

Memorandum of Understanding

May 2017

Friends of the Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Reserve AND

Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Reserve Committee Inc.

1. The Minister for the Environment appoints a Committee of Management (COM) to oversee the use of the Rail Reserve. The Rail Reserve has been reserved as Public Land for the purposes of Conservation and Recreation, and the Committee welcomes members of the Community to assist in the promotion of the Reserve, and the development of the Reserve.
2. Whilst the use of the Reserve is open to any members of the Public at any time, works on the Reserve need to be directed by the COM in accordance with Committee deliberations, and if necessary with input from DELWP. Hence all works undertaken by Friends of the Reserve will be directed by the COM via the Friends Convenors. A Register of Activity will be kept for insurance purposes.
3. There is no subscription required for membership, however a Register of members is kept in order that communication can be made to members of the Friends Group. The COM will appoint two members of the COM to be the Convenors of the Friends Group, and report back to the COM, and act as liaison between the entities.
4. Recreational Events will be made known to the Friends group, and they are encouraged to invite other community members to enjoy these events.
5. Working Bees may be held from time to time, and the COM is grateful for the input of Friends and other Community members, in undertaking the work required, for the betterment of the Reserve. A Risk Assessment for Working Bees will be managed by the Convenors.
6. Suggestions and input are welcome from the Friends groups, and opportunities will be planned for such input.

In 2017 the Convenors are Larry Walker (0408363061) and Coralie Coulson (0427752246).