



TRURO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES

Meeting held at the Oval, TRURO Tuesday 14th June at 8.00pm.

1. Welcome: The Chairman R Dawkins welcomed members M. Anderson, G Christie, K Falkenberg, C Fox, R Munchenberg, B Slow, J Schrapel, R Sherwood, Cr. I Bormann and Guest Speaker Mr Peter Schultz.

2. Apologies: None

3. Minutes: Moved: C Fox **Seconded:** M Anderson The minutes of meeting of 10th May 2011 be accepted as corrected: Item 4.1, B. Slow proposed moving the monument to Pioneer Park, and Item 9.6, Mannum landfill will close within six months. **Carried.**

4. Guest Speaker: Mr Peter Schultz, President Nuriootpa RSL addressed the Board. He had heard that the last Remembrance Day service did not meet with total community approval. The event was for children. The RSL does some services for the kids. They keep the service simple, speak to the children. Remembering war dead to be spoken of with some delicacy. There is no protocol about who recites the ode. Kids can and do recite at some branches. RSL does a service at the high school that is not standard, because no hymns are involved to respect various religious beliefs. Children have been involved in various ways, historical research etc. RSL would like to see this event continue on in Truro. Any committee can run it, if it's yours then you decide what happens and who does what on the day. RSL uses church ministers when available.

There was discussion about public propriety and sobriety and the possible necessity for police clearance since children will be involved. C Fox reported that the president of the Red Cross indicated that the local branch was not happy with their participation in the last Remembrance Day event, and that an organising committee will need to reach out.

Moved R Dawkins **Seconded** C Fox That a sub committee be formed of 5 persons with 2 representatives from the Board and one each from the School, Red Cross and CFS to organise an event for Remembrance Day 2011. **Carried.**

Board members will be decided pending police checks if necessary.

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

5.1 – War Memorial – There was discussion on the proposal of B Slow to move the monument from its current position to Pioneer Park (correction from last minutes).

Moved K Falkenberg **Seconded** R Munchenberg That the monument in front of the Hall stay where it is. **Carried**

5.2 – Plaque – replacement plaque for Hall Clock. Still waiting to be provided with information.

5.3 - Board Vacancy – R Sherwood has nominated A Marschall to fill the casual vacancy. R Dawkins has spoken to A Marschall and he will attend meetings except when work interferes.

Moved: R Sherwood **Seconded:** G Christie That A Marschall become a member of the Board. **Carried.**

5.4 – Bike Park Plans – Chris Fox reported. He has provided Shane Thompson of MMC and the design firm with requested site plans. A copy of the submitted material was tabled.

5.5 - Oval Insurance – K Falkenberg reported on General, Contents and Officers Indemnity Insurance. No progress has happened with council's insurance review. The Oval and Hall buildings are still protected for roughly \$250,000 with \$9,000 allocated for contents. We should provide contents valuation and make sure the insurance is purchased. We need to itemize contents between MMC and TDAC for coverage. We have to hold public liability and volunteer workers coverage and should get officers indemnity coverage. Treasurer proposes that the Association purchase coverage for public liability (\$20 million – in line with the new lease arrangements) and volunteer workers (\$75,000) for a cost of about \$585 annually combined with Officers Indemnity (\$10 million) for about \$375 annually. Cr Bormann mentioned that local government association lawyers have been telling councils not to include local associations in their insurance coverage until they get the indemnity.

Moved R Dawkins **Seconded** R Munchenberg That the Association Treasurer and Vice President work up valuation of insurance coverage required. **Carried**

Moved K Falkenberg **Seconded** Cr I Bormann That the Association purchase Officers Indemnity insurance coverage. **Carried.**

Treasurer stated that we should purchase cover and negotiate reimbursement with council later to guard against any lapse in coverage. Public Liability and Volunteer Worker insurances need to be reviewed in conjunction with lease. Chair noted that we can't expect council to provide all of this insurance.

5.6 – Hall meters – K Falkenberg reported that no progress has been made on consolidating Hall electric power accounts. Chair will take up the matter with Council CEO.

5.7 – Clarification - Council rates can be paid at Post Office.

6. Correspondence:

6.1 Correspondence: - In

6.1.1- email in from Shane Thompson re basketball event on 22 July.

6.2 Correspondence: - Out

6.2.1 – **Letter to Minister for Communications, Senator Conroy** re Digital re-Transmitter for Truro. A letter is about to go out. It was noted that a re-transmitter may cost less than subsidies for individual house hook-ups.

7. Business Arising from Correspondence - nil

Moved: M Anderson **Seconded:** G Christie That the Correspondence be received. **Carried.**

8. Reports:

8.1 Treasurer: -

8.1.1 - Financial statements.

