

Wee Jasper Community Association Meeting
9am Saturday 9 May 2015

MINUTES

Present: Michael Carey, Michael and Janet Smith, Kerry and John Parker, Ian and Helen Cathles, Charles and Jennifer Barton, Michelle Waters, Bob Holloway, Jenny Chapman, Les Shelley, Paul Melville, Mim and Chris Streeter, Geoff Kell, Alex and Sophie Fominas.

Apologies: Chris Garner, John Robinson and Rosemary, Lesley Instone, Ruth Jones, Jean Luc Foulon, Irene Holloway, John and Sylvia Amos, Geoff and Jean Frost

1. Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Bob Holloway Seconded: Kerry Parker Carried

2. Matters arising from previous meeting

- 2.1. Anzac Day ceremony, memorial stone, morning tea, pictures of those who served
All involved in organising and participating in the ceremony were thanked.

Motion: That thank you letters be sent from the community Association to Ziggy Reidel for the memorial stone, John and Sylvia Amos for providing morning tea, Graham Hannaford for being the piper, and Jacob Gore for his presentation of Paterson's poem.

Moved Kerry Parker Seconded Melinda Streeter Carried

- 2.2. Permission to use photographs in Wee Jasper digital collection
Copies of the permission letters will be placed in the WJCA folder and provided to the Yass Archives

- 2.3. Tennis court net and new sign about hire of courts
Thanks to Michael Carey and Chris Garner for the new sign and purchase of net, winders and balls. A weatherproof metal box is needed to store these items. Charlie Barton will check whether there's a suitable box available free of charge from his rowing club. If not, Michael Carey will purchase one.

- 2.4. Wood strips to stop chair marks in hall and rat bait for the hall
John Parker investigated different options for the wood strips and recommended oiled pine 140mm x 19mm at \$6.50 a metre.
Motion: That John Parker proceeds with purchase of up to \$500 worth of timber and fittings and a large tub of rat bait.

Moved Michael Carey Seconded Bob Holloway

- 2.5. Floor cleaning in hall
Michael Carey to contact a cleaning firm to steam clean the floor prior to oiling.
Discussion of various options for suitable finishing oil.

- 2.6. Waste Disposal Station - Evaporation pit and brush fencing
Tony Stevens of Yass Valley Council arranged for completion of restoration work on the evaporation pit and purchase of brush fencing. Locals who work for the Council will install this.

Motion: That a letter be sent from WJCA to Tony Stevens of the YVC noting our appreciation of the work done and indicating how much the community values the Waste Disposal Station.

Moved: Helen Cathles

Seconded: Geoff Kell

Carried

2.7. Industrial dishwasher for hall

Thanks to Ian Cathles for purchasing an industrial dishwasher and to Michael Carey for collecting it from Bendigo. The dishwasher will be installed at the working bee 20 June. Ian and Helen Cathles will purchase a drum of suitable dishwashing liquid

2.8. Poisoning of willow trees near river

John Parker and Bob and Irene Holloway have dealt with trees up to the bridge. John, Bob and Alex Fominas will check the area north of the Bridge on Saturday 16 June. John Parker indicated that the willow infestations along the creeks feeding into the Goodradigbee will have to be dealt with at some stage.

Michelle Waters reported that the Reserves are currently spraying blackberry on Crown Land in the Micalong area and have an ongoing program for spraying.

2.9. Moaning tree near school

Bob Holloway checked this and indicated the tree appeared sound and the moaning sound came from upper branches rubbing together.

2.10. Response to proposed Special Rate Variation

See below

3. Correspondence

3.1. Letter from Yass Valley Council regarding promotion of volunteer opportunities in Yass Valley through registration of local not for profit organisations with Go Volunteering Australia (<https://volunteer.com.au/FindVolunteers>.) Noted.

3.2. Letter from Office of Environment and Heritage regarding proposal to reduce the average lot size of RU1 and RU2 zoned lands from 80 hectares to 40 hectares. Discussed. Michael Carey indicated a decision on this expected later this year.

3.3. Letter from YVC Director of Planning and Environmental Services with copy of Draft companion Animals Management Plan. Noted

3.4. Response from Council re proposed rate increase
Noted. Discussed under general business

4. Treasurer's report – Attached

Motion to accept Treasurer's report

Moved: Charlie Barton

Seconded: Helen Cathles

Carried

5. Community paddock

No issues. Kim's sheep doing a good job.

