

Wee Jasper Community Association

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General Meeting

31 August 2013, 9.35am Wee Jasper Memorial Hall

Minutes

1. Present

Michael Carey, Janet Smith, Michael Smith, Charlie Barton, Janet Sawyer, Neville Slyney, Irene Holloway, John Robinson, Bob Holloway, John Parker, Kerry Parker, Jean Luc Foulon (Zoe & Alex), Kate Howarth, Paul Melville, Suzanne Newnham, Anne-Marie Hagl, Leslie Instone, Affrica Taylor, Helen Cathles, Geoff Kell, Chris Barber, Councillor and Mrs Geoff Frost.

2. Apologies

Steve Howarth, John Amos, Sylvia Amos, Kim O'Connor, Ian Cathles, Rosemary Robinson, Michael Hawkins, Irene Carr, Adam Thomas

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (tabled by President)

Moved as correct by Suzanne Newnham. Seconded Bob Holloway. Carried.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 **Hall spider/white ant treatment** – this has been completed. Cost \$616.00. Michael Hawkins did a subsequent clean up.

4.2 **Dragon Dreaming Festival** – Helen Cathles provided an update. The community has an opportunity to participate in a fundraising food stall. Helen to organise the stall. All volunteers are asked to contact Helen. Dragon Dreaming organisers will provide a list of other food providers so there is no conflict. \$100 payment only is required to cover insurance. Helen Cathles will organise funding and supplies for stall. Janet Smith raised concern about the paper trail for the event. Helen assured the meeting that this would all be dealt with in the simplest way possible.

The meeting discussed the pros and cons of the event and the logistics of staffing a stall. Suzanne Newnham advised the meeting the general volunteers for the whole Festival receive free entry for four days and are not required to pay the usual volunteer levy.

Community stallholders will receive free entry for their shift. Helen advised the profits from the stall will be split between Wee Jasper community groups. She also advised the meeting that the Development Application is available for comment.

President Michael Carey thanked Helen Cathles for her information and offering to co-ordinate the fundraising effort during the Dragon Dreaming Festival.

Helen moved that the Community endorse the Festival and send a letter of support to the Yass Valley Council. Seconded Suzanne Newnham. Carried.

4.3 **Café Wee Jasper** – The President passed on apologies from Michael Hawkins who could not attend the meeting due to work commitments. Michael will provide a progress report to the next meeting on the café project.

5. Correspondence

IN – AEC – Hall booked as polling place for 7 September 2013 federal election.

6. Treasurer's Report

Report tabled by Treasurer.

CBA Society Chq Account	\$ 4,587.42
CBA River Care Account	\$ 818.66
Rural Bank Term Deposit	\$11,690.32
Total funds	\$17,096.40

Charlie advised the meeting that generally costs are covered by donations and fundraising. The annual costs are approximately \$1000 p.a.

Treasurer, Charlie Barton moved that report be accepted as correct. Seconded Bob Holoway. Carried.

7. Community Paddock

Bill Morris' sheep continue to do a good job keeping the grass down.

8. General Business

8.1 Block of Land – The President provided an update on the status of the block of land Lot 7009 of 94569 between the Community Paddock and the Stables Tavern. Yass Valley Council recently advised the President that the title is still in the name of NSW Trade & Investment Crown Lands (Dept of Lands) which means it should therefore be maintained by the Wee Jasper Reserves Trust. The meeting agreed that the parcel of land should be either transferred to Yass Valley Council

for maintenance by the Community Association or if it is to remain with the Department that it should be maintained by the Trust. The Association has been undertaking weed and fire hazard control on this parcel for some time.

The President moved that the Association write a letter to NSSW Trade and Investment, Crown Lands Group Leader, John Flarrey asking for advice on the status of the land and making recommendations to change the title to Yass Valley Council or for the Wee Jasper Reserves Trust to undertake future maintenance. This letter should be copied to Katrina Hodgkinson, Geoff Frost and David Rowe of Yass Valley Council. Seconded Neville Slyney. Carried.

8.2 Road issues – Councillor Geoff Frost advised the meeting that the dirt section of Mountain Creek road will be bitumed before the end of the financial year. Geoff Kell asked Councillor Frost to bring to the attention of Yass Valley Council the condition of Wee Jasper Road towards Tumut and also the state of the corners being obscured by uncontrolled weed growth. Janet Sawyer also request Councillor Frost bring the state of the Wee Jasper Road Y-intersection signage and that it needs urgent repair.

8.3 CanAssist – Mrs Frost provided the meeting with brochures for CanAssist an organisation assisting those in the area living with cancer.

8.4 Crockery Hire – The President passed on the thanks of the Catholic Church for the use of crockery for the 175th anniversary of the Mt Carmel Chapel.

9. Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be **Saturday 2 November 2013**, 9am at the Wee Jasper Memorial Hall.

10. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 10.15am.

Dates to remember:

9 & 23 September 3-4pm – Yass Valley Library bus at WJ Memorial Hall

6 October 2013 – Wee Jasper Markets, 9am – 2pm Fitzpatrick Trackhead Reserve

17 October 2013 – Yass Valley Connect – meet with Yass Valley Council representatives, WJ Memorial Hall 4-7pm

25-28 October 2013 – Dragon Dreaming Festival, ‘Cooradigbee’.

2 November 2013 – 9am – Community Association Meeting, WJ Memorial Hall