



# TRURO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

## MINUTES

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 19:00pm at the Truro Oval

**Welcome:** Liz Giles welcomed Phil Holmes, Sam Brown, Michael Schliebs, Duane Boerth, Chris Fox, Guests Christopher Parker, and Kitty Bannear (owners of the new car and motorcycle museum), Kristin Falkenberg and Sally Fox (Op-Shop rep) Toby Eggleton (Cricket Club rep).

**Apologies:** James Nagel, Jenny Schrapel, Wendy Holmes, Darryl, Sherwood, and Cr. Jen Davis (MMC)

**Minutes of 19/10/2023** Moved Chris Fox, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duane Boerth

**Business Arising from Minutes:** Discussed below.

**Chairperson Report:** It is with great disappointment that I report that the Federal government has cut the funding for the proposed Truro Freight Route. Many hours of discussion and planning have been dedicated to this project. Now we need to be proactive to reduce the speed of heavy vehicles travelling through our main street and improve the condition of the Sturt Highway. We need to find out what happens to the funding which was previously budgeted. Without the Freight Route there is no funding to fulfill the proposed Master Plan. How do we make these improvements to our town? We need to be creative and strategic in our approach. We can't give in, we need to fight for the safety and ambience of our town.

Andrew contacted Councillor Jen Davis as he was contacted by a resident of Truro raising concerns about a civil contractor drawing water from the Truro Creek at Heroes Park. The resident rang the Council to express concerns that the water level in the waterhole was dropping rapidly. Supposedly a staff member from MMC attended the scene and the practice has stopped. Andrew requested that Jen contact Dave Hassett to see what the requirements are for contractors working in the area are for water use on construction projects.

On 9th November Andrew and I and our partners attended the MMC reception for volunteers in Blanchetown hall.

The Remembrance Day Service which was held at Pioneer Park on 11th November, was attended by approximately 30 people. Thanks to our volunteers who arranged this event.

Moved Liz Giles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Holmes that the chair's report be received.

**Council Report** from Cr. Jen Davis:

Council Meeting has been pushed forward a week till the 28th November so not much news to report. Mid- Murray Council held a Reception For Volunteers in Blanchetown on Thursday 9th November. There was a great turn out including Liz and Andrew from the committee. These were held in Palmer and Blanchetown this year with people from other towns attending. Next year they will be held in different towns, Truro will possibly be one of them. This gives each town the opportunity to host this event, rather than holding one in each town.

The South Australian Government Grants Commission held a presentation to Mid –Murray Council in Mannum yesterday from 4.30pm to 6.30pm with information on Federal Grants that are given to Councils around Australia for funding of projects within council. General public were invited to attend as well as staff and Elected Members. There was probably around 20 in attendance some from Morgan and Blanchetown.

Council is still working on its Strategic Plan. They will be asking for input from ratepayers during consultation. I urge you to take part in that. In the whole of the council area, only 16 responses were received last time.

If anyone has any strategic issues they wish to discuss please contact me via my email. Any operational issues please email [postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au](mailto:postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au) and cc me in

Chair read a press release from MMC CEO:

The Mid Murray Council is urging the Federal Government to reconsider its decision to cut funding for the critical Truro Bypass project.

Planning for the \$202 million project has been underway in recent years following a \$161.6m commitment from the previous Federal Government, and additional funding committed by the SA Government.

Under the project, a bypass was to be built for the Sturt Highway around the town of Truro to remove through-traffic, especially heavy vehicles, from its main street. Council supported the project, believing it would improve safety for road users, residents and pedestrians, as well as enhancing the amenity of the main street of Truro and productivity of the national road network for freight transport. The Federal Government announced today that the Truro Bypass was one of several major infrastructure projects nationally to have federal funding withdrawn following the outcomes of its Infrastructure Investment Program Review.

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey said Council and the Truro community were deeply disappointed at the decision.

“Council and the Truro community have been advocating for the construction of a heavy vehicle bypass for many years after several worrying truck crashes and near-misses in the town’s main street,” Mayor Bailey said.

“We consider the bypass to be a vital piece of infrastructure to address ongoing pedestrian and road safety concerns in Truro. We believe it would also have significant productivity benefits for the national road network by allowing freight vehicles to travel more efficiently along the Sturt Highway between Adelaide and the Eastern States.

“A project of this magnitude can’t be delivered without the leadership and investment of the Federal Government and we urgently ask them to reconsider this decision. The project is well progressed and our community is strongly invested in seeing this project delivered.”

The Council and the Truro community have been strong advocates for the bypass for decades, prompted by concerns about heavy vehicles often speeding through the town’s main street, which is frequented at peak times by school children and pedestrians.

Last month Council also adopted the Truro Town Master Plan which maps out a future vision for the town’s centre to be redeveloped as a tourist and community destination following the construction of the bypass.

“Council and the Truro community have invested significant time and energy into planning for the future of the town once the heavy freight bypass is constructed,” Mayor Bailey said.

“Those plans set out a vision for Truro to be built on its popularity as a stopping point for travellers to become a tourist destination in its own right, and would have paved the way for substantial redevelopment and investment in the town centre to create spaces for our community to enjoy events, recreation activities, and connection with others.

“It is unclear what the Federal Government’s funding decision means for Truro’s future, but Council would like to reassure the community that we will continue to advocate for the heavy freight bypass to be built.

“We will also consider how we can act on the Truro Township Master Plan to ensure we keep working towards the community’s vision for a positive and vibrant future for Truro.”

Council will continue to advocate with the State and Federal Governments about the need for the Truro Bypass project.

There was general discussion about the Freight Route cancellation. There was great frustration given the amount of liaison and planning that has gone into this project over many years. This includes a Master Planning project for the town and many hours spent working with local to shape this plan. The

project also caused great stress for the local farming families as they carefully worked through issues on how their land and business enterprises would be affected by the proposed freight route.

There are now ongoing concerns about road safety in the town as truck and other traffic continues to grow. There is an over whelming feeling that it will only be a matter of time before another serious accident happens in the Main Street.

Insurance issues with private property and national carrier transport crashes. Kristin shared her example of having to use own insurance due to property damage caused from an interstate company accident.

There was strong consensus of the need to find short term road safety solutions to make up for the issue. Options may include lowering speed limits along Moorundie Street, moving the 50kms signs further out, use of point to point speed cameras.

Moved Kristin Falkenberg and 2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Holmes: Liz to contact Ben Scales at MMC and Ashton Hurn MP to seek advice on what steps can be taken to lobby the Feds and DIT for short term safety and condition improvements to the main street including a response to the status of the Truro freight route project remaining on Infrastructure Australia's list.

**Financial Report** – refer to attached financial report.

Account balances as at 16/11/23:

NAB Business Account	\$26,438.70
NAB Term Deposit	\$25,111.84
BankSA Society Cheque	\$ 250.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$50,800.54</b>

Accounts for payment:

Honorarium for Post Office	\$xxx
Blinds for windows	\$714,
Rosie Sherwood for flower reef for Remembrance Day	\$200.
Rotary Club Barossa - Op Shop payment for November:	\$568.97

The financial report is accepted, and the accounts are to be paid.

*Moved:* Chris Fox

*Seconded:* Kristin

*Carried*

Treasury bookkeeping update – Chris has received an update for the spreadsheet management from Amber. The matter will be brought to the December meeting.

**Grant Opportunities:**

Sporting grants open in late September / early October. Note email from Dawn Stewart re grant workshops in 21<sup>st</sup> November in Mannum. Chris and Sally to attend.

**Truro Branding / Website:**

Website Sally has contacted Amber, and she is seeking more info from the local businesses to complete the website. There have been delays in getting this complete information.

Entry Signs – billboards are being manufactured and will be installed soon.

**Property:**

Facility hiring documents – pending, completed by December.

### **Hall**

- Ceiling – waiting for rain
- Salt damp - Ongoing – apply for a grant
- Toilets
  - floor reseal
  - should be connected to the STED scheme, pipe work is earthenware, galvanised pipework

### **Oval**

- RV Dump Point – posts to be installed.
- Vertical drapes have been obtained and soon to be installed.

### **Op Shop report:**

Closing dates -final trading day will be Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December and reopen Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Christmas gathering will be Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm.

Notes for November 16<sup>th</sup> OP Shop meeting:

Present: Patty, Enid, Joan, Meg, Liz, Sally.

Apologies: Heather, Jean, Kerry, Wendy, Kat.

- Discussion about our many volunteers and whether we might consider opening an additional day. This would only happen next year after consideration. Patty is willing to switch her days and Liz and Meg are also willing to work a part day to help this happen. It seems that Tuesday would be the best day. To be considered.
- We currently have over 30 volunteers involved, of which around 25 work in the shop itself.
- Meg will come up with a plan of what items are most needed at each sorting. Extra in-bags can be stored on the stage, but we have to reduce the overall amount that comes in - especially during the holidays.
- Please hang the newly sorted items at the rear of each rack so that older items are at the front.
- The two small bins from the front porch have been located on the stage. Suggest to just place 1 bin on the porch which would be for bottle caps. There are so few of the plastic tags it hardly seems worth it. Sally will create a new sign for the bin, and will also publicise it on the FB page.
- Volunteers need to sign the book when they come in so that they are covered by insurance. They should also check out at the front counter when leaving.
- Items being taken to try on at home must be noted in the book.
- The next meeting will be at 5pm on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>. That's our last week for trading before Xmas.

Need for volunteers to sign in each work session for insurance reasons

### **Projects in Progress:**

**Camping at the Oval** – awaiting By-Law 7 review in late November

**Cemetery** – need to know what information is required by MMC. Liz to pursue.

**Truro's four historical implements** – still in Cambrai.

**Walking / driving trails** – Liz has made a start.

**Other Business:**

**Cricket Club**

- TDCA to apply to MMC for Truro Cricket Club to renew liquor license.
- Toby – season has commenced.
- Still fundraising for the new nets, some tree removal may be required to preserve new surface.

**Any Other Business**

Phil reported that the Town Christmas show is to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Sam Brown – what chance of a pedestrian crossing for Moorundie Street as part of safety upgrades – it was suggested to add this safety improvement option to letter to MMC and Ashton Hurn MP.

Chris and Kitty – motor museum people – Chevy and Aerial motor bikes – wanting to help promote the town. The committee members welcomed Chris and Kitty to the meeting and the town.

**Next meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6:00pm at Barossa Tea Rooms and Wine Bar.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.50

Appendix: Financial Report

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 ABN: 70 557 050 942



FINANCIAL REPORT for meeting 16 November 2023

<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES:</b>	as at:	13/11/2023
NAB Business Account	\$ 25,438.70	AT CALL
NAB Term Deposit	\$ 25,111.84	1.25% matures 24/11
BankSA Society Cheque	\$ 250.00	AT CALL
Total	<u>\$ 50,800.54</u>	

**INCOME:**

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
18-Oct-23	\$ 87.55	op shop deposit
18-Oct-23	\$ 106.00	op shop deposit
20-Oct-23	\$ 164.00	op shop deposit
20-Oct-23	\$ 195.50	op shop deposit
23-Oct-23	\$ 114.00	op shop deposit
23-Oct-23	\$ 350.00	Oval hire and bond
23-Oct-23	\$ 267.00	op shop deposit
25-Oct-23	\$ 61.00	op shop deposit
25-Oct-23	\$ 72.60	op shop deposit
25-Oct-23	\$ 25.80	TD interest
27-Oct-23	\$ 59.00	op shop deposit
27-Oct-23	\$ 110.10	op shop deposit
30-Oct-23	\$ 131.00	op shop deposit
31-Oct-23	\$ 316.15	op shop deposit
1-Nov-23	\$ 250.00	op shop deposit
1-Nov-23	\$ 146.50	op shop deposit
1-Nov-23	\$ 60.00	art class hire
1-Nov-23	\$ 95.00	op shop deposit
3-Nov-23	\$ 350.00	Oval hire and bond
3-Nov-23	\$ 175.30	op shop deposit
3-Nov-23	\$ 99.00	op shop deposit
6-Nov-23	\$ 145.00	op shop deposit
6-Nov-23	\$ 208.00	op shop deposit
8-Nov-23	\$ 124.95	op shop deposit
8-Nov-23	\$ 54.00	op shop deposit
10-Nov-23	\$ 85.00	op shop deposit
10-Nov-23	\$ 30.00	op shop deposit
11-Nov-23	\$ 190.00	op shop deposit
10-Nov-23	\$ 250.00	AEC Hall hire
Total	<u>\$ 4,322.45</u>	

**EXPENDITURE:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
26-Oct-23	-\$ 1,560.00	Rail yards mowing
26-Oct-23	-\$ 400.00	Pioneer Park maintenance
26-Oct-23	-\$ 355.47	Rotary op shop payment Oct
26-Oct-23	-\$ 192.00	SARTI LFT maps
26-Oct-23	-\$ 129.50	Cleaner
26-Oct-23	-\$ 104.21	Oval repairs reimbursement
26-Oct-23	-\$ 92.50	Cleaner
26-Oct-23	-\$ 68.53	Rotary night catering expense
31-Oct-23	-\$ 40.78	NAB EFTPOS fee
11-Nov-23	-\$ 18.19	Leader Rotary condolence notice
11-Nov-23	-\$ 148.00	Cleaner
11-Nov-23	-\$ 92.50	Cleaner
Total	<u>\$ (3,201.68)</u>	

**Op Shop Financial Report 20/9/23 to 16/10/23**

Gross Revenue	\$ 3,286.65
Expenses	-\$ 410.78
Hall Hire 12 dates	<u>-\$ 600.00</u>
Nett Takings	\$ 2,275.87
25% on Nett to Rotary	\$ 568.97

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

	<u>\$ 568.97</u>	Op shop payment November
Total	<u>\$ 568.97</u>	

**INTERNAL FUND BALANCES:**

OVAL	\$ 7,010.23
HALL (INC OP SHOP RENT)	\$ 17,995.31
CEMETERY ENHANCEMENT	\$ 2,706.88
COUNCIL CHAMBER	\$ 261.10
BMX MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,021.96
RAILYARDS MAINTENANCE	-\$ 1,836.15
EVENTS	\$ 960.14
FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 3,000.00
WEB SITE	\$ 2,777.50
TDCA (INC OP SHOP TAKINGS)	<u>\$ 16,903.57</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 50,800.54</u>

Elizabeth Giles, Chair

Christopher Fox, Treasurer