

**BLUE MOUNTAINS CROSSING COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES 28
MARCH 2012**

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Neville Castle, Cllr Col Hunter, Duncan Wass (Hartley District Progress Association), Joan Kent (Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations), Helen Clements (Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church), Margaret Combs (Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust), Patsy Moppett (Cox's Road Project Committee)

Apologies: Flo Grant (Wiradjuri Council of Elders), Helen Riley (Mingaan), Noela Cullen (National Trust)

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

Declaration of Interests: None

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

The minutes of 25 January 2012 were endorsed by three (3) members of the Committee being Mayor Neville Castle, Noella Cullen and Duncan Wass and subsequently adopted by Council on 13 February 2012.

ITEM: 3 NOMINATION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SUMMARY

The Committee was advised of the receipt of new nominations to the Committee.

COMMENTARY

At the 9 November 2011 Meeting of the Committee, it was recommended that the Terms of Reference of the Committee be amended to include membership of the Hartley and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust. Council subsequently endorsed this recommendation on 12 December 2011. The Trust has since nominated Mr Bob Morris as their representative with Margaret Combs as an alternate.

At the 25 January 2012 Committee Meeting, it was recommended that the Terms of Reference of the Committee be amended to include membership of the Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church. Council subsequently endorsed this recommendation on 13 February 2012. The church has since nominated Dr Helen Clements as their representative on the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The Committee note that Dr Helen Clements has been nominated as the representative of the Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church and Mr

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Bob Morris has been nominated as the representative of the Hartley and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust with Ms Margaret Combs as an alternate.

MOVED: Duncan Wass **SECONDED:** Clr Hunter
Carried

ITEM: 4 FUNDING FROM COUNCIL

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 of the Blue Mountains has been included in Council's Draft 2012/13 Budget Bids. The final budget will be adopted in May/June 2012 after which the Committee will be advised whether or not the funds remains in the budget.

RECOMMENDATION

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

MOVED: Duncan Wass **SECONDED:** Margaret Combs
Carried

**ITEM: 5 REPORT ON THE 17 FEBRUARY 2012 WESTERN
CROSSING COMMITTEE MEETING**

SUMMARY

At the Royal Australian Historical Society's Western Crossing Committee on 17 February 2012, several items applicable to the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee were discussed.

COMMENTARY

Government support/formal mechanism for co-ordination of events and planning

David Carment advised that the RAHS had applied for "Your Community" Heritage funding to establish an events website but no advice has so far been received regarding whether or not the application was successful.

David Carment summarised that the Committee was looking at a joint approach and cooperation towards obtaining NSW Government funding. He would advise the RAHS Council of this.

State Library of New South Wales

David Carment reported that the State Library was planning a travelling exhibition/display, to be shown over the area of the Crossings.

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Commemorative activities and priorities relevant to the Lithgow Area

Wendy Blaxland spoke of her proposed event, 'Crossing! A Play'. The following locations were suggested for the event: Hartley Historic Village, the Joan Sutherland Centre in Penrith, St Bartholomew's in Prospect, the Blacktown Centre, The Carrington in Katoomba, the Norman Lindsay Gallery, the Union Theatre in Lithgow and Everglades. It was suggested that Joe and Carol Dicker, professional actors, be contacted. Wendy requires funding.

Kathie McMahon-Nolf proposed an event teaching history through music about every aspect of the crossings, including the explorers, the Aboriginal impact, and the convicts. Kathie envisaged someone narrating, with the folk music in the background. She would like to have the event filmed used as a teaching tool. She requires funding.

Jacinta Tobin would like to make people aware of the Blue Mountains Aboriginal people and fill in the gaps of missing information. Mary Travers said the Blue Mountains Arts Advisory Committee had Arts Grants and suggested doing interpretive work with Jacinta. The Grants program was on the web.

Bill Ivin advised that John Yeoman had given a presentation to Blackheath Rotary in 1980. The manuscript had become scarce and he had written a book about it. Bill advised that he was a member of The Institution of Surveyors NSW Inc Seniors Group, which had installed the pillars across Blue Mountains towns known as Footsteps in Time as an Australian Bicentenary project in 1988. He would like to take a power-point presentation to all the schools.

Other business

Marcia Osterberg-Olsen said she had been in contact with John O'Sullivan of the Blue Mountains Blue Wave. He was following the time line strictly. It was 28 May when Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson arrived. It would be 26 May when Mount Victoria and District Historical Society held the procession on the Great Train Weekend.

Venue and date of next meeting

Duncan Wass said that Hartley District Progress Association would be pleased to host the next meeting in the Old School Hall building at Hartley. The offer was accepted and the next meeting will be held **at 2.00 pm on 20 April 2012.**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The report on the Western Crossing Committee Meeting on 17 February 2012 be noted.

