

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Neville Castle, Cr Col Hunter, Duncan Wass (Hartley District Progress Association), Helen Riley (Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation) and Helen Clements (Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church).

Apologies: Patsy Moppett and Joan Kent

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

Declaration of Interests: None

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 28 March 2012 were endorsed by three (3) members of the Committee being Duncan Wass, Joan Kent and Patsy Moppett and subsequently adopted by Council on 23 April 2012.

MOVED: Helen Riley

SECONDED: Duncan Wass

ITEM: 3 FUNDING FROM COUNCIL

SUMMARY

At the 9 November 2011 meeting of the committee, it was recommended that Council consider allocating funds for the Crossing Celebrations 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 confirmed in Council's 2012-13 Budget and a further \$20,000 will be considered for inclusion in Council's 2013 – 14 Budget.

Organisations planning projects for the commemorations will bring estimates for projects to the next meeting for the committee to consider and allocate funds.

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: 4 OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS

SUMMARY

Several other options are available for organisations to apply for funding for commemorative projects.

COMMENTARY

The following options are available for organisations to apply for funding for Commemorative Projects:

- **Royal Australian Historical Society Cultural Grants** for a non-profit organisation who is undertaking a project with a lasting historical contribution to a community in NSW.
- **NSW Arts Funding Program New Projects Funding** supports one-off arts and cultural projects at any stage in their creative development and/or public presentation.
- **Heritage NSW** provides funding to celebrate Australian local history. It is focussed on funding research based projects.

Organisations will assess their projects and apply for funding from the best source they deem fit.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The report on other funding options be noted.

MOVED: Helen Riley

SECONDED: Helen Clements

ITEM: 5 REPORT ON THE 20 APRIL 2012 WESTERN CROSSING COMMITTEE MEETING

SUMMARY

At the Western Crossing Committee Meeting on 20 April 2012 several items applicable to the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee were discussed.

COMMENTARY

The following items were discussed at the 20 April 2012 meeting of the Western Crossing Committee Meeting.

- Kevin Crameri asked if a letter could be drafted for all Councils and organisations planning events to take to their local members of the state parliament. David Carment said he would draft a letter as suggested by Kevin Crameri.
- David Carment reported that the Federation of Australian Historical Societies was advised that it would be at least another month before applicants were informed regarding the success or otherwise of their applications. He was investigating possible sponsorship of the events website proposed in the Royal Australian Historical Society application.

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- Daniel Myles congratulated Penrith and said it was good for councils and other organisations to let people know what they were doing. He asked for organisers to please send their events to Kerrin O'Grady at kogrady@bmcc.nsw.gov.au
- John Exner reported on the proposed car rally from Mamre House in St Marys to Mount Blaxland. The NRMA had been approached and Mamre House booked.
- Joan Kent advised that Hartley District Progress Association would hold a forum on 2 June 2012 looking at the area before European settlement, one at the end of May/early June 2013 based on the crossings and one in 2014 on the surveying and building of the road.
- Wendy Blaxland spoke about her proposed play. This would be a family event and be interactive. Wendy would co-produce with her daughter Jessica. She wanted to talk to representatives from all the Councils who were interested in having the play performed in their areas.
- Helen Riley mentioned that the Lithgow Aboriginal Committee had a dance floor.
- Juliette Palmer-Frederick thought it would be a good idea for artefacts associated with the Great Western Highway to be collected and displayed in an exhibition. She was thinking of artefacts from the centenary in 1913, like memorabilia and silverware that would have been used around 1813.
- Neville Castle advised that Lithgow City Council had a Crossings Committee. It was coordinating rather than organising. The Council was contributing financially to the interpretive signage on Cox's Road.
- Helen Riley said that care should be taken when considering displaying Aboriginal artefacts. She recommended consultation with the Aboriginal community.
- Kathleen Schilling proposed a map of the area covered by the commemoration with small squares containing information about planned activities. She also suggested an interactive map containing the Aboriginal story lines.
- David Carment suggested that the Blue Mountains works in the Lewin exhibition currently at the State Library be used for a travelling exhibition. He will follow up with the State Library on this.

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- Bob Lamb said it would be a good idea to have a travelling road show to promote activities.
- Sharon Lamb suggested making presentations to clubs, such as Probus, to see if anyone could report on experiences from previous commemorations or if anyone has any artefacts.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The report on the Western Crossing Committee Meeting on 20 April 2012 be noted.

