

**Minutes
Blue Mountains Crossing Bicentenary Committee
Wednesday 6 February 2013**

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Clr Maree Statham, Clr Col Hunter, Duncan Wass (Hartley District Project Association), Helen Clements (National Trust and Bowenfels Presbyterian Church), Joan Kent (Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations), Bob Morris (Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust) and Neville Castle.

Apologies: Patsy Moppett (Cox's Road Project Committee) and Robert Park (Events Co-ordinator)

Officers: Wendy Hawkes (Cultural Development Officer) and Kellie Barrow (Lithgow City Council, Tourism Officer)

Declaration of Interests: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 5 December 2012 were endorsed by three (3) members of the Committee being Clr Col Hunter, Helen Clements and Duncan Wass and subsequently adopted by Council on 17 December 2012.

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

ITEM: 3 COMMITTEE MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT

SUMMARY

Committee members are reminded that a Committee Meeting Code of Conduct applies to all Committee Members.

COMMENTARY

The Committee Meeting Code of Conduct can be found on pages 23 – 27 of the Lithgow City Council Code of Meeting Practice. This document can be found at:

http://archive.lithgow.nsw.gov.au/documents/CodeOfMeetingPracticeV9_updated101111.pdf

All Committee Members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with this code. In addition two Code of Conduct sessions will be held for members of Council Committees.

Wednesday 20th February 2013 at 4pm in the Council Chambers

or

Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 5pm in the Council Chambers.

ALL members of Committees (except Councillors) should attend one of these sessions.

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RECOMMENDED

THAT The report on the Committee Meeting Code of Conduct be noted.

MOVED: **Neville Castle** **SECONDED:** **Duncan Wass**

ITEM: 4 **REPORT ON THE 14 DECEMBER 2012 WESTERN
CROSSING COMMITTEE MEETING**

SUMMARY

At the Western Crossing Committee Meeting on 14 December 2012 several items applicable to the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee were discussed.

COMMENTARY

The following items were discussed at the 14 December 2012 meeting of the Western Crossing Committee Meeting.

See attachment

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The report on the Western Crossing Committee Meeting on 14 December 2012 be noted.

MOVED: **Neville Castle** **SECONDED:** **Duncan Wass**

ITEM: 5 **BUSINESSES SUPPORTING THE BICENTENARY –
GOVERNOR’S RECEPTION**

SUMMARY

A pre-launch to the Crossing Commemorations reception was held at Government House on 21 November 2012 .

COMMENTARY

Mayor Statham attended the reception at Government House and reported that it was a successful meeting. The Governor spoke to her for 20 minutes. The Governor is very passionate about the Crossing Commemorations

RECOMMENDED

THAT The report on the Governor’s Reception be noted.

MOVED: **Neville Castle** **SECONDED:** **Bob Morris**

ITEM: 6 **BUSINESSES SUPPORTING THE BICENTENARY -
CROSSINGS FLYOVER**

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A Fly Over from Penrith to Bathurst is being planned by the Businesses Supporting the Bicentenary for Saturday 25 May 2013.

COMMENTARY

A Flyover from Penrith to Bathurst is being planned by the Businesses Supporting the Bicentenary for Saturday 25 May 2013. Locations in the Lithgow LGA are being investigated by Council staff for their suitability as viewing points including Hassans Walls, Lithgow Show Ground, Blast Furnace Park and Queen Elizabeth Park. The aim is to create a big event for Lithgow. .

Committee members also suggested: Rydal Show Grounds, Lake Lyell, Mt Lambie and Hartley School House.

It was suggested that the Hartley School House would be an ideal location as they will have the Exhibition "A Moment in Time" open on that day. Lithgow Living History could also perform on the day and possibly other organisations having a sausage sizzle etc.

Wendy Hawkes will send a map with the flight path and the schedule to Committee members for further consideration.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Council note that the Committee will receive a copy of the map of the flight path and a schedule for the "Crossings Fly Over" and that Lithgow Living History, will be approached to perform at the Fly Over event.

MOVED: **Neville Castle** **SECONDED:** **Joan Kent**

ITEM: 7 **BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL BICENTENARY**
CROSSINGS COMMITTEE – CROSSINGS WORKSHOP

SUMMARY

On 29 November 2013 a Crossings Workshop was held at the Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre.

COMMENTARY

Several representatives from the Lithgow area attended including Duncan Wass and Joan Kent from Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations.

It was noted that the Key Note speaker was very good and should be invited to speak at the Forum to be held on the 8 June 2013.

It was reported that the Mt Victoria Historic Society is struggling with support for their events and that the HDPAs 1813 Subcommittee would see how they could work together.

RECOMMENDED

THAT The report on the Crossings Workshop be noted.

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

ITEM: 8 CROSSINGS WEBSITE

SUMMARY

The Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon Tourism Organisation have established a website to be used by organisations planning events and projects to advertise these

COMMENTARY

The website is now available for use and organisations are encouraged to email events to Robert Park (robert.park@lithgow.nsw.gov.au) for posting.

The site can be found at:

http://www.hyperhub.com.au/forto/Crossings_BiCentenary/

Suggestions for inclusion include:

Joan Kent's Images Exhibition.

HDPA 1813 Sub-committee events.

Photographs of significant sites in Hartley.

Planting of a time capsule .