MOVED: Patsy Moppett **SECONDED:** Joan Kent
Carried

ITEM : 6 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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SUMMARY

A Memorandum of Understanding exists between the Lithgow, Blue Mountains and Penrith Councils. The Hartley District Progress Association proposes using the influence of the MOU to influence event plans for the commemorations.

COMMENTARY

The Hartley District Progress Association suggested that the influence of the MOU be used to transfer commemorations for the terminus of Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson's journey from Mt York to Hartley Valley. The Association proposes the main ceremony commemorating the end of the crossing be celebrated in Governor's Paddock, Hartley, on 31 October 2013.

Mayor Neville Castle agreed to write an official letter to Blue Mountains City Council requesting they join with Lithgow commemorations and move the main terminus ceremony from 28 May 2013 at Mt York to 31 October 2013 at Governor's Paddock, Hartley.

Wendy Hawkes will also present this suggestion to a meeting with Penrith City Council and Blue Mountains City Council regarding crossing commemorations, to be held on 3 April 2012 in Katoomba.

Joan Kent suggested an invitation be issued to the Blue Mountains City Council to attend the Forum on June 2 2012, hosted by Hartley Progress Association, commemorating 200 years since the end of Indigenous Only Occupation. This is to emphasise the fact that other organisations are acknowledging the Indigenous peoples of the area in their commemorations and not just the Blue Mountains City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The above report on the use of the Memorandum of Understanding be noted.

MOVED: Margaret Combs
Carried

SECONDED: Clr Hunter

ITEM: 7 PROPOSED PROJECTS

SUMMARY

Local organisations have begun planning events for the celebrations.

COMMENTARY

Organisations planning events provided details to hand on planned events and projects.

These events have been entered onto a calendar attached to the minutes.

Wendy Hawkes is to take the details of these events and projects to the April 3 2012 meeting with Penrith City Council and Blue Mountains City Council regarding crossing commemorations, to be held on 3 April 2012 in Katoomba.

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT The above information on planned events be noted.

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

ITEM: 8 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2012

SUMMARY

Meeting dates for the rest of 2012 need to be decided upon in order to comply with Council's Committee Procedure.

COMMENTARY

The Terms of Reference for the Committee states

"Frequency of meetings

Meetings shall be held at least every three months on a day and at a time to be determined by the committee."

The Committee has scheduled the following meetings for the rest of 2012.

Wednesday 6 June 2012

Wednesday 1 August 2012

Wednesday 3 October 2012

Wednesday 5 December 2012

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The schedule of meetings for the Committee for 2012 be noted.

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

ITEM: 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday 6 June 2012
4pm
Lithgow City Council Committee Meeting Room

Blue Mountains Crossing Commemorations Calendar Of Events
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Date	Time	Event	Organisation	Location	Details
Thursday 19 April	5.30pm	Lithgow Community Engagement Meeting	Hartley Progress Association	Lithgow Workmen's Club	
Saturday June 2	TBA	Forum – Pre 1813- commemoration of the 200 th years since the end of Indigenous Only Occupation	Hartley Progress Association	TBA	
Sunday Oct 28	TBA	Spring Fair – 175 Years since establishment of Hartley Courthouse	Hartley Village National Parks and Wildlife.	Hartley Village	

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Date	Time	Event	Organisation	Location	Details
April (Heritage Week)		Valley Tours of Andrew Brown's Property with a focus on Lithgow's Agricultural Past	National Trust	Bowenfels	
April (Heritage Week)		Celebration of First Rural Settlements	National Trust	Bowenfels	
Sat/Sun 25 or 26 May	TBA	Forum	Hartley Progress Association	TBA	
May/June	TBA	Hartley Valley Photographic Exhibition	Hartley Progress Association	Hartley Village and School (Corner's Garage?)	
TBA	TBA	Research Paper – Terminus of Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson's Journey – Linked to forum	Hartley Progress Association	TBA	
TBA	TBA	Recording of the Mapping of Bowenfels Area over time	Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church	TBA	
Friday 31 May	TBA	Walking to Mt Blaxland	Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust, Hartley progress Association	Mt Blaxland	
Friday	TBA	Hartley Cemetery Open	Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland	Hartley Cemetery	

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31 May		Day – available as a side trip	Reserve Trust, Hartley Progress Association		
Friday 31 May	TBA	Terminus of Crossing Commemorations	Hartley Progress Association	Governor's Paddock/ Littleton Woolshed	
Progressive	TBA	Date Signing of Buildings	Hartley Progress Association	Hartley	

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Date	Time	Event	Organisation	Location	Details
TBA	TBA	Cox's Road Walk	Hartley Progress Association	?	