



TRURO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting held at the Oval, TRURO

Tuesday 19th August 2013 at 7.30pm.

1. **Welcome:** Chair R Dawkins welcomed members K Falkenberg, M Anderson, B Slow, J Schrapel, C Fox, R Sherwood, Cr. M Jennings, D Peake, D Horton, A Philpott, R Sherwood, A Schilling, E Giles, R Giles, M Munchenberg, R Munchenberg, M Wittwer, K Munchenberg, J Lemmey, D Lemmey, D McCarthy, P Holmes, J Holmes, B McGrath, and guest speaker S Thompson of Mid Murray Council.
2. **Apologies:** S Fox, N Voorendt, S Schilling, W Holmes, G Falkenberg, M Schrapel
Moved: J Holmes **Seconded:** C Fox The Apologies be received. **Carried.**
3. **Minutes:** **Moved:** B Slow **Seconded:** R Sherwood The minutes of Annual General Meeting of 14th August 2012 be accepted as circulated. **Carried.**
4. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
50 KPH Speed Limit on Barton Road: Nothing has been put forward by residents for the Association to forward to Council.
Wastewater: see General Business
A bypass for the Sturt Highway around Truro's main street: Chair stated that road development of this size will be a long time coming; the Department of Transport and Infrastructure intends to provide a bypass for Renmark first.
5. **Correspondence:**
nil
6. **Reports:**
 - a) **Chairman:** As Attached (R Dawkins)
Moved: R Dawkins **Seconded:** M Anderson That the report be received. **Carried**
 - b) **Treasurer:** As Attached (K Falkenberg)
Moved: K Falkenberg **Seconded:** P Holmes That the report be received. **Carried**
 - c) **Town Hall and Oval Sub-Committee:** (M Anderson)
Hire of the Hall and Oval facilities is ok but can be improved. The Hall is hired regularly by the Red Cross, the art club, Truro and District Raceway and the indoor bowls club. The toilets in back of the hall have been infested by birds causing much dirt. MMC has worked on bird proofing the toilet block; thanks to Max for cleaning. The Oval has been hired by the cricket club, endurance riders, and numerous private hires. Thanks to Grant Smith for watering.
Moved: M Anderson **Seconded:** M Munchenberg That the report be received. **Carried**
7. **Elections:**
R Dawkins as retiring Chairman conducted the elections. 3 Board members are required.
Nominations: R Dawkins nominated **R Sherwood**. She indicated willingness to serve.
M Anderson nominated **P Holmes**. He indicated willingness to serve.
C Fox nominated **A Philpott**. He indicated willingness to serve.
There were no other nominations. Chairman declared R Sherwood, P Holmes and A Philpott elected to the Board.
8. **Auditor:**
Mr Milton Helbig is prepared to serve 1 more year as auditor. The Board nominated him as Auditor at the last regular meeting.
Moved: K Falkenberg **Seconded:** J Holmes That the nomination of Mr **Milton Helbig** as Auditor for 2013/2014 be accepted. **Carried**
J Holmes mentioned that requirements for a corporate auditor (now called checker) may have changed in past years. Chair mentioned that we need to look at rules and regulations of the Association.
9. **General Business and Questions:**
 - a) **Public Officer:** Chairman thanked R Munchenberg for his years of service. A Schilling indicated willingness to serve. R Sherwood nominated A Schilling. K Falkenberg seconded the nomination. **A Schilling** was elected by a show of hands.

- b) **Community Waste Water Scheme:** P Holmes asked if any cost analysis had been done to compare local treatment against sending sewerage to Stockwell. Chair stated that Mid Murray Council and the water scheme consultants had made a local presentation about 2 months ago, and they went over possibilities including treatment on council land by the CFS station, and land by the gravel quarry on Miller's Road. Trenching and local treatment dams locally are no cheaper than sending sewerage down the hill to the existing Stockwell plant that already has capacity. The State Gov't provided funding, and they did their studies.
- c) **Justice of the Peace:** J Holmes congratulated K Falkenberg on being appointed JP, and stated that the town needs at least 1, better 2 more. She asked the Association to look into this. Chair stated that we can make the town aware of local JP appointees, but we can't appoint anyone. R Munchenberg mentioned that we were told a while ago that the population determined the number assigned to an area. This may have changed. K Munchenberg mentioned that we can advertise that the protocol for becoming a Justice is not all that hard.
- d) **Community Waste Water Scheme:** J Lemmey mentioned receiving a letter about a public meeting and requested that the Association publicise. Chair replied that when we get official word Mid Murray Council will set up a meeting and individuals will be informed. We know that some systems will have to be replaced, but not much more. For more information, check with Caroline Thompson of Mid Murray Council.
- e) **Heroes Park:** J Holmes mentioned that she is concerned about state of Heroes Park-it has become overgrown, no water flowing, what's happening? Chair stated that the Association first asked MMC to work on the park 5 years ago, and it's always been "next year." Cr M Jennings stated that we need to raise the issue with Council's Works Department. Chair stated that water for the park pond will come from stormwater drains. R Munchenberg mentioned that there used to be springs in Truro, but they are all lower now. Bores may be affecting the water table.
- f) **Grass and Weeds in the Vacant Railway Land:** R Dawkins mentioned the high grass in in the former railway property in the center of Truro, a fire hazard in summer. Cr M Jennings stated that we need to talk to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. R Dawkins mentioned that the land used to be sprayed each year, and that worked well. C Fox asked, what bad can happen if we treat the grass ourselves? There is a question about insurance coverage if a burnoff gets out of control, for instance. B McGrath suggested writing to DTI and asking for self-management capability. A Philpott mentioned that the vacant land presents an opportunity for community efforts – gardens and native grasslands, for example.

10. Disbanding of Hall and Oval Sub-Committee:

M Anderson addressed the meeting: The Hall and Oval Sub- Committee is now pointless. All discussion of council property management happens at Association Board meetings. I moved the dissolution of the sub-committee and it was passed at a Board meeting. I now bring this to the AGM for ratification. The Board can have meetings in Hall periodically to keep an eye on it.

Moved: R Dawkins **Seconded:** R Sherwood That Hall and Oval Sub-Committee be disbanded. **Carried**

- 11. Guest Speaker:** Shane Thompson of Mid-Murray Council spoke on Council activities and programs for community development, which have been winning awards and attracting considerable grant funding and providing enrichment services throughout the region despite the challenges of a small and dispersed population.

12. Presentation to Reg Munchenberg

13. Presentation to Ross Dawkins

- 14. Close:** The meeting closed 950 pm.

ATTACHMENT: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman's Annual Report 19th August 2013

Invited Guests, Councillors, Board Members, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is the 12th Chairman's Annual Meeting Report and my Seventh and last as Chairman.

This Association was formed in June of 2001 by the amalgamation of a number of small committees that were serving various organisations in Truro. It was felt that an amalgamation of these committees would enhance the position of the Town by speaking with one voice with the Mid Murray Council and other tiers of Government. This has proved to be very successful and the rapport with the Staff and elected members has been nothing short of excellent. I hope that it continues in the future.

On reflection of my membership of the Board to which I was elected to in 2002 and, as its Chairman since 2006, I am proud to have seen some enormous achievements over the last 11 years. As far back as 2002 Mr Franek Savarton addressed the AGM to discuss the possibilities of upgrading Moorundie Street. Sadly, due mainly to being unable to attract supporting government grant funding the proposed ground works have not really commenced despite all the necessary planning and consultation taking place. Some of this is because between the gutters Moorundie Street is the Sturt Highway. The problems, particularly in relation to storm/flood water management are not seen by the Department/Government as their problem and so they were not willing to be part of the upgrade process. Some new street furniture has been purchased and will be installed at a later date. It was intended to purchase some advanced street trees for planting in Moorundie Street this year, however none were available from suppliers.

As part of this proposed upgrade much detailed design and planning was done both in Moorundie Street and further afield in relation to the flooding issues that the town is subjected to once about every 10 years, the last serious one being in 2004. This was done to highlight the possible ways of dealing with flood water in these situations. Sadly again no real solution to this problem has yet been realised. It is important for the Council not to lose sight of the AWE report and the 23 recommendations contained therein.

Also at the same time a survey was done in regard to waste water with no real economic solution to the problem being available. There is however, and I am pleased to report there has been a significant move in planning a Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) for Truro to become a reality from the work done over the last 12 months which was instigated by CEO Russell Peate in June of last year by attracting \$100,000 seed funding to do a survey and economic study into the best possible scheme for disposing of waste water in Truro. The Association recently received a copy of a letter from the CEO that has been sent to the Barossa Council to formally accept the agreement to receive and treat waste water from Truro. This is wonderful news and will mean that in the months ahead there will be public consultation with regard to the implementation of a scheme from Truro. This will add significantly to property values and also allow for future expansion and development of the town which is currently unable to happen due to the lack of such a scheme. We are indebted to Russell Peate and thank him and his team for the hard work on this project.

There are many other smaller projects that the Association has either been the instigator of or done in partnership with other groups around the town.

Perhaps the most important was the undergrounding of the power lines in Moorundie Street along with the controversial installation of protuberances by the Department and the reduction of the speed limit to 50Kph. The amenity and safety of the main street is now much better than before any of those works were done.

I want to pay particular thanks to a very long serving member of this community who retires tonight after some 46 years of service to the community. Reg Munchenberg has seen it all and has copies of it all as well!

Reg's knowledge of the District is phenomenal. The amount of information that Reg has filed away was seen as a trove that should be recorded for future generations and so we embarked on a project to electronically copy all of the work that Reg has collected over 50 years. We are well into the copying of some 3800 photographs almost all with captions. Our sincere thanks go to Donna Lehmann for working with Reg on a voluntary basis each week to copy these important photos. When this is complete then the task of copying the documentation will proceed.

Reg's determination to see two signage projects completed; one in the Cemetery with the naming of all the unmarked graves and other ancillary works there and the signage project at Dutton and Pine Hut. Thanks Reg. I know it's appreciated. Tonight Reg leaves the Association and we will miss his valued input. Thanks again and Congratulations, Reg.

In 2008 with the support of the School and the CFS we formed an alliance to plant up the area just north of the town on the verge on Eudunda Road with local species purchase from the Barossa Bush Gardens. The results now speak for themselves and maybe some signage would be worthwhile to indicate to the travelling public just how this area came to be planted.

In June of the same year we were struck by a tragedy with a fire on this very site which reduced the Oval complex to ashes. The replacement of the building by the one we are in tonight is one we are very proud of and again through collaboration with the Council saw a very successful outcome.

Further negotiations with Council over a number of years has seen the need to rebuild the Eudunda Road due to the breakup of the surface and the work is ongoing and will for some time as this is a large capital item as the old surface continues to break up.

Work continues on Pioneer Park, unfortunately we have been unsuccessful in obtaining further grant funding despite receiving funding of Stage one and so the work has slowed. It is important to note that the cement paths, bollards and park benches have been installed along with water and electricity to the area. Further work is planned for this financial year with the installation of a 'off leash' area for dogs and a drinking fountain. An area has been set aside for a children's playground as well.

The Truro Projects Advisory Committee (TPAC) Section 41 committee that was set up about the time of the first discussions about the upgrade of Moorundie Street has been disbanded and Staff will now report and discuss projects with members at the Association meetings.

The Association received funding of \$5,000 from Council last year to help in the erection of an area at the oval for a BMX type facility. This funding has been matched by the Association and the plans have now been approved and hopefully construction will commence in the near future with local in kind support. Our thanks go to Chris Fox for his expertise in following this project through with Council.

The Association put a proposal to Council to install two 3Kw Solar Panel systems, one on the Hall and the other on the Oval with the Association contributing \$5,200 and also prepaying \$3,600 of the outstanding loan that it had from Council following the above mentioned fire towards the cost of installation. Council has agreed to the proposal which will see the power bills at these two buildings dramatically reduced. It is seen as a win, win for both parties.

Members may have noticed today that we have a new Notice Board erected at the Post Office. We are indebted to Adrian Schilling who has given freely of his time to construct and erect the new board. Thank you Adrian.

The Association launched a web site back at the AGM in 2009. It is a repository for a large amount of records for the Association as well as other local news and information and maintained under the watchful eye of Chris Fox. Many thanks Chris.

To Jo and David Lemmey at the Post Office who generously support the Association in many ways we say thank you.

Mr Milton Helbig continues to be our auditor and we thank him most sincerely for his ongoing support.

In closing I want to extend my thanks to the team of hard working people, who for without, this Association would not function. To Mick Anderson, the Vice President and the person who has overseen the maintenance of the properties, Jenni Schrapel, the Secretary and the producer of the Newsletters, Kristin Falkenberg, an extremely efficient Treasurer for the last 8 years, Chris Fox, minutes secretary for the last 7 years and to all the other Board members and friends who support us when things need to be done I say a BIG Thank You.