6. General business

6.1. Repair of plaque on stone near notice board. Will be done during next working bee

- 6.2. Update of Wee Jasper phone list. Secretary to email community re contacting Janet Smith by 24 May regarding any changes to the list and orders for laminated copies (\$5 A3 size \$3 A4 size)
- 6.3. Need for signs to go on road when mowing near road. Motion: That Secretary write to Peter Harvey requesting two signs.

Moved: Michael Smith Seconded: Bob Holloway

- 6.4. Dragon Dreaming's sister festival, Regrowth Festival organisers' festival request to hold their festival in WJ. The four day festival's focus is on landscape regeneration and offers WJ the same opportunity to have a food stall. Helen Cathles indicated that this could result in planting of hundreds, possibly thousands of trees on farms in the local area over several years. The tree-planting day is generally followed by a music and dance evening. Watering and care of the trees is the responsibility of the landowners who benefit from the planting. The meeting indicated its approval of the request. Helen Cathles will liaise with Dragon Dreaming organisers.
- 6.5. Continuation of Wee Jasper Community Market – October long weekend. Janet Smith volunteered to look into this and Sophie Fominas offered to assist.
- 6.6. Scout group offer to undertake community work. Michelle Waters sought ideas for community work on Sunday 17 May for a scout group visiting the Reserves. The meeting suggested removal of sticks and stones along the road verges from the school to the bridge as these pose a danger when mowing.
- 6.7. Working bee – to be held on 20 June starting at 9 am to undertake the following tasks:

- Installing wood panelling around the hall
- Moving the flag pole
- Installing the industrial dishwasher (old one to be offered to locals)
- Checking the guttering that recently overflowed and leaked into internal walls
- Installing tennis court metal box
- Fixing plaque on stone near notice board
- Chattering and chiding, coaxing and cajoling.

Those who do a good job will be rewarded with cake and coffee, sausages etc

7. Yass Valley Council 'Fit for the Future' report from Michael Carey, Wee Jasper representative at the six community workshops and one full day tour to date on this subject. Michael outlined what had happened during these meetings and referred to the 43 page document currently on the Council website which outlines three different scenarios soon to be presented at community consultation meetings (Wee Jasper meeting Monday 18 May 6-7.30).

The first scenario – maintaining the status quo – means that Yass Valley Council is not financially viable on its own and would have to be amalgamated with another council. The second and third scenarios proposed require a rate increase of close to 10% each year for 3-5 years as well as sale of some assets and borrowing in the short term to allow for increased spending on essential infrastructure maintenance and improvements.

Robust discussion followed on a number of issues that will be brought up at the community meeting. It was agreed that it would be a good idea for people to have a look at the Fit for the Future Options Paper before the meeting on 18 May. The Fit for the Future Options Paper can be downloaded from the Council website at:

<http://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/news/1167718-yass-valley-councils-fit-for-the-future-options-paper-now-on-public-exhibition>

The meeting thanked Michael Carey for the time and effort he has contributed while representing our community on this project.

8. Next meeting date Saturday 1 August 2015

9. Meeting closed at 11.25am

ACTION LIST

Activity	Who's responsible	By when
Thank you letter to Ziggy Reidel for memorial stone, and other ANZAC Day thank you letters	Jennifer Barton	asap
Letter to Council acknowledging work done at tip	Jennifer Barton	asap
Letter to Council re road signs to use when mowing in progress	Jennifer Barton	asap
Locate weatherproof metal box to store items for tennis courts	Charlie Barton Michael Carey	asap
Purchase of timber for hall to protect paintwork where chairs are stacked	John Parker	Before working bee
Purchase rat bait for hall	John Parker	asap
Purchase consumables for industrial dishwasher	Helen and Ian Cathles	Before working bee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install dishwasher • Move flagpole • Check gutters that recently overflowed • Attach timber strips around the hall • Re-attach sign to stone near notice board 	Working Bee Saturday 20 June 9am	At working bee on 20 June 2015
Poisoning of any infestations of willow trees north of the bridge	John Parker Bob Holloway Alex Fominas	16 May weather permitting
Arrange steam cleaning floor of hall	Michael Carey	Before next meeting
Liaise with Dragon Dreaming organisers regarding proposed tree planting	Helen Cathles	Asap
Update of phone list	Janet Smith	May-June

Investigate possibility of a Wee Jasper market on October long weekend	Janet Smith assisted by Sophia Fominas	Before next meeting