



DRAFT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – 6th MARCH, 2017

Hartley Public School Hall, Mid Hartley Road

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Meeting opened: 7.05pm

Apologies: Kerrie Elgar, Sue Jack, Bob Morris, Peter and Susanne Harvey, Karen Edwards

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decisions / Actions
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In his opening, the President acknowledged several people for their contributions – notably: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Sue & AJ Jack and Susie Moodie for their coordination of and input into the March newsletter → All those involved in the newsletter distribution → Diane Green for organising HDPA's Clean Up Australia effort → Rob Jolly for maintaining the school grounds → Ian Campbell for many years of service to the HDPA and local community 	Organise an appropriate function to recognise Ian Campbell's contribution to the Hartley area
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer tabled the Income and Expenditure Statement for the 6 months ended 28 February 2017 The closing balance as at end Feb was \$15 440.11 	Treasurer's Report was accepted
Building and Facilities	<p>Hy-Tec Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramsay Moodie covered off the funding allocation arising from the Hy-Tec VPA with Council which essentially delivers ongoing funding to HDPA and the local Hartley community Hy-Tec will provide 50% of the annual funding contribution under the VPA to HDPA and the local Hartley community In this current financial year, \$10K was allocated to HDPA which has focused the funding on upgrading the public school and hall facilities. Hy-Tec will in the coming financial year be allocating funds for Hartley community projects (in addition to the HDPA funding regime) – public advertising will occur in May / June, with decisions to be made by Hy-Tec / Council in July. 	<p>Annual Report on the discharge of the \$10K funding is to be provided to Council in July (Action – President)</p> <p>HDPA and HRT to discuss future funding needs, especially for 2017/18 (HDPA and HRT Presidents to action at the HRT/HDPA May 3rd meeting)</p>

	HRT Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seamus Casey briefed the meeting on HRT activities and touched upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The HRT/HDPa funding proposal to the NSW Government to develop a masterplan for the public school site. If successful, the purpose behind the masterplan is to set a long-term development path for the site → The acceptance of a HDPa recommendation to appoint a local contractor to fix roof and guttering of the school and hall, painting of the school's interior, fixing school step/access and upgrading of hall ramps. 	
2017 Social Events	Hartley Long Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharon Howard (chair of the Social Committee) outlined the preparations that were underway for the 2017 Hartley Long Lunch to be held on 30th April. The details included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Catering efforts for 100+ people → Sponsorship / partner organisations, noting a major contribution from Hy-Tec → Pricing and the need for an uplift based on the 2016 event → Entertainment 	Social Committee to progress the organisation and logistics of the day
NBN Fixed Wireless Tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President indicated that Council agreed to HDPa's request for an extension of time for locals to consider the proposal. He advised the meeting that telecoms are a priority need in the area. But the lack of community consultation by NBN left an information vacuum and as a result, HDPa wrote to Council urging a community briefing by NBN 	A community site briefing to be held on 10 th March has been arranged by Council - HDPa members are urged to attend
General Business	HDPa Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President reflected on the low HDPa membership numbers and sought member views on initiatives that could be introduced. The discussion covered a range of matters from member benefits, to active marketing, website promotion, involvement of local businesses and aligning on what the community wants Grounds management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rob Jolly has kindly offered his services to carry out grass cutting at the school site (Rob takes over from Ian Campbell who had done a tremendous job over many 	<p>Membership form featured on the HDPa website was accepted</p> <p>President to revert to the Members with suggested membership initiatives for further discussion</p> <p>President to formally thank Rob and work with the HDPa / HRT to acknowledge the work of Ian Campbell</p> <p>Members to be provide possible candidates for</p>

	<p>years)</p> <p>Supporting a worthwhile cause</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President sought the advice of members as to a suitable public cause which HDPa could sponsor / support <p>Administration – Hall Hire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were informed of the Hall’s pricing and usage conditions – website provides details 	<p>HDPa support</p> <p>Events which deliver widespread community benefit should be encouraged with minimum hall usage charges in the interim to apply in order to get them established</p>
<p>Address by Cr Stephen Lesslie, Mayor of Lithgow</p>	<p>As guest speaker, the Mayor of Lithgow addressed the meeting and provided insights into his role and the role of Councillors and their interface with Council Officers. He gave answers to prepared questions and answered questions from the floor. The President thanked Mayor Lesslie for his address and comments.</p>	

Meeting closed: 8.45pm