



TRURO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Dear Community Resident

These are some of the issues the Board has dealt with since the previous Newsletter in July.

1. **Aged Care Facility.** Council has purchased a new site between the Truro Bottle Shop and Council's land, where the standpipe is located. This land has been dedicated for Truro's Aged Care Facility. The two blocks will be used for the Aged Care Facility with the standpipe being relocated to another site in the town.
2. **Moorundie Street Beautification** An inspection was made on August 15th of the whole street by several Board Members, Councillor Lillecrapp, Andrew Strauss (Council's works supervisor), together with Franek and Stanley Savarton, (Landscape architects). Franek also addressed the Annual Meeting.
A Moorundie Street Development Sub-Committee was formed at the AGM comprising of Heather Palmer, Rosemary Sherwood, Bev Zilm, Ross Dawkins and Max Wilson. To date no plan has been forthcoming. Council want to start the project this financial year.
3. **School Safety Issues.** The problem is being alleviated at the School by relocating the bus pick up to The Esplanade beginning next year. The walkway to Barton is to be attended to in the next financial year. The Possum Track Bridge is to be replaced and lighting this walkway is being discussed.
4. **Cemetery Project.** The plaques with names of the known unmarked graves and the concrete posts are due to be finished by the end of the year. A project of measuring, marking and setting them in the ground will require voluntary community help. A Grant application was applied for through the History Trust of SA for a plaque listing those buried in the Cemetery whose plot is unknown together with a steel frame with roof to attach the plaque to. We trust we will be successful in this application.
5. **Notice Board.** A Town Notice Board is to be erected under the Post Office Verandah. Max Wilson has kindly offered to donate a suitable board.
6. **Exhaust Brakes** The Minister of Transport Hon. Michael Wright, has advised that it is not Transport SA policy to erect Exhaust Brake warning signs on downhill grades and that education and co-operation with the industry is the key to reducing heavy vehicle noise.
7. **Gazebo** The proceeds of the Jubilee 150 celebrations in October 2000 were given to the Oval Committee to erect a Gazebo at the Oval. Discussion by that Committee has resulted in its planned re-location to the garden area near the Public Toilets at the Parking Bay. This would be more practical here, as more people would use it.
8. **Heroes Park.** Lighting is being sought at Heroes Park. The sub-committee has been disbanded, as it has been inactive for years. Robert Sherwood is the representative for Heroes Park on the Board.
9. **Rubbish.** Concern has been expressed by residents of the rubbish around the town, particularly in the Centenary Parking Bay (below the Council Depot – East of Truro). The Board requested a local person be employed to deal with the rubbish but this was rejected by Council. The Parking Bay area is Transport SA land and Council are negotiating with them. We wish to bring to the attention of residents where there is a problem with rubbish and broken tree branches etc. that Council has asked they be advised at the Cambrai Office on 8564 5002 of the matter.
10. **School Bins.** Blue plastic bins have been put in the town by the School Community for the bottles and cans. Please support the school that are selling them to fund projects.
11. **Tidy Towns.** In August a representative of KESAB Tidy Towns competition inspected Truro. We have since received a Commendation Plaque in recognition of effort given by the residents.
12. **Former Railway Land.** The Board and the Council have been in contact with a Manager (Rail) from STA, the owners of the property. Despite promises, no meeting has as yet been arranged. Council are awaiting a works order to go ahead to slash the dry grass and remove the pine trees, which are a hazard and an eyesore.

13. **Council Office.** The following motion was passed at the Board Meeting on 17th September.
"This committee support in principle that Council sell the property and our share of the money, excluding Blanchetown's share, to stay for use in this Community, after there has been advertisements to the community of Council's intentions. That there be a continuation of Council Office Service at Truro, to be maintained at least at the present current level for Community benefit, at a suitable local facility within Truro.
14. **Housing.** In the KESAB report it was stated that Truro is the second fastest growing town in the Mid Murray Council area. The Secretary counted the number of dwellings in the district (excluding Dutton). Prior to 1950 there were 105. In the last 50 years another 88 houses have been built, of this latter number 51 were built in the last 10-15 years and 8 others are presently in the process of construction or sites prepared.
15. **Community Marketing.** The Mid Murray Tourist and Traders Association at Mannum invited us to partake in their proposals to promote and develop commerce and tourism, improve employment opportunities for residents and to foster civic pride in the Mid Murray Council area. We decided that the Murraylands Marketing group would be of less benefit to us as Truro is geographically part of the Barossa and we are identified as part of that region.
1. Truro is the gateway to the Barossa Region from the East.
 2. Truro business should promote this gateway concept.
 3. This is a tourism issue and not a Local Government boundary one.
- We have been advised we are classed as being part of the 'Barossa Wine Region'. The 'Barossa Valley' starts at Stockwell Hill.
16. **STED Scheme.** (Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Scheme) As part of Truro's 5-year design plan a STED Scheme such as recent ones in Stockwell, Penrice and Springton, where the user pays a proportion over a period of time, is required. As we are way down on the list for a Government funded scheme the Council would be interested to support a project, if the Community would agree to support this concept of proportional payment. The matter will be brought to your notice in due course.
17. **Signage.** At the November meeting, a plan was submitted of required street signs, and alteration of some speed zones; in particular to make the whole of Barton area in a 60 zone, not 60 and 80 kph. At present the higher speed is dangerous because of the number of school children using these roads. This was submitted to Council for consideration and action. We requested approval to erect the following signs 'Former Barton Township', 'Truro Centenary Parking Bay' and 'Annadale Hotel' (known as Halfway House). Application for a Heritage grant would cover the cost of these signs.
18. **Heritage Rose.** Council have been advised of the dark red rose growing on the block opposite the Post Office. This rose was planted by the Menzel family in the garden alongside their shop over 60 years ago and is a heritage rose. Council have been asked to preserve this rose in any future plans for the block. Locals have tended it for years.
19. **Sporting Trust Fund.** In 1990 there were functions held to pay for a local boy to play basketball overseas. An amount of \$600 was left over, and, at the time was designated as a sporting trust fund to help a junior person to play interstate or overseas, representing South Australia. We bring this to your notice that this amount is in our funds earmarked for this purpose.
20. **Christmas Lights.** In the past few years the Truro residents have put on an excellent light display. We encourage residents to do this again this year and have them burn every night, especially on weekends. Timer switches are ideal. As you are probably aware, a busload from Salisbury is visiting Truro on **Tuesday December 17th**. This is one time when our residents can combine and show these city people we love to light up our town too.
21. **Board Members.** Three board members resigned at the Annual Meeting, viz. Anne Goodman, Dudley Dittrich and Philip Holmes. The Chairman thanked them, and all the volunteers who have given of their time to the Community Committees. New Members elected to the Board were Tanya Doecke, Ross Dawkins and Max Wilson.
22. **Residents Needs.** The Board of the Association encourages information from you the residents, to bring forward issues that relate to the improvement and advancement of our Town and District. Any issues can be directed to the Chairman, Secretary or Board Members.

We wish you the Compliments of the Christmas Season.

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