‘meetings’ and activities. They would be covered by FOGIC’s landcare insurance and share their interests with the wider group. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in please email and let us know your ideas. **friendsofgardenislandcreek@gmail.com**

**Interpretive Sign**

Have you seen the signs at Randalls Bay and Verona Sands that talk about the area? We think it would be great to have one of these at GIS. We’re looking for funding for this from the Bendigo Bank and Huon Valley Council. Watch this space.

**FOGIC needs members**

How much does it cost? $10 for individuals and $20 for a family. **If you join in January, the fee is $5 for an individual and $10 for a family.**

How to join. Complete the membership form attached and email to friendsofgardenislandcreek@gmail.com and pay by direct deposit. Details are on the membership form.

**How to be involved**

**Come along to a Committee meeting**

The role of the committee is to plan, advocate, research, lobby, and generally bring the community together to address community concerns. It’s informal and a way to share your ideas.

**FOGIC News**

**Dec/Jan 2021/22**

Meetings are held on the **last Tuesday of the month 5.30-7.30pm**, every second month. Everyone is very welcome.

**Calendar**

### January Sunday 30th – Fun Family Beach Day - scavenger hunt , sandcastle competition , sausage sizzle

### February Tuesday 22nd – Committee meeting

### March 6th – Clean Up Australia Day

### April Tuesday 26th– AGM

### May Sunday 29th – Indigenous perspectives

### June Tuesday 28th – committee meeting

July Saturday 30th – Winter Feast Community Dinner

**For more information, to share your ideas or to become a member email** **friendsofgardenislandcreek@gmail.com** **or find us on Facebook**

Friends of Garden Island Creek

Membership Form

Name Date

Postal Address

Email address

Phone Number

Preferred method of contact (please tick)

Email Phone Facebook

Are you a:

Full time resident of GIC

Property/home/shack owner in GIC but not full-time resident

Interested in land/coast care but living elsewhere

Rather not say

Why are we asking? It adds weight to some of the petitions we put before local government to be able to say how many members we have and how many are permanent residents or property/home/shack owners.

Membership Fee

$10 individual $20 family/household

**Half price if you join in January.** ALL membership fees are due in July each year

50% discount applies to new memberships started between January and June

Please submit your membership form with cash at a FOGIC event

OR

Direct deposit

Friends of Garden Island Creek

BSB 633 000 Acc 185 463 775

Use your last name as a deposit reference and please email the form to

friendsofgardenislandcreek@gmail.com

Thanks