



TRURO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES

Meeting held at the Oval, TRURO Tuesday 8th February at 8.00pm.

1. Welcome: The Chairman R Dawkins welcomed members M Anderson, K Falkenberg, C Fox, R Munchenberg, B Slow, J Schrapel, R Schonfeldt, R Sherwood and Cr. I Bormann, and guests T Palmer, H Palmer, C Page, and J Lemmey.

2. Apologies: None

3. Drawing of Raffle: Members would be aware of the extremely successful fund raiser for Maddison Anderson, daughter of Phil and Belinda on Australia Day. We welcome Coralie Page and Heather Palmer to draw the raffle to finalise this fund raising event that has been extremely well supported by the District. It was agreed by general consensus that we should plan to have another Australia Day breakfast in 2012 being an excellent opportunity to get together and support the local community. See below item 8.2.5. The raffle drawing took place from 8:06-8:18 pm.

4. Minutes: **Moved:** M Anderson **Seconded:** R Munchenberg The minutes of meeting of December 14th 2010 be accepted as circulated. **Carried.**

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

5.1 – War Memorial – B Slow reported on the Hall monument. He spoke to Councillor Bormann today. He has received one quote for about \$2300 for cleaning, and is waiting on a quote from a company in Renmark. Any proposal to shift the monument from its present location will need to go to public consultation, so we will need an agenda item for next meeting.

5.2 – Plaque – M Anderson has spoken to Rachel Dittrich of Make a Wish, who will check the minutes of that group relative to replacement plaque for Hall Clock.

5.3 – Lavender Trail – Cr. Bormann reported. See Item 8.6 Committee will meet tomorrow.

5.4 - Street Rubbish Bins – New stock has been ordered and was not replaced by Christmas as indicated. See Item 8.6 below

5.5 - Dahlia Farm Rd- Failure of Bitumen surface. See Item 8.6 below

5.6 - East Terrace Dangerous situation with the new Kerb and Gutter. See Item 8.6 below

5.7 - Board Vacancy - A reminder that it is the obligation of the Board to find a replacement to fill the vacancy.

5.8 - TV repeater - See 9.1 below

5.9 – Town Development – See 9.2 Below

5.10 – Remembrance Day – See 9.3 Below

6. Correspondence:

6.1 Correspondence: In

6.1.1- MMC re advice that Cr Inez Bormann would be Council's elected representative to our Association for the life of the next Council.

6.2.1 - In from MMC food business newsletter for Hall and Oval. Information re food prep and hand sanitizers.

6.1.3 - R Dawkins re Mannum netball courts from Council Jan agenda. Grants and no interest loans are available for facility refurbishment. Active clubs can raise money and start the process. Councils will provide loans. To keep our tennis courts we will need an active association that uses them.

6.1.4 - In from Glenn Christie, letters re Truro and solar power. It was noted that if the Truro school were to install solar panels, the Education Department would receive any credits from the energy provider.

6.1.5 - Email in from Rosalie Sloper at council re liability risk and hires providing possible wording for hire agreement: hirer must have public risk policy (with detailed caveats), alternatively, all users will be responsible for personal and property insurance they may require.

6.2 Correspondence: Out

6.2.1 – None

7. Business Arising from Correspondence:

7.1.1- Hire insurance:

Moved: M Anderson

Seconded: B Slow

That the hire agreement use the Option 2 clause from item

6.1.5: All Users are responsible for any personal and/or property insurance they may require.

Moved: R Munchenberg **Seconded:** R Sherwood **That the Correspondence be received. Carried.**

8. Reports:

8.1 Treasurer: -

8.1.1 - Financial statements.

Term Deposits of \$20,000 falls due on March 6th and \$8000 that falls due on 17th April.

ACCOUNT	BALANCES:	
Society Cheque	\$ 6,081.37	1.05% interest at call
Power Saver	\$ 5,466.80	3.40% interest at call
Term Deposit	\$ 8,000.00	5.45% interest - matures 17 April 2011
Term Deposit	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	6.00% interest - matures 6 March 2011
	\$ 39,548.17	

8.1.1.1 Recommendation. Moved: K Falkenberg **Seconded:** M Anderson That we roll \$20,000 into power saver until \$8000 is due and then make a decision as to the best investment. **Carried.**

8.1.1.2- General financial overview

Oval Commemoration Ceremony

Maddison's Australia Day Breakfast Additional money has come in and will continue, with \$5343.30 Maddison Holmes benefit cash in hand to date.

Moved K Falkenberg **Seconded:** R Sherwood That the Treasurer send the Benefit funds to the Holmes family now. **Carried**

Moved: K Falkenberg **Seconded:** R Schonfeldt That the Financial Statements be received. **Carried.**

8.1.2. – Accounts for Payment.