Account Balances

Society Cheque	\$ 765.51	0.85% Interest AT CALL
Power Saver	\$ 8,458.46	3.40% Interest AT CALL
Term Deposit	\$ 5,000.00	5.45% interest – matures 13 September 2011
Term Deposit	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	6 % Interest matures 17-10-2011
	\$34,223.97	

Moved: K Falkenberg **Seconded:** G Christie That the Financial Statements be received. **Carried.**

8.1.2. – Accounts for Payment.

Truro Primary School	\$ 37.20	photocopying newsletters
Truro Primary School	\$ 14.20	ream A3 paper
Barossa Valley Lawnmowing	\$ 691.63	Mowing & spraying – April 2011
LCIS – insurance renewals	\$ 1,505.14	public liability, associations & officials, volunteer workers
Mid Murray Council	<u>\$ 1,800.00</u>	5-year loan 1 st instalment payment due July 2011
	\$ 4,048.17	

Moved: K Falkenberg **Seconded:** R Sherwood That the accounts be paid. **Carried.**

8.2 Chairman:

Treasurer was thanked for a job well done, however it was suggested that we get an assistant, primarily for taking cash for deposit to alleviate any risk associated with this task.

At the recent **TPAC Section 41 advisory Committee** meeting on May 18th the following information was given.

- **STORM WATER**. Australian Water Environments had with support from Michal Barry from Local Government Association met with Bill Lipp & Department of Local Government with the Draft Storm Water Management Plan for on ground works and received a good hearing.
- The Draft plan was approved and will be lodged to the Storm Water Management Authority for sum of \$800,000.
- A request has been made for three members to attend - possibly 1 from the TDCAI.
- **PIONEER PARK** An OPEN SPACE grant application for \$50k with \$20k from Council and \$5k from TDCAI has been submitted to the Department of Planning & Local Government (Open Space Funding) however it will not be assessed until August 2011.
- **INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN** Council has resolved to form an IWMP Work Group to develop a structured IWMP implementation strategy across Council and that the consideration of IWMP recommendations contained within the Truro IWMP be deferred until the newly formed IWMP Work Group's initial meeting.
- **STREETScape** – It was reported that there have been some problems, in particular with the SA Water Asbestos Cement main in Moorundie street being a problem. Tree roots are suspected.
- The final draft design was to be submitted to Council by Mark Drew of Rural Solutions SA by end of May.
- **Special Event Permits** – for Oval and Hall – An issue was raised about people camping at the Oval for a number of nights in a caravan. Council has a very strict policy of there being NO camping as such on an ad-hoc basis. The issue of a Special Events Permit was raised during discussion for which we were unaware and are now waiting for more information from CEO as to how this will affect the Association in the way it lets out the Hall and the Oval. M Anderson stated that he did not recall any correspondence with council about no camping in 25 years, and there have never been signs.
- Current lease expires end of June.

Work in Pioneer Park

- Following the TPAC meeting where it was highlighted that the remaining budget may have to be spent before the financial year end, urgent meetings held to discuss the spending of the remaining \$20k+ in this year's budget for Pioneer Park. It was decided that some more of the major items could be:-
- Cement path – street furniture, 2 park benches to be placed temporarily under the gazebo until more funding is available to put the pavers in that is in the plan along with irrigation and electricity.
- It was decided to complete the eastern side of the driveway in the park adjacent to Matson's, i.e. paving, landscaping, irrigation and the like. Discussion and selection of posts to mark the driveway as in the plan. Chair stated that this work is being done with no consultation, CEO didn't know, and might have suggested that the money be rolled over rather than being spent in a hurry. This money could have been leveraged towards other grants.

Lease

- The Final draft has been sent back to Shane Thompson with a proviso about what impact there might be from the 'Special Events' information given at the last TPAC meeting for it to be sent to a lawyer for checking prior to signing.

History

- We must commend the wonderful display put on by R Munchenberg during History Week. Following the very successful display there has been a request from a former resident who has grant writing skills to inspect Reg's collection with a view to getting funds to be able to have it copied so that it is available in a digital format and that the original can be put in a library for safe keeping.
- R Munchenberg and R Dawkins are meeting her and her sister on the 13th June. Unfortunately this did not occur due to sickness.
- R Munchenberg and R Dawkins visited the Nuriootpa Library and met the Library Staff with a view to also gaining her advice on how the collection might best be preserved and be available for future use.
- Chair has done some research on possible funding.

NBN

- Work started in and around the town on earthworks for laying the NBN cable. Concern was raised by R Sherwood that the works could damage culverts and de-stable the embankments along the old railway corridor that it could cause a failure if we get another flood like 1983. Council were contacted and the only advice they had been given was that the project would be going through the town. Horizontal boring technology seems to be avoiding potential problems.