A summary of the minutes from Committee meetings.

RECOMMENDED

THAT The report on the Crossings Website be noted.

MOVED: **Neville Castle** **SECONDED:** **Duncan Wass**

**ITEM : 9 LITHGOW MERCURY AND BLUE MOUNTAINS GAZETTE
COLUMNS**

SUMMARY

The Lithgow Mercury and Blue Mountains Gazette are promoting Blue Mountains Crossing Commemorations in the lead up to the events.

COMMENTARY

The Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon Tourism Organisation is placing a regular column in the Blue Mountains Gazette. Members of the Committee can contribute to this column by sending text and images to randallw@bigpond.net.au .

The Lithgow Mercury has agreed to do a fortnightly column on the Blue Mountains Crossings from the beginning of February until June 2013.

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Members of the Committee can contribute to this column by sending text and images to wendy.hawkes@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

It was suggested that the Mercury be referred to the Diaries of the Explorers for information on the crossings.

Jo Mantell from the Bowenfels Presbyterian Church has been doing short interviews on 2LT on the Crossings and perhaps her information could be accessed by the Mercury for their column.

Wendy Hawkes will be meeting with Carolyn Piggott from the Lithgow Mercury on to work out the details of the column and how best to get information to her.

The Lithgow Mercury has requested that a member of their staff be allowed to attend Committee meetings so they can be informed of what is going on. The Committee agreed this should be allowed

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a member of the staff of the Lithgow Mercury be invited to attend Committee Meetings.

MOVED: **Joan Kent**

SECONDED: **Helen Clements**

ITEM : 10 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 from the Cox's Road Project Committee sent a reply to the Committee's requested changes (attached).

A reply was received from the State Member for Bathurst, Paul Toole MP, to (then) Mayor Neville Castle's request for funding for the Cox's Road Signage, stating that he did not have any funding available but suggesting the committee apply for funding under the NSW Heritage Grants Program. The opening date for applications has not yet been announced. A letter of thanks was sent to the Paul Toole MP from Mayor Statham. (See Attachment)

Blue Mountains City Council is putting in marker bollards along Cox's Road in the Hartley Vale area. This signage has been approved by TALC, but not TASAC. The bollards are simple, not interpretive and the Cox's Road Project Committee signage would complement rather than clash.

Consultation will be undertaken with Blue Mountains City Council the Cox's Road Project Committee on whether an explanation of the bollards could be included on the Cox's Road Project Signage .

RECOMMENDATION

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

MOVED: **Bob Morris** **SECONDED:** **Neville Castle**

ITEM: 11 **ACCESS TO MT BLAXLAND**

SUMMARY

Council has been requested to negotiate access to Mt Blaxland with the owners of the areas surrounding the mountain.

COMMENTARY

Several organisations have attempted, so far unsuccessfully, to gain access to Mt Blaxland during the Bicentenary of the Crossings. Graham Hunt has requested that Council intervene and negotiate with the owners of the land surrounding the mountain so that his group, Seniors Group of the Institution of Surveyors NSW Inc, might have one off access for the celebrations. (See Attachment)

It was reported that negotiations with the private land owners had not been successful and no access would be given to travel through properties. It was also reported that no access would be given to the Mt Blaxland Trust Reserve land either.

Wendy Hawkes will reply to Graham Hunt with this information.

It was suggested that an opportunity for people to view Mt Blaxland from Governor's Paddock could be arranged on the 31 May 2013.

The HDPa 1813 Sub-committee will consider this at their next meeting and report back to the Committee on whether they can organise it.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The above report on access to Mt Blaxland be noted.

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

ITEM: 12 **VISIT OF WIRADJURI ELDERS**

SUMMARY

On 21 January 2013 members of the Wiradjuri Council of Elders met with members of the Committee to discuss their involvement in the Crossing Commemorations.

COMMENTARY

Aunty Flo and Mark from the Wiradjuri Council of Elders met with members of the Committee to discuss their involvement in the Crossing Commemorations. A program of events was consequently sent to Aunty Flo and the Committee is awaiting their reply on how they will be involved.

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT The above report on the visit of the Wiradjuri Elders be noted.

MOVED: Duncan Wass SECONDED: Neville Castle

ITEM: 13 ADDITIONAL MEMBER

SUMMARY

A request has been received to join the Committee.

COMMENTARY

A request has been received from Anne Collins of Tree View Estate to join the Committee. Tree View Estate aims to support other organisations and create some of their own events for the Crossing Commemorations. The Terms of Reference for the Committee allow that "other community members be coopted as necessary".

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Anne Collins be coopted as a member of the Committee.

MOVED: Clr Maree Statham SECONDED: Duncan Wass

ITEM: 14 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 and update with details reported at this meeting. (See attached)

Wendy, if following are in the attached calendar, then leave them out.
Bob Morris added his event "Time Capsules" to the Events Calendar. Duncan Wass will contact Mingaan regarding objects for the Time Capsules.

Helen Clements reported that the National Trust will be having tours around the Andrew Brown sandstone properties on 20 and 21 April 2013. These are relevant to the crossings celebrations as the settlement by Andrew Brown was a consequence of the crossings of the Blue Mountains.

Helen Clements reported that the Bowenfels Presbyterian Church will be holding church services and sponsoring a grove of trees in recognition of the settlement of Andrew Brