

Wee Jasper Community Association

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General Meeting

2 November 2013, 9.00am Wee Jasper Memorial Hall

Minutes

1. Present

Bob Holloway, Jenny Chapman, Les Shelley, Ian Cathles, Helen Cathles, Lara Cathles, Dean Yevrem, Michael Smith, Katrina Bowden, Chris Streeter, Kim O'Connor, Mim Streeter, Jean Frost, Councillor Geoff Frost, Neville Slyney, Adam Thomas, Kate Howarth, Geoff Kell

2. Apologies

Michael Carey, Louise Carey, Charlie Barton, Donna Boyce-Monaghan, Justin Barber, Lesley Instone, Michael Hawkins, Steve Howarth, Jean-Luc Fulon, Janet Smith, John Parker, Kerry Parker, Vicki Bennett

In the absence of President, Vice President and Treasurer, Secretary Kate Howarth chaired the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved as correct by Bob Holloway. Seconded Michael Smith. Carried.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 **Dragon Dreaming Festival** – Helen Cathles circulated a draft report for consideration. Helen reported that the event was a big success. Excellent receive back was received from the organisers and attendees on the community stall. Over \$8000 was raised for distribution amongst the community.

Several of the volunteers who were present at the meeting commented on the good feeling of the event and the excellent behaviour of the crowds. The meeting congratulated Helen on organising a great stall. Helen thanked everyone for the contributions and hard work.

Helen advised the meeting that the REGEN Regrowth festival was booked in for four days from 28 February 2014 at Cooradigbee. It is a similar festival, but also involves tree planting. The opportunity exists for a similar community stall. The meeting agreed that anyone interested in helping out could get together at a later date, outside of a general meeting.

Helen will be emailing the report to all those who helped out for the feedback before submitting it formally to the Community Association. All feedback welcome.

Geoff Kell moved that the Community Association write a letter of congratulations and thanks to the Dragon Dreaming Festival organisers. Seconded Kim O'Connor. Carried

4.2 **Café Wee Jasper** – Michael Hawkins not present. This item will be carried over.

4.3 **Block of Land** – Kate Howarth advised that the response from Crown Lands indicates that the Wee Jasper Reserves Trust will be responsible for the maintenance of the small block adjacent to the Community Paddock for the time being.

5. Correspondence

IN – APRA invoice; Yass Valley Council Australia Day Citizens Awards nominations op until 2/12/13; Yass Valley Bushfire Preparedness Mtg 6/11/13

OUT – Crown Lands re Community Paddock & response; YVC – Supporting Dragon Dreaming and advising of change of office bearers.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer not present. Report was submitted to Secretary who unfortunately left it at home...

Meeting agreed to table report for ratification at next meeting. Link to dropbox version to be sent out with these minutes. Apologies to Charlie.

7. Community Paddock

Michael Smith reported that weed spraying is required and that the tree guards need to be removed. Committee would advise if assistance is required and would liaise with Trust re. the Trust block.

8. General Business

8.1 RFS – Kim O'Connor advised the meeting of the change to catering arrangements within the RFS. Some basic supplies are now stalled in the Memorial Hall. This includes bread, tinned items and water. The meeting expressed some concern regarding keep bread for too long in the freezer, Kim assured the meeting that if it were not required it would be used for other purposes (e.g. sausage sizzles) before it was 'no good'. Michael Smith offered to collect anything that was required from Yass during bushfire times as he is in town each day.

8.2 Working Bees – It was agreed that a working bee would be held to clean up in and around the hall before the school presentation night. Date set Sunday 1 December 10.00am. On this day the floor polisher needs to be looked at with a view to polishing the floor at a later date.

Bob Holloway advised that those who mow the street etc. are happy to continue the way things are. The meeting advised them that if they need assistance to just let people know as there are many prepared to help.

The meeting expressed its thanks to those who look after the street-scaping and particularly John Parker for his recent mowing.

8.3 Tennis– Kate Howarth advised the meeting that at least one tennis net has a large (rat?) hole in it and some of the attachments are missing. The tennis lock has one key which is kept at the Wee Jasper Reserves Trust Office. It was agreed to review equipment at the hall working bee on 1 December. A date will be set soon for a tennis evening.

Helen Cathles moved that some of the funds raised via Dragon Dreaming be used to get the Tennis Court equipment updated. Seconded Mim Streeter. Carried.

Kim O'Connor moved that some of the funds raised via Dragon Dreaming be used to repair the flat top barbecue burner and that a second flat top bbq be purchased and that both be available for use within the community. Seconded Michael Smith. Carried.

8.4 Road conditions – Councillor Geoff Frost advised the meeting that the work on this end of Mountain Creek Road is earmarked to be complete by the end of this financial road and includes bitumening. The meeting asked Clr Frost to please ask Council again about repairing the damaged road sign at the village intersection.

8.5 Council meeting – Kate passed on the President's disappointment at the poor attendance at the Council consultative meeting. There was some discussion about the timing, the general consensus being that it needs to start at 5pm. Some said they simply forgot about it. Geoff Kell advised the meeting he would be placing a sandwich board with mtg and event notices at the intersection in the village.

8.6 Events – Geoff advised that a Contra Dance would be held in February. There is a community clothes swap on 30 November and someone is needed to spearhead the organisation of New Year's Eve, please contact Kate Howarth if you can help. Also at the next meeting volunteers will be called upon to assist with ANZAC day.

8.7 Website – the meeting asked if the weejasper.org website could be updated. Kate will to chat to Neil Glassford about this.

9. Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be **Saturday 1 February 2014**, 9am at the Wee Jasper Memorial Hall.

10. Meeting Close Meeting closed at 10.10am.

Dates to remember:

Sat 16 November – RFS Equipment check day; **Mon 18 November** – Yass library bus 3-5pm at the Hall;

Sat 30 November – Community Clothes Swap 10.30am at the Hall, bring a plate for morning tea, gold coin entry, \$5 if a non-swapper. Enquiries to Kate 62279626 or Kim 62279609; **Sun 1 December** – Memorial Hall working bee; **Thurs 12 December** – WJPS Presentation Night