That representatives from Council attend the next meeting of the Wiradjuri Council of Elders to learn the protocol to be used during commemorative projects and activities.

MOVED: Duncan Wass

SECONDED: Cr Col Hunter

ITEM: 6 REPORT ON THE COMBINED COUNCILS MEETINGS

SUMMARY

Representatives of local councils involved in the Bicentenary of the Blue Mountains Crossing Commemorations meet monthly to share information, resources and events with each other.

COMMENTARY

Two meetings have been held between representatives of local councils involved in the Bicentenary of the Blue Mountains Crossing Commemorations. Wendy Hawkes attended one on 3 April 2012 and Robbie Park attended another on 8 May 2012. At these meetings each council discussed their plans for the upcoming commemoration. Penrith City Council presented their Program and Events Overview. Blue Mountains City Council presented their Community Event Endorsement Guidelines and Brand Guidelines for the Blue Mountains Crossings Bicentenary.

The Committee asked that Wendy Hawkes ask at the next Combined Councils Meeting (invoking the MOU signed with Blue Mountains City Council) for a statement in writing that the funding obtained by the Blue Mountains Bicentenary Crossing Committee will be shared amongst all the LGAs involved in the commemorations. The Blue Mountains Bicentenary Crossing Committee requested that no-one else approach government and private organisations for funding in order that they may maximise the amount of funding they were able to source.

Wendy Hawkes and Robert Park will liaise with Information Technology to establish a web page for Blue Mountains Bi-centenary Crossing Commemorations in Lithgow which will then be linked to a joint LGA website run by Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon Tourism..

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The report on the Combined Councils Meetings on 3 April and 8 May 2012 be noted.

MOVED: Cr Col Hunter

SECONDED: Helen Riley

ITEM: 7 HARTLEY DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION – PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMARY

The Hartley District Progress Association has developed two brochures: “Western Crossings 1813 – 1818” and “Associated Sponsorship Opportunities.”

COMMENTARY

The Hartley District Progress Association’s “Western Crossings 1813 – 1818” brochure explains the significance of the crossing and its bicentenary commemorations and outlines events the Association is planning.

The “Associated Sponsorship Opportunities” brochure discusses sponsorship opportunities and events that can be sponsored and invites business and individuals to participate in the commemoration events via sponsorship.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The report on the Hartley District Progress Associations Program and Associated Sponsorship Opportunities brochures be noted.

MOVED: Duncan Wass

SECONDED: Helen Clements

ITEM : 8 SIGNAGE FOR COX’S ROAD

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

Patsy Moppett reports that:

“Bathurst Council have erected the first stage of their Cox's Road signage, from The Lagoon into town. Great stuff! The rest will go up through next year's budget.”

The committee requested that Patsy Moppett prepare an estimate on the cost of erecting the Cox’s Road signage in the Lithgow LGA.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The report on the Signage for Cox's Road be noted.

MOVED: Cr Col Hunter

SECONDED: Duncan Wass

ITEM: 9 PROPOSED PROJECTS

SUMMARY

Local organisations have begun planning events for the celebrations.

COMMENTARY

An Events Calendar for events in the Lithgow Area has been developed (see attached).

Organisations planning events updated the committee on their progress on these events.

Duncan Wass reported on the progress of planning for the Hartley District Progress Association's projects.

- A Memorial, with interpretation, is to be established near the tors above Hartley Historic Village
- Commemoration activities will focus on Saturday 1 June 2013.
- A Picnic Day for Families will be held during the day at Hartley Historic Village
- A formal Dinner will follow in the evening in a marquee erected in the village. Some guests will be invited and their attendance will be free, others will pay to attend. The committee suggested Premier Barry O'Farrell, Minister for Environment and Heritage Robyn Parker and the Governor General be invited.
- The committee suggested Centennial Coal and Delta Electricity also be approached for funding for these events.
- Another History Workshop will be held the following week on Saturday 8 June 2013
- Walks along the Cox's Road are planned for 2013 and 2014.

Helen Riley and Wendy Hawkes reported on the Hartley District Progress Associations 2012 History Workshop held at Hartley School Hall on 2 June 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The above information on planned events be noted.

MOVED: Duncan Wass

SECONDED: Helen Clements

ITEM: 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

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Nil

ITEM: 11 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Wednesday 1 August 2012

4pm

Lithgow City Council Committee Meeting Room