



The Cygnet Association Inc !

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## Minutes of meeting of Monday 6 March 2017

Place: Cygnet Bowling Club

Present: John Diment (JD), Noel Condon (NC), Martin Eaton (ME), Roger Hart (RH), Peter George (PG), Michael Garner (MG), Robert Durand (RD), Robin Cameron (RC), Suzy Manigian (SM), Peter Kenway (PK), Liz Smith (LS), John Huckerby (JH), Carolyn Mason (CM), Pat Wright (PW), Mez Newman (MN), Jessica Miller (JM), Elizabeth Haworth (EH).

Apologies: Trent Cowen (TC), Andrew Blaxland (AB), Pat Syngé (PS), Kraig Carlstrom (KC).

1. **Minutes of December 2016 meeting** circulated in draft were accepted as a correct record.

### 2. **Outstanding actions**

Payments for Le Weekend expenses and logistics for Le Weekend - see item 6  
Membership renewal – some received, including two at this meeting, but many outstanding.

#### ACTION

Another reminder together with membership application form to be sent to all current members by secretary, EH

Burton's Reserve consultation. None copied to Secretary or president. MN provided psychological advice on the consultation.

### 3. **Treasurer's report**

PW reported a balance \$12 449 in TCA's account. Her report is attached.

#### ACTION

Up to \$7000 to be advanced for Le Weekend expenses on submission of invoice(s).

### 4. **Report of meeting between TCA representatives**, Adriana Taylor, Wayne Thorpe and Polly Venning (notes included with the agenda)

The meeting was generally considered to be constructive and enthusiastic presenting the opportunity for a new relationship between TCA and HVC. It was also surprising to learn that TCA's communication with HVC on its wishes and priorities via Hannah and Lisa had been lost in the system and new to the HVC representatives.

Adriana's request for TCA to be an informal coordinating group and conduit for the organizations of Cygnet was seen as a challenge.

RH, who had already asked for TCA's priority list to be considered and for clarification of funds available, offered to remind HVC of this as its budgeting process is now starting.

PG proposed resolution 1, that TCA form a small committee to approach local groups in response to HVC commissioner's proposal that TCA coordinates the preparation of an overview of the Cygnet community's priorities (on the proviso that HVC provides the appropriate financial and business information).

Resolution 2 from TC in absentia, that TCA writes to Minister Gutwein to recommend that the Government continues to act on the recommendations of the HVC Board of enquiry report, too many issues for resolution in one year, by renewing the term of the current commissioner for another year, both to continue progress and to prevent the waste of public money on premature council elections.

Both resolutions were unanimously supported.

MG informed TCA that a secondment has been made by Government to investigate past corrupt practices.

ACTION – RH to send an email to AT to request accurate financial information for community projects/developments and support for grant applications.

EH, in anticipation of this information, to draft letters to key groups and to Minister Gutwein.

#### 5. **Le Weekend** - update and outstanding matters

JD reported the following:

Website has been updated to include accurate program information and pre-booking of events. A Le Weekend planning meeting will be set up in the next few days.

New events include the Lady Nelson voyage from Port Cygnet to Port Esperance with Bob Brown its resident historian (limit of 24 places at \$120 each).

PG has initiated a raft of publicity including a one page Mercury Saturday magazine article and advertisements by local papers. The State cinema has been asked to sponsor advertisements. Chris Whisby of Triple M will also promote Le Weekend.

Lisa and Allan are doing a great job distributing posters and flyers around Hobart.

JH reported that total sponsorship is now \$ 9000, much of it earmarked for specific events. Great work John. Many thanks.

Outstanding issues:

Insurance estimated at \$1500

Request to Tassal for sponsoship

Coordination of market stalls in Loongana Park.

Additional paking adjacent to BP Service Station.

ACTION

JH to write to Tassal

PG to write to Maria Harvey seeking use of her land by BP Service Station for le Weekend parking.

JD to explore adequate disable parking

JD to obtain final program from Donovan.

Volunteers to be sought for each end of town – method to be agreed at Le weekend meeting

#### 6. **Report on Community/Neighbourhood House** (Mez Newman)

Front rooms of the Cygnet Town Hall have been made available by HVC for a Community House/ Hub.

It is now furnished and equipped with computers due to the hard work of Mez's committee. Thank you.

It will be opened by Commissioner Taylor 21 March.

It will be manned by volunteers and evaluated by a research group.  
It will be promoted by CEC (Circular Economy Cygnet). It may seek TCA support.  
ACTION

Proposal for TCA to be presented by MN to next TCA meeting.

7. **Historic plaques update**

As AB was unable to attend, he submitted this report:

'I have a carpenter working for us and I am arranging for him to install the plaques that go directly onto buildings before Le Weekend. There are five to go on stainless steel stands - but only two of the plaques for those buildings have been completed - further historic details are needed from the owners, who have not responded - including the Anglican Church. The stands have been made and require small excavations and concrete footings as bases. The Catholic and Uniting Churches have to agree on the exact locations, but apart from that, those two are ready to install.

The funds remaining are more than enough to cover the installation and the cost of artwork and printing for the unresolved plaques. We should be able to wrap the project up by the end of the financial year and provide a reconciliation to council.'

ACTION

AB to report on progress at next TCA Meeting

8. **Circular Economy Cygnet (CEC)**

LS reported that

Food and water, waste, shared work space, transport (Mary Jenkins has established an informal service to Hobart via central contact point and John Pollard is setting up a community transport/delivery service). A 12 seater bus is taking booked Cygnet passengers to Huonville three days per week.

CEC is seeking grants, volunteers and publicity. It is congratulated for progress made.

ACTION

Further reporting invited to next TCA meeting.

9. **Program for 2017**

This is dependent on response from HVC.

ACTION

RH to recirculate the list he drew up and sent to HVC last year.

All to respond.

10. **Christmas decorations**

Suggestions for improvement invited, taking into account the long-standing role of the Fire Brigade.

ACTION

Suggestions to be brought to June meeting.

11. No **other business** raised.

However, since the meeting, the failure of TCA meetings to introduce and welcome new members has been noted.

ACTION

An agenda item to be added to ensure that introductions are made and new members welcomed.

12. **Date, time place of next meeting**

Le W/E -

TCA - Monday 5 June 2017, 6.30 for 7.00 pm at the Bowling Club unless otherwise notified

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