

**Minutes**  
**Blue Mountains Crossing Bicentenary Committee**  
**Wednesday 25 January 2012**

**ITEM: 1      PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Mayor Neville Castle, Clr Col Hunter, Noela Cullen (Lithgow National Trust), Duncan Wass (Hartley District Progress Association), Joan Kent (Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations), Helen Riley (Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation), Helen Clements (Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church).

**Apologies:** Flo Grant (Wiradjuri Council of Elders), Patsy Moppett (Cox's Road Project Committee).

**Officers:** Robert Park (Events Co-ordinator), Wendy Hawkes (Cultural Development Officer).

**Declaration of Interests:** None

**ITEM: 2      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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The minutes of 9 November 2011 were endorsed by three (3) members of the Committee being Mayor Neville Castle, Patsy Moppett and Duncan Wass and subsequently adopted by Council on 12 December 2011.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Minutes of the meeting of 9 November 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

**ITEM: 3      NOMINATION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**SUMMARY**

Several changes are recommended to the committee membership.

**COMMENTARY**

The Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church has many events planned in the Lithgow Government Area to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Crossing of the Blue Mountains. It is recommended that they be invited to be on the committee and the terms of reference be amended accordingly.

Prof David Carment from the Royal Australian Historic Society advises that:

“The invitation to join the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee was discussed at the Royal Australian Historical Society's Council meeting last Friday evening. The Council is supportive of the committee and its work and much appreciated the invitation. The meeting, however, decided that the focus of the Society's efforts regarding the Blue Mountains crossings bicentenary should be its own Western Crossings Committee and that it would be

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stretching the Society's limited resources too thinly if it was to be represented on any of the various other committees associated with the bicentenary. I would, however, be pleased to continue to receive minutes of your meetings. "

Therefore it is suggested that the terms of reference be amended to remove the membership of the Royal Australian Historic Society.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The Terms of Reference be amended to add Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church and remove the Royal Australian Historic Society.

**MOVED:** Duncan Wass      **SECONDED:** Joan Kent

**ITEM : 4      MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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**SUMMARY**

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Councils of Penrith, Blue Mountains and Lithgow was endorsed by Council and signed by the Mayor Neville Castle on 1 December 2011.

**COMMENTARY**

Mayor Neville Castle has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Councils of Penrith, Blue Mountains and Lithgow which has since been returned to Penrith and Blue Mountains Councils. This MOU states that the Councils of Penrith, Blue Mountains and Lithgow will work cooperatively in the planning and scheduling of events and in liaising with state and federal government agencies in support of the Bicentenary Crossing of the Blue Mountains Commemorations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Councils of Penrith, Blue Mountains and Lithgow be noted.

**MOVED:** Noela Cullen      **SECONDED:** Helen Riley

**ITEM: 5      FUNDING FROM COUNCIL**

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**SUMMARY**

At the 9 November 2011 meeting of the committee, it was recommended that Council consider allocating funds for the Crossing Commemorations in the 2012/13 Management Plan.

**COMMENTARY**

A request for funding of \$20,000, comprising \$10,000 cash and \$10,000 in-kind support, towards events commemorating the Bicentenary of the Crossing

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of the Blue Mountains has been included in Council's Draft 2012/13 Budget Bids.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on funding for events commemorating the Bicentenary of the Crossing of the Blue Mountains be noted.

**MOVED:** Duncan Wass      **SECONDED:** Helen Riley

**ITEM: 6      REPORT ON THE 25 NOVEMBER 2011 WESTERN  
CROSSING COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**SUMMARY**

At the Western Crossing Committee Meeting on 25 November 2011 several items applicable to the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee were discussed.

**COMMENTARY**

The following items relevant to the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee were discussed.

Meetings with the Premier and the Member for Blue Mountains

David Carment advised that he had a good meeting with the Premier, but has heard nothing further in regard to his proposal for a special competitive grants program and a state coordinating committee. He has written again to the Premier, with a copy to the Member for Blue Mountains.

Sponsorship

David Carment reported that he and Mary Travers of Businesses Supporting Bicentenary had discussed various sponsorship possibilities.