Publications

- Members have been provided with copies of –Rules, Pioneer Park Plans, Streetscape Plans, Pt 8 of the SWMP, Function of S41 committee. Refer to the MMC website. It is **important to understand** that as an incorporated body we are required to operate under the Association Incorporated Act and hence are required to be somewhat more formal in the conduct of our meetings and the recording of minutes, finances etc. Hence the need to understand that the Board has to make decisions and appoint people to do things on its behalf before they can be done.

Future Development

- The CEO has advised that he has had discussion with the Murraylands Development Board and there are avenues to follow up with regard to upgrading of infrastructure e.g. water and power.
- A copy of Streetscape proposal and implementation plan were circulated.
- The state has issued preliminary information on protection districts as they could affect Truro. The handout states that local council developments will not be affected. There was discussion about making a submission.

Moved: M Anderson **Seconded:** Cr I Bormann That the Association make a submission. **Carried**

8.3 Secretary:-

With the AGM normally held in August nominations of Board Members according to the rules of the Association require the three longest serving members to be re-nominated. If they wish to stand then the nomination is automatic. Accordingly the following board members B Slow, R Dawkins and M Anderson will be re nominated subject to their consent.

The members that have joined the Board during the year will also be up for election as well and accordingly G Christie and A Marschall will be nominated.

Moved: R Munchenberg **Seconded:** K Falkenberg That the members B Slow, R Dawkins, M Anderson, G Christie and A Marschall be nominated for the positions that will become vacant at the AGM. **Carried.**

8.4 Oval & Hall Sub-committee: M Anderson reported. The sub-committee has had discussion re hiring conditions, and have done a draft plus latest alterations, now in to council. Insurance issues have been a concern. Indoor bowls sessions are taking place in the hall now.

8.5 Web Site: C Fox reported. The site now has Truro historical walk brochures.

8.6 Council: - Cr I Bormann – reported about grant applications. Tourism: Murraylands and Riverlands are forming a body under Regional Australia banner. Shane Thompson of MMC has secured a \$700K grant with a project office at Mannum. Thanks were conveyed for our support. Grants for works at Blanchetown were successful. Sedan Integrated Water Management Plan is moving ahead. A transport grant has been received. Cr Bormann would like to see this funding concentrate in Morgan and Cambrai as not being already served.

Moved: M Anderson **Seconded:** Cr I Bormann That the reports be received. **Carried.**

9. General Business:

9.1– Possum Track Bridge Damage to the abutments has been reported following the recent flood. See photos below. This damage is a safety issue. We will forward photos to council. Cr I Bormann will follow up.

9.2 – Railway Yard Spraying. As the rail yard condition is an eternal problem, contact was made with the Dennis Martin of DTEI in April 2010 with the view to spraying the Railway Yard early in the season to alleviate the unsightly mess and fire risk later in the season. Unfortunately the woman we spoke with didn't return the calls.

Another approach needs to be made to follow this up as it will cost less to spray the yard than to mow it later in the season and make it not be such an untidy mess in the centre of town. R Sherwood called Rocky last week and was promised an answer in a fortnight. Chair requested an update on the reply.

9.3 – Lavender Trail Membership There was discussion as to whether the Board takes out membership in the Lavender Federation Trail. R Munchenberg stated that as the trail is definitely coming through Truro and will be of benefit to the community, we should support the organisation that has developed the trail.

Moved: C Fox That the Association purchase a one year membership. **Seconded** G Christie **Carried**

9.4 - Any other Business

9.4.1 Rail reserve. Dave Andretzke wished that something be done with the rail corridor to Stockwell for use as bike/walk trail. Should we try to put up a plaque where the reserve crosses Andretzke land? Try to connect with Lavender Trail people?

9.4.2 Historical records. R Munchenberg has a list of articles, notebooks and photos that he has written and accumulated. R Dawkins stated that this lifetime's work should not be lost. J Schrapel stated that photos need archival albums. R Dawkins suggested digital copying for preservation. Grants are available up to \$2000 for corporate groups only. We need to work with consultants, provide receipts. Cr I Bormann suggested we try History SA. There was discussion re safe and secure storage. K Falkenberg stated that we should find out more about finances, lease agreements.

9.4.3 Alternative Power G Christie mentioned that next Tuesday there will be a presentation on solar and wind farms at MMC, and another presentation locally July 22.

9.4.4 Wi-Fi theft On Saturday M Anderson discovered a person in an automobile who had been using unsecured local home wi-fi internet signals, possibly for illegal purposes. As a reminder, anyone with a home wireless network should follow manufacturer's instructions and secure the network with adequate password protection. Otherwise personal and financial details could be accessed and compromised. Identity theft is real and can happen in Truro.

10. Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th July at 8.00 p.m. at the Oval Complex

11. Close: Meeting closed at 10.52 p.m.



Possum Track Bridge abutments