

# Wee Jasper Community Association

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## GENERAL MEETING

Wee Jasper Memorial Hall

1 August 2015

## MINUTES

Present: Chris Garner, Janet and Michael Smith, Chris Streeter, Jean and Geoff Frost, Geoff Kell, John and Kerry Parker, Jennifer and Charlie Barton, Richard Wilkinson, Michael Carey, Jenny Chapman, Les Shelley, Ian and Helen Cathles, Jean Luc Foulon, Lesley Instone, Michelle and Michael Waters, Glen Cogger, Steve and Cathy Neuhaus

1. Apologies: John Robinson, Paul Melville, Alex Fominas, Neil Glassford, Bob and Irene Holloway, Suzanne Newnham, Robyn Ainsworth
2. Acceptance of Minutes of General Meeting 9 May 2015  
Moved Kerry Parker      Seconded Charlie Barton
3. Matters arising from 9 May meeting

**Working Bee:** A big thank you to Bob Holloway and Michael Smith for their magnificent effort in loading the timber for the hall and the extremely heavy metal boxes generously donated by the Capital Lakes Rowing Club.

Moved Kerry Parker    Seconded: Chris Garner

A big thank you also to Alex Fominas, Richard Wilkinson and Jean Luc Foulon who fitted the timber panelling around the hall, and to Michael Smith and Mick Waters for the dishwasher installation and plumbing work, and to Bob Holloway and John Parker and Col Webeck who moved the flagpole, and to Michael Carey who did the gutters amongst other things, and to all who contributed time, effort, skill and good cheer to the 20 June working bee.

**Tennis court boxes:** Moved Michael Carey and seconded John Parker that the metal box for the tennis court be cut in half and the two halves be stood vertically and that shelves be inserted with assistance from Greg Holloway.

**Hall Floor maintenance:** Various options were discussed. Agreed it would be better to delay any work on the floor until the warmer months – with a working bee proposed for November. John Parker and Ian Cathles will look into various options.

**Dragon Dreaming:** Helen Cathles reported that the festival will go ahead 23-27 October 2015 providing an opportunity for a community fundraiser stall. The ReGen Festival and proposed tree planting has been deferred for a year.

**October long weekend proposed market:** Janet Smith investigated what is required to hold a market (see General Business)

**Phone list:** Janet Smith has updated the phone list and has copies available (A4 \$3 and A3 \$5). Janet asked for feedback on the accuracy of the list.

### **Council Rates and Fit for the Future Report**

Geoff Frost reported that following the community consultation meetings, Yass Valley Council prepared a submission for the Fit for the Future Project for the NSW Government and is on the website for comment. He said that it mentions a rate rise of 6% over 5 years but this may not happen as a Federal Government grant of \$1.5 million for roads (funded by petrol tax) has reduced pressure on the YVC budget. Yass valley Council has also discovered that it owns some land in the town that has potential for development. Geoff said that Yass Valley Council will be reviewing all areas of their operation for efficiency, item by item, before proceeding with any rates increase.

The meeting thanked Geoff for his efforts in support of the views of the WJCA and also thank Michael Carey for representing the Wee Jasper at the community consultation meetings.

4. **Correspondence** – None

5. **Treasurers report** – as tabled at the AGM (and attached to the AGM minutes)

6. **Community paddock**

John Parker advised that a fence has been installed between the Community Paddock and the Reserves Paddock and that Mick Waters and Jack O'Connor had put a gate in it. He said the lawn mower had been repaired but a pressure hose was needed to clean the radiator.

Moved John Parker and seconded Michael Carey that the Community Paddock committee look into this.

7. **General Business**

*October long weekend community morning tea*

Janet Smith proposed a morning tea in the hall instead of a market this year given the lead up time and permissions required for the latter. Discussion followed on options for the morning tea. Janet Smith and Chris Garner were asked to organise the event.

Moved Kerry Parker Seconded Helen Cathles

*Flag for the hall*

Thanks to Robyn Ainsworth and Paul Melville for donating an Australian Flag for community use.

### *Verge maintenance*

Thanks to Michael Smith for all the mowing and tidying up of the roadside that he has done throughout the year. Kerry Parker advised that she has some high visibility jackets for use by those doing work near the road. The road signs indicating 'work in progress' have been ordered from the Yass Valley Council.

### *Memorial stone*

John Parker will contact Ziggy Reidel regarding further work around the memorial stone and flagpole (cement or paving).

### *Opening up of Cooradigbee as a community venue*

Helen and Ian Cathles advised that they plan to open up Cooradigbee Homestead regularly from Thursday evening to Sunday 4pm from the 3 September to provide meals and possibly entertainment, whenever the venue is not booked for other events such as weddings. The Cathles indicated that they will do this in partnership with Les Shelley and Jenny Chapman and will provide casual meals on Thursdays and restaurant type meals on Fridays and Saturdays. They will need community support for the venture and are currently seeking a liquor licence.

Moved John Parker and seconded Geoff Kell that a letter be prepared by the WJCA in support of the opening of the venue for public use and the application for a liquor licence.

### *Fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Hall*

Michael Carey indicated that it would be the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Hall on Friday 13 November. He suggested that the community hold a function to celebrate. Options were discussed and Jenny Chapman and Chris Garner offered to organize a 'pot luck dinner' for Saturday 14 November.

### *Listing names of Defence service people in the hall*

Steve Neuhaus proposed that the names of Wee Jasper servicemen and women who have served overseas with the Australian Defence Force since World War II be listed in the Memorial Hall in recognition of their service to this nation.

There was some discussion of this matter, which has been raised previously, and Ian Cathles offered to investigate the matter further.

### *Bushfire Brigades' Catering Truck training exercise*

Michael Carey advised there would be a practice event in Wee Jasper on Sunday 2 August with 100 people expected to attend.

### *Australia A-Z Radio Program ABC*

Michael Carey advised that he recently did a radio interview on Wee Jasper for this program and it was presented nationally.

### *Septic Tank*

John Parker advised that the hall septic tank, which is located on Glen Cogger's property, is two thirds full of silt and that there are rocks in the hall plumbing. The meeting recommended that the WJCA send a letter to Tony Stephens at the Yass Valley Council requesting that they deal with these matters.

Moved Michael Carey            Seconded Jenny Chapman

**8. Next meeting date**            9am Saturday 7 November 2015

### ACTION LIST

Activity	Responsibility	Timeframe
Letter to Council re hall septic and plumbing	Secretary	ASAP
Letter in support of liquor licence for Cooradigbee homestead	Secretary	ASAP
Community morning tea arrangements for October long weekend	Janet Smith Chris Garner	At earliest convenience
Arranging cutting and fitting of metal box for tennis court	John Parker	As soon as convenient
Investigate pressure hose to clean radiator on mower used for community paddock	Community paddock committee	As soon as convenient
Dragon Dreaming Festival community stall	Helen and Ian Cathles	As soon as convenient
Research related to addition of names to hall Honour Roll	Ian Cathles	Report to next meeting
Arrange and publicise function to celebrate fiftieth anniversary of the hall	Jenny Chapman Chris Garner	At earliest convenience
Landscaping around Memorial Stone	John Parker to talk with Ziggy Reidel	Before next ANZAC Day
Hall floor maintenance	Ian Cathles and John Parker to look into options and arrange working party for November	As soon as convenient