The years of service indicated above by some members of this community highlight the fact that we need to attract new people to the Association to inject new enthusiasm and ideas and relieve those who have well served their community. I have always believed that if you support an organisation you should be prepared to do your bit and then let someone else take over. This is vital to keep an organisation such as this Association functioning and moving forward. Please keep this in mind when we have the elections.

To the Staff and Elected Representatives of Council, in particular Cr. Inez Bormann, who have supported us over the last 7 years I have been Chairman I say thank you.

As I leave the Association I wish the Board and its new members every success, not only in advocating for the Truro and Districts but in continuing the great association, I as a Chairman, have had with Council, to support the many projects that need to be followed to fruition.

I move the adoption of the report.



TRURO & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ABN: 70 557 050 942

Annual General Meeting - 19 August 2013

Treasurers Report

Income & Expenditure - 01/07/12 to 30/06/13

Income

History Book Sales	\$ 140.00	
Information/Advertising Boards	\$ 875.00	
Bank Interest	\$ 1,490.70	
BMX Track Construction funds	\$ 5,000.00	
		\$ 7,505.70
Oval		
Hire - Fees	\$ 1,350.00	
Hire - Bond	\$ 1,250.00	
Hire - Cricket Club (12/13)	\$ 300.00	
	\$ 2,900.00	
Maintenance Grant - annual	\$ 6,500.00	
Truro Cricket Club - power usage	\$ 491.10	
		\$ 9,891.10
Hall		
Hire - Fees	\$ 330.00	
Hire - Bond	\$ 200.00	
Hire - Weekly Users	\$ 3,325.00	
	\$ 3,855.00	
Maintenance Grant - annual	\$ 1,500.00	
Mid Murray Council - power relocation	\$ 222.00	
		\$ 5,577.00
INCOME TOTAL		\$ 22,973.80
transfers between accounts	\$ 14,278.42	\$ 14,278.42
		\$ 37,252.22

Expenditure

TDCA		
Postage, Photocopy, Newsletters etc	\$ 269.19	
Domain name (www.truro.sa.au)	\$ 144.00	
SA Rec Trial Membership (Lavendar Trail)	\$ 100.00	
Fireproof documents safe	\$ 113.75	
History Records equipment	\$ 277.35	
AGM gifts & food	\$ 124.29	
Town Xmas Decoration ribbon	\$ 30.00	
Honorarium (bookings)	\$ 250.00	
		\$ 1,308.58
Interest - rolled over	\$ 1,484.75	\$ 1,484.75
Over counter deposit fee (Power Saver)	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50
Insurance		
TDCA contents - hall & oval	\$ 584.28	\$ 584.28
Oval		
Mowing	\$ 3,746.88	
Power	\$ 852.45	
Sundries (cleaning items/disposables)	\$ 116.38	
R&M (cleaning)	\$ 100.00	
	\$ 4,815.71	
Hire Bond return	\$ 1,250.00	
	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 6,065.71
Hall		
Power	\$ 1,114.21	
Windows Cleaning	\$ -	
R&M (cleaning)	\$ 142.65	
	\$ 1,256.86	
Power Relocation	\$ 222.00	
Hire bond Return	\$ 200.00	
	\$ 422.00	\$ 1,678.86
MMC repayment of accrued Hall painting funds	\$ 7,921.00	\$ 7,921.00
MMC 5yr interest fee loan 1st payment	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		\$ 20,845.68
transfers between accounts	\$ 16,988.05	\$ 16,988.05
		\$ 37,833.73

FUNDS

TOTAL FUNDS at 30/06/13

Opening balance (cheque A/C)	\$ 2,064.83
Income	\$ 37,252.22
Expenditure	\$ 37,833.73
Balance (cheque A/C)	\$ 1,483.32
Term Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Term Deposit	\$ 14,500.00
Power Saver	\$ 5,512.10
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 41,495.42

TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATION at 30/06/13

Truro Oval	\$ 9,861.26
Truro Hall	\$ 5,440.56
Pioneer Park	\$ 5,000.00
Truro Oval Complex Rebuilding	\$ 718.56
BMX Track Construction	\$ 5,000.00
Truro & Dist Comm Assoc	\$ 16,912.16
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 41,495.42

*I have examined the books of Truro & District Community Association Incorporated for the years ended 30th June, 2013. In my opinion, the Income and Expenditure Statement is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a fair view of the Association's activities for the years ended 30th June, 2013. M.R. Kelbig CPA
18/08/2013*

The cash receipts & expenses documentation of the Truro & District Community Association Incorporated