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### **COMMITTEE MEETING** **MINUTES**

**MONDAY 11 JULY 2016 6.30 for 7.00pm**  
**At the Top Pub, main Dining Room**

**1 Attending:**

Trent Cowen (TC CHAIR), Pat Syngé (PS), John Diment (JD), Andrew Blaxland (AB), Peter George (PG), Roger Hart (RH), Martin Eaton (ME), Pat Wright (PW), Donna Wilks, (DW), Robyn Cameron (RC).

**Apologies:**

Elizabeth Haworth (EH), Jessica Miller (JM), Kraig Carlstrom (KC), Carolyn Mason (CM), Jeremy Wrighty (JW).

**2 Minutes!** Draft Notes from Liz circulated 16 June - Minutes from AB on 07 July.

**3 Treasurer's Report!** Pat reported much the same as at the previous meeting with new income of \$6.50.

**4 Le Weekend @ Cygnet 2017!**

A special committee meeting to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Top Pubn, chaired by JD. Next Le Weekend meeting will be circulated by JD separately – everyone interested is VERY WELCOME. The 2017 date was agreed as 8-9 April to link with TMAG Baudin Exhibition.

**5 Council Relations - Cygnet Theming, Big Light Poles, etc**

There was discussion about the unexpected burst of council construction work along Lymington Road after the former wharf shed, where a deteriorating stretch of gravel Pathway has been replaced by new raised timber walkway on treated pint posts in concrete on solid ground, just inland from the high tide mark. Pat Syngé had written a private letter to council asking why this could be afforded when TCA's requested similar structure further sought near the public wharf was "unaffordable". The new work resembles improvements proposed years ago by the former CTC but never done. The raised walkway is welcome and attractive, but unexpected, especially given council's comments about limited funds.

TC had spoken recently to Lisa Plohl and Hannah Matthews at HVC about plans and progress for various projects including Cygnet Theming, which was believed to be starting in July. Lisa said not much is expected to happen "this year" (2016-17) and they hope to do more next year. This would be very disappointing given expectations from TCA's discussions with HVC. TC asked about the boardwalk (above) given it wasn't a "pedestrian safety issue". No plausible response.

**6 Events Board:** AB and KC met with Lisa Plohl and two of her managers at Council on 7<sup>th</sup> June, to discuss installation of the Events Board. KC had done a great deal of work clarifying ownership of the land at the roundabout (owned by HVC!) and obtaining clearances from TasWater, TasNetworks and Telstra for services. The last hurdle appeared to be a formal DA, which Council offered to manage in-house. HVC appeared supportive.

In mid-July, TC spoke to Lisa who said HVC had concerns about traffic hazards from headlight reflections from the aluminium frame. AB drafted and sent a follow-up representation to show this fear was not valid, with reasons including weathering, and the option of anti-reflective coating. A copy of the representation is attached with these Minutes. No response has been received. This is very very frustrating.

**7 Town Hall:** Four TCA members are ready to work with Richard Miler on Town Hall improvements (JD, AB, TC, KC) and Richard will be advised.

**8 Support our website !** Two accommodation businesses operated by TCA members (Coast House Tasmania and Frenchman's River) have expressed interest in placing links to their own websites on [www.cygnet.org.au](http://www.cygnet.org.au) and to pay the agreed \$100 annual fee. Webmaster Pat Synge also looked at swapping from Wordpress to Weebly, which is less restrictive of paid advertising, but Weebly had other drawbacks.

**9 Mythical Plaques** The aluminium backing plates for 7x "small" (400x275mm) plaques, one "medium (450x300mm) and one "large (600x450mm) have been cut by local fabricator and aluminium boat builder Mason Flakemore and had matching individually aligned bolt holes drilled by Kraig Carlstrom. Stainless steel stands for four plaques are being built by Hobart Metalworks (Axel Peterli) at Kingston. Property owners now to be re-consulted about exact locations. Heritage issues to be re-checked for affected buildings. KC and JW have offered assistance with installing.

#### **10 Cygnet Skate Park?**

TC to talk to Lisa Plohl. Huonville skate park is being improved and expanded. This was raised back in 2013 by the CTC. Proposed for Burton's (a) behind the scout hall or (b) on the large open concrete area (but that's used for other functions). There's a lot of demand from local families and kids. \*(We need to avoid referring to them as "the youth": they're people, not statistics).

#### **11 Membership!** *"Who's got the best idea for a membership chook raffle?"*

This led to lively discussion about TCA talking to other local groups like Lions, Mens Shed, CWA, Museum and the sports clubs. DW suggested inviting people from each group to a social event at the RSL or Sailing Club. Each group has its key focus, but underneath they all want similar things for Cygnet. ME asked are we better being a non-membership group? Several groups could do some things together better than one alone...?

Proposal: at TCA's next meeting at the end of August – invite reps from the other groups? Make it a social gathering but include an agenda of things that *WE* are planning to do – and invite them to bring theirs too.

PROPOSED DATE MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST (*or thereabouts*)

**Invitations:** PG offered to draft an invitation – to be circulated soon so the other groups can meet in the meantime to talk about it.

**Publicity:** Place an ad in the Classifieds about two weeks prior.  
TC has contacts from the Cygnet Expo.  
Meet to coordinate around mid-August

#### **12 Other Business**

More grant applications? What about sponsorships?

#### **13 Next Meeting:** To be confirmed – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August ?

The TCA Committee has been meeting on the last Monday of each month. How's this working for everyone? In winter it's less easy – TC proposed instead we publish a list of proposed meeting dates – and stretch the interval to around 6 weeks.

Members and interested residents and business owners are welcome to attend.