

Hartley District Progress Association

Minutes of Ordinary general meeting held Monday 4th June 2012

In Attendance Eleven attendees (quorum +2). Seamus Casey (Chair), Ian Campbell, , Michael Combs, Margaret Combs, Barbara Johnson, Ramsay Moodie, Susie Moodie, Ian Bathgate, Duncan Wass, Barbara Wass, Diane Green.

Apologies Dick Austen, Chris Bird, John Fachhina,

Prior Minutes Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd April were read by the Chair and adopted as a correct record.

Matters arising

Public Liability Insurance - discussed at last executive Lands Dept confirmed trust public liability cover would not extend to cover risk arising from failures/negligence of the HDPa or its volunteers.

Correspondence In

Letter from Australian Taxation Office confirming tax exemption for Western Crossings Trust

Letter from Lands Dept confirming need for HDPa Public Liability Insurance
Acknowledgement of receipt of Duncan Gay letter

Correspondence Out

Letter to Lands Dept enquiring re insurance

Letter to Duncan Gay seeking release of Evans and Peck and speed cameras on Pass.

Meeting with Duncan Gay

Seamus briefed meeting on meeting with Duncan Gay in Bathurst am.

Minister advised report with feds and can't release till they agree. Suggested most would like findings. Feds didn't but now do.

Generally solution will be lower cost. Seamus said report will probably surface in Sept report by Infrastructure NSW.

Minister advised that cameras on pass not possible as they gave a promise no more point to point cameras and no b doubles greater than 19m over the mountains. Encouraged us to continue protest.

Michael Combs (on Blackman's Creek Road), raised issue that they have experienced huge increase in noise since River Lett Hill safety upgrade.

Have Roads & Maritime Services monitoring levels.

Accounts Paid

C and W Printing	\$310 - newsletter
Electricity	\$229
Mailbox rental	\$223
Blinds in hall	\$1495
Easter eggs and refreshments for 18/3	\$ 97
Lithgow Workies 1813 meeting	\$120

Finance Report

Treasurer reported funds on hand of \$6,308,
incorporating \$1,488 of HHAG funds
\$466 of 1813 funds with
balance of \$4,354 available HDPAs.

Noted separate funds of \$28,000 held by Hartley Recreation Reserves Trust to fund building repairs and shelter shed. Discussion regarding these funds clarified that they are Trust's not HDPAs.

Business Directory

Discussed costs and effort associated with production of fridge magnet, directory and website. Duncan Wass confirmed he has directory production down pat.

Noted additional value of quarterly newsletter version now. Offering new starters at \$15 per newsletter and \$25 for A5 brochure distribution.

Agreed to modify offer 2012 renewal to directory 4x newsletter and website, cease fridge magnet. Pricing as now \$77 and \$120. Automate by invoicing for assumptive renewal.

Agreed entries on website only as part of paid package.

Spirit of Hartley Awards

General discussion. Margaret Combs suggested criteria might help. Will leave on agenda each meeting so we maintain visibility.

1813 Committee report

Duncan Wass reported on 2013 meeting at Workies. Some success with attendance of 30 odd. Many from Lithgow Gardening Club.

Neville Castle and Helen Riley provided good support.

Mercury and Prime TV coverage followed.

Updated meeting on time table images exhibition 4th May to 16th June.

Tor dedication 1st June followed by community event and dinner.

History conference slipped to 8th June.

Invitations to NSW Governor and Premier going out this week. Need to add Robyn Parker.

Ramsay Moodie briefed meeting on 2nd June history workshop. Primarily to think about pre 1813 valley and to engage Aboriginal community. Some good discussion. Great input from Kath Schilling OEH.

One idea, creation of a mechanism to aggregate artefacts into a valley-held and publically accessible collection in a process that honours and pays tribute to the finders/holders who have kept them safe all this time. This might be a mechanism for both European and Aboriginal artefacts.

All part of the bigger strategy to make Hartley Valley a place renowned for its heritage.

In afternoon group inspected two Aboriginal scar trees on Southleigh and the Collits Aboriginal sharpening grooves.

Building Restoration Committee Report

Duncan Wass summarised recommendations of engineer.

Replace gutters with period gutters,
underfloor looks very sound,
foundations good,
relocate tank, overflow compromising east wall foundations.
Concrete slab along east wall will stabilise foundations.
No decisions taken on recommended actions.

Painting to proceed asap.

Duncan Wass to take a board to mate in Bathurst for purchase of replacements for rotten ones. Check Mitre 10 Bill Humes.

Then proceed with prepare and paint quote of \$5k.

Ramsay Moodie: What about frost? Painter can advise on suitable paint type.

Seamus Casey advised \$20k grant for new shed to be spent by March 2013.

Various options wood/rusticwood/brick stone/stone.

Quotes are in. Trustees will decide next week.

Hopefully the community will like it. Will sound out a few people to get views and asked for views through newsletter.

Seamus Casey advised two grant applications submitted to Lithgow council, one trust one HDP. Narrowed down to Trust one to potentially cover refurbishment of toilets.

Newsletter update

Folding tomorrow at Moodie's 10am.

28th October Hartley Day update

Meeting this Thursday 7th June as advised to all by Mick Combs in note last week.

Seamus Casey confirmed he will attend.

General Business

Bonfire proposal general discussion. Date Saturday 8th July.

Assemble on day. A number have agreed to deliver fuel. Careful of trees.

Reseed grass afterwards. No single person nominated as project manager?

24th June Boot and Ute Sale.

Need to compliment Mt Vic flicks for free advertising.

Ads in Mercury and Gazette. Investigate reusable banner sign.

Website host Mobile Me ceasing.

Diane concerned. Ideas for new host please asap.

Duncan Wass to advise Ramsay Moodie said Illys.

Meeting closed 10pm.

Signed as a correct record

Chairman / 6 /2012