Commemorative stamps and coin

Following David Carment's letters to Australia Post and the Assistant Treasurer, he was advised that two commemorative stamps and a coin were being issued. Daniel Myles advised that the Blue Mountains City Council was making public domain pictures available to the Mint and Australia Post.

Commemorative activities and priorities

- David Carment reported that the National Museum of Australia was developing plans to link its new Landmarks Gallery with the bicentenary. George Main, a curator at the Museum, advised that the Blue Mountains is one of the landmarks and the Museum will be looking at the consequences of the crossing, with stories and artefacts, including the Jackie Lewis breastplate.

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- David Carment reported that the State Library of New South Wales was considering a travelling exhibition/display. He was planning to meet the Mitchell Librarian, Richard Neville, very soon for further discussion.
- Monica Morse suggested that the Western Crossings commemoration should have its own brand, as did Macquarie 2010.

Formal mechanism for coordination of events and planning

Discussion took place regarding the coordination of events, planning and funding. No plan was confirmed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Western Crossing committee is at Hobby's Reach Research Centre, Blue Mountains Historical Society, 99 – 101 Blaxland Road, Wentworth Falls. The meeting will be held on **Friday 17 February 2012**. It was agreed to hold following meetings bi-monthly.

Duncan Wass suggested a Management Committee within the Western Crossing Committee with two to three people from each council area be proposed at the next meeting of the Western Crossing Committee.

Duncan Wass suggested the Hartley Hall be offered as a meeting venue for the Western Crossing Committee.

Mayor Neville Castle encouraged everyone to attend the Western Crossing Committee meetings to promote the inclusion of Lithgow as an important part of the crossing commemorations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on the Western Crossing Committee Meeting on 25 November 2011 be noted.

**MOVED:** Joan Kent      **SECONDED:** Duncan Wass

**ITEM : 7      SIGNAGE FOR COX'S ROAD**

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**SUMMARY**

Interpretive signage is being planned along the Cox's Road to commemorate the bicentenary of the completion of Cox's Road in 2015.

**COMMENTARY**

Patsy Moppet from the Cox's Road Project Committee sent the following report in an email.

"In terms of the signage project, nothing has changed since the last meeting. The matter is in the hands of each of the member councils to arrange the signage, with input from our Committee when appropriate in terms of sign content and locations.

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In the meantime we did a survey of the Mt York precinct few weeks ago, and are doing the Woodford precincts in a month or so. “

\$20,000 has been included in Council's Draft 2013/14 Budget Bids for commemorative signage if required on Coxs road.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The above report on Cox's Road signage and funding be noted.

**MOVED:** Noela Cullen                      **SECONDED:** Helen Riley

**ITEM: 8      PROPOSED PROJECTS**

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**SUMMARY**

Local organisations have begun planning events for the commemorations.

**COMMENTARY**

Organisations planning commemoration events updated the committee on their progress.

These events are to be entered onto a calendar of events and kept up to date by the Officers of the Committee.

Hartley Progress Association

Duncan Wass reported that the association has chosen five events from 2012 through to 2014 to focus on.

2012 – Blue Mountains Crossing Forum - May

2013 - Blue Mountains Crossing Forum – May  
- Hartley Valley Photographic Exhibition  
- Date Signing of Significant Buildings in the Hartley Valley  
- Research Paper – Terminus of Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson's Journey – Discussion focus of forums

2014 - Cox's Road Walk.

Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church

Helen Clements reported that the Church is planning to record and publish the mapping, over time, of the area around Bowenfels.

Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation

Helen Riley reported that she would be attending a Meeting of the Elders in Albury this Tuesday (31 January 2012). She would be able to present more details of commemoration plans discussed at this meeting at the next meeting of the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee.

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**THAT** The above information on planned events be noted.

**MOVED:** Clr Col Hunter

**SECONDED:** Duncan Wass.

**ITEM: 9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**Nil**

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

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**Wednesday 28 March 2012  
4pm  
Lithgow City Council Committee Meeting Room**