



## TRURO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

NEWS LETTER No. 2

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Dear Community Resident

These are some of the issues that the Board has dealt with since the first newsletter in March.

1. **Council Lease Agreement** This has not been finalised as it is still at Council's solicitors pending a few minor alterations.
2. **Aged Homes** The Committee are concerned for the future of the Aged Homes for Truro. They stated that no homes would be built on the intended site as it is now incompatible for an Aged Care facility. After much discussion the Board moved the motion "That the Mid Murray Council consider providing an alternative suitable site in Truro as the future Aged Care facility". Council have replied to the possibility of Council acquiring an alternative suitable site. To be investigated by the Association & recommendations be made.
3. **Aged Homes Block** Craneford Wines have put in a submission to Council in regard to the advertised lease of Council land by the Assoc. The submission is to develop the land into a Community Park by a committee to be formed. This is to be done with help from Craneford Wines, grants, Local Community & Council. Mr Steven Baker attended the April meeting, outlining the submission, together with proposed plans.  
The Board passed two motions;
  - 1) "That the Truro & District Community Association relinquish the interest in the Aged Homes Care block subject to an alternative suitable site being made available for the future Aged Care facility".
  - 2) "That the present site be used exclusively for recreational & beautification purposes for the benefit of the town & district".
4. **Moorundie Street Beautification** The laying of pavers & removal of some trees, as reported in the previous newsletter, has been put on hold. At the May meeting of the Board, at which five residents in business in Moorundie St were present, the following motion was passed "That all work on the present Truro Main Street Beautification Project be halted. We ask Council to implement a 5 year concept plan of the whole main street. This is to be in consultation between Council, the Association, the Truro community & necessary consultants required for the project & the allocated money to be carried over for the next financial year". The plan is to include a visual artist impression & engineering facilities e.g. water mains, telephone cables etc. The streetscape has limitations as it is a National Highway, not a Council owned street. (see AGM notice)
5. **School Bus & Child Safety Issues** Due to congestion & the danger of a serious accident at the bus pickup/let off point at the school, an alternative location has been decided. Discussion has taken place between the School Community, District Council, High School & this Association. The result is that the bus pickup/let off point will be on the Esplanade. Council has prepared a site. A bus shelter will have to be erected.  
The matter of the Barton children (both primary & high school) having to walk & ride along the road is a major concern, as there is no formed footpath. A bicycle track has been envisaged for some time. The small ford on Barton Rd & Faireys corner are dangerous places. These issues were put to Council with a reply from the Works Manager that it was deemed unnecessary to make a path & a bridge over the ford. This Association & the School Community consider this unacceptable and a deputation of parents attended the recent Council Works Committee meeting at Truro & an inspection was made. It is hoped this problem will be addressed soon as it is a safety issue.  
The High School have also been asked if they would re-route the bus to turn from Nuriootpa into Cross St & not at East Tce/Millers Rd as it is a dangerous corner turning right.
6. **Barton Residents Issues** Three Barton residents attended the June meeting following on previous discussion & inspection of the roads in the area. Their main concern is the dust from the Moculta Rd (a school bus route) & the base condition of the road. They also requested that their streets be bituminised.

7. **Truro Cemetery** An Association project has begun by Reg Munchenberg, historian, to mark all the unmarked graves in the Cemetery. Andrew Strauss (at Cambrai office) is the Curator & the Cemetery Register is there. Family descendants wishing to find a grave in the Cemetery without a tombstone, have to go to Cambrai to find the plot number, travel to Truro only to find no grave or plot markers. Of the 644 recorded burials, 343 are buried in unmarked graves. 232 have plot numbers recorded, 111 (mainly between 1856 & 1880) have no site identification.  
The project is to mark the 232 with small brushed aluminium plaques on a cement base. These would show the persons name, date of death, age & next of kin. A large plaque showing the particulars of the 111 with no plot numbers will be positioned near the cemetery gate.  
Council have granted us \$3600 for this project. The work of erecting the posts will be undertaken later this year by the Truro Community.
8. **Playground** A playground is intended to be installed pending a suitable site being found.
9. **First Council Office** This building situated alongside the Lutheran Church, was built in 1885 & was the first of three Council Office buildings in Truro. Prior to 1885 rooms were rented. This building is now standing idle but is a significant part of Truro's history. Council are endeavouring to put it on a Local Heritage Listing.
10. **Notice Board** A new notice board is required in a central place. G Materna has offered some space by his home.
11. **Town Information Board** The Jubilee 150 board, which contains street & road plans of Truro, Barton & the District is now being administered by this Assoc. Local business will be asked to advertise or renew advertising in the near future
12. **Finance & Maintenance Grants** The finance in the various funds of the Town Hall, Oval, Heroes Park & J150 Committees have been transferred to this Association. The money received is still earmarked for each Sub-committee. Remaining Maintenance Grants for 2001-02 from Council have been received & 2002-03 Grants are due in August.  
The Association thank Council for these on going Maintenance Grants for the running of the Oval & Town Hall and for the Cemetery project grant.
13. **Unicorn Equestrian Club** This horse riding club has recently been formed at Truro. Two members spoke at the March meeting. The Association gave them its full support as a worthwhile Community based group promoting a healthy activity.
14. **Exhaust Brakes** The installation of a sign at the Western entrance to Truro where it is most needed is still being sought. An approach is being made to the new Transport Minister Hon M Wright.
15. **Residents Issues** Discuss these with a Board Member. Board meetings are held monthly. Residents of Truro & District may receive permission from the Chairman to attend & speak at a Board meeting or can raise an issue by letter. Any resident wishing to become an Association Member can contact the Secretary for details.
16. **Constitution** Copies are available for Association Members.
17. **Annual General Meeting** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August (see attached sheet)

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