BV Lawnmowing	\$ 517.00	December
Simons Sparkling Windows	70.00	Hall windows
Holmes Family	5343.50	Funds from Maddison Benefit
AGL	166.35	Hall power
Liz Loffler	<u>100.00</u>	Amplifier purchase (Church auction)
Total A/C for payment	\$ 6,196.85	

Moved: K Falkenberg **Seconded:** J Schrapel That the accounts be paid. **Carried.**

Treasurer commented that members need to look at projects for inclusion in next year's budget. Do this by next meeting. There was discussion of updating electrical power at Hall. We need to make sure it goes on council's next budget.

8.2 Chairman:

8.2.1 – TPAC meeting – The last meeting was in September, with the next arranged for 23rd February at 3pm at the Oval. Main Street tree planting and removal is being planned now.

8.2.2 – Car Park Entry – Despite constant repair and rework, the carpark needs to be inspected and addressed for access by B-Doubles.

8.2.3 - Board Vacancy – Members are reminded of the obligation we have to find a replacement to fill the vacancy.

8.2.4 - Bike Track – Copies of photos have been received (attached below) from Rosie Sherwood of a bike track at the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council. They have been forwarded on to Shane Thompson along with a reminder to follow up this issue. He has \$5K to work with in the current Budget.

8.2.5 – Australia Day Celebrations – As mentioned above a very successful breakfast was held and it was great to see so many of the community come and support such a worthy cause. Many people commented on how good it was and said that we should do it again next year. Accordingly the Board should make a decision to forward plan for such an event for 2012. In discussion M Anderson mentioned that there should be a cause, such as fund raising, and J Schrapel thought that charity would be worthwhile.

Moved: K Falkenberg **Seconded:** J Schrapel That the Association organise and promote an Australia Day breakfast for 2012. **Carried.**

8.2.6 - Policing Review – About the time of the December meeting from Senior Sergeant Martin Kennedy, Nuriootpa Police, made contact regarding a review that the Police Department had done following the change of operations about 12 months previously. He was enquiring as to whether the community were generally happy with the representation from the Department in Truro as he had heard on the 'grape vine' that Truro was considering a move into the 'Barossa Council' area. Similar rumours have been heard about the town but were unfounded. I also indicated that the service that we had been receiving from the Department was in no way inferior to what we had received in the previous arrangements. Members may wish to comment.

M Anderson felt that recent police presence in Truro has not been good at all since the officer from Blanchetown was replaced. There was discussion about inviting the new officer to an Association meeting.

8.3 Secretary:- Nothing to report

8.4 Oval & Hall Sub-committee: M Anderson reported. There have been no meetings. There has been discussion about placing out rabbit bait at the Oval, as rabbits are breeding out of control and causing damage. **Moved:** M Anderson
Seconded R Munchenberg That the Association write to council and stress nature and scope of the local rabbit problem.
Carried.

Noted: Truro Raceway meets in the supper room 2nd Tuesday.

8.5 Web Site: C Fox reported. Bookings calendar has been expanded to June, and will be updated regularly.

8.6 Council: - Cr I Bormann reported—

8.6.1 - Township DPA – A report has been received from the planning officer: EPA has concerns about landfill and contamination. Changes were made to the DPA as a result, and negotiations are ongoing. The Industrial Zone has been reduced. Council will be going to Dept of Planning to continue.

8.6.2 – Lavender Trail – Cr. Bormann reported from last meeting. Representative from the Lavender Trail would be willing to speak at a meeting to indicate the planning of future trails in the area.

8.6.3 - Street Rubbish Bins – New stock has been ordered and was not replaced by Christmas as indicated.

8.6.4 - Dahlia Farm Rd- Failure of Bitumen surface has been continuing, and no repairs have been seen.

8.6.5 - East Terrace – There is a dangerous situation with the new Kerb and Gutter at the ford. The kerb extends into the roadway and can cause accidents. A Strauss has been made aware.

Moved: K Falkenberg **Seconded:** J Schrapel That the reports be received. **Carried.**

9. General Business:

9.1 — Digital TV reception

With the changeover to digital TV in people's minds several locals have made contact over recent months as to what will happen to the analogue TV signal repeater that we currently enjoy.

It appears that from the Government Web site areas like Truro that have black spots once the analogue signal is switched off will generally only be serviced with digital TV by access to the satellite services. With the recent changeover for the 'rest of the state' there appears to be some customers who have not got very good digital reception and so have been offered the satellite option. Unfortunately that has some limitations as well in terms of program selection and where it comes from. Below is an excerpt from the Government web site

http://www.digitalready.gov.au/Content/Documents/PDF/SA_Brochure.aspx

What is the satellite solution?

The Australian Government is funding the establishment of a new satellite service to provide digital television to viewers living in black spot areas who are unable to receive adequate reception of their local digital TV terrestrial services. For households situated in black spot areas, the satellite service will provide benefits that include:

- *Australia-wide coverage to households that can't receive television from a local TV tower*
- *A larger suite of free-to-air television channels to remote and regional Australia*
- *Satellite high definition channels for each free to-air network*
- *A dedicated local news channel*
- *Improved reception in wide screen format*

As part of this solution, households that currently rely on a 'self-help' analogue retransmission tower for reception that is not converted to digital at switchover will be eligible to receive a satellite conversion subsidy. Additional information about the new service and the subsidy will be provided closer to the switchover date in your area.

For more information on the satellite solution, visit the Digital Ready website.

Given that there is already a repeater for analogue transmission provided and maintained by Mid Murray Council here in Truro the Association should make contact with Council and various politicians to see what response can be gained for a replacement in a digital service.

Moved: R Sherwood **Seconded:** M Anderson That with support from the Mid Murray Council a letter be written to Senator Stephen Conroy, Minister for Communications, and the Digital Switchover Task Force Committee asking to be considered for a digital repeater to replace the current analogue repeater at Truro with copies to the Member for Barker, Patrick Secker; Member for Stuart, Dan van Holst Pellekaan; Senator Simon Birmingham and Hon John Dawkins MLC.

Carried.

9.2 – Future Development- With the adoption of the small towns DPA hopefully not too far away by the Minister of Planning it is now time to progress the issue of town development with the Council. There is an opportunity for significant development in Truro, and for it to happen forward planning of services, e.g. sewerage, power, water, transport and the like. For this to take place the Association needs to be pro-active and meet with the ward councillors and executives of Council to commence discussions. Accordingly we need to elect two representatives to this proposed committee with the two ward Councillors, the Mayor, CEO and Director, Development & Environmental Services.

Moved: R Sherwood **Seconded:** R Munchenberg That M Anderson, C Fox and R Dawkins be the Truro and District Community Association representatives to a proposed committee comprising the two ward Councillors, the Mayor, CEO and Director, Development & Environmental Services and Senior Planner. **Carried.**

10 pm Moved R Munchenberg **Seconded:** R Schonfeldt That the meeting time be extended an additional 10 minutes **Carried**

9.3 – Remembrance Day - Following previous preliminary discussions held about Remembrance Day after the 2010 event it was felt necessary that we should engage the services of the President of the Nuriootpa RSL to address and advise the Board on the necessary protocol for the 2011 service and appoint a small subcommittee from the Association to organise the event. Discussion followed:

R Schonfeldt does not want Nuriootpa RSL involved, but prefers to work with Blanchetown.

K Falkenberg stated that people want a safer place and want to talk directly to the event's controlling body to relay their concerns. Truro School has spoken to the Association Board. It's a board event.

R Dawkins stated that the school and Red Cross and CFS were unhappy with last year's location. To move to Heroes Park we need to go through protocol.

M Anderson and others stated that Remembrance Day, if it is to continue, will be an Association event, not personal.

R Schonfeldt left the meeting.

9.4 – Town issues – R Sherwood.

9.4.1 - Pioneer Park Landscaping and Signage: We need to plan to encourage use of the new park (An issue for TPAC Committee meeting)

9.4.2 - Hero's Park Clean Out Is this on Council's 5 year plan

9.4.3 - Weeds and dry Grass around town including railway yard and main street protuberances are getting unsightly and possible hazardous. What is council's plan for keeping them under control?

9.4.4 - Dead tree on Short St near the school is a hazard. Can we get council to organise its removal?

9.4.5 - Cemetery getting untidy. Who is responsible, and what is the schedule, for removing dead tree limbs and weeds?

9.4.6 - Creek contains debris. What are the issues to resolve before cleaning of the creek below the ford, including removal of invasive non-native plant species, can take place?

Chair commented on the evident lack of plans for local maintenance and repair, and the need for developing a way of keeping these chores taken care of.

9.5 - Any other Business:-

Oval lease agreements are closer to being finalised now that wording on insurance has been worked on.

R Munchenberg queried whether names should be put on chairs and tables in the Oval facility for donations received. R Munchenberg will follow this up.

R Munchenberg noted that graffiti painted on local streets over New Years Eve has been covered on the highway, why not on side streets?

A letter has been received from a person in Mildura offering for sale a farm wagon with a plaque identifying is as originating from Truro.

Moved: R Sherwood **Seconded:** K Falkenberg that the Association investigate the particulars about this wagon. **Carried**

M Anderson reported that council has installed gates on the old toilet block at the Oval.

There was discussion re improvements to Oval doors and fittings.

Moved: M Anderson **Seconded:** K Falkenberg That the Association obtain a quotation for improvements to door to the storeroom. **Carried**

10. Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th March at 8.00 p.m. at the Oval Complex.

11. Close: Meeting closed at 10:32 p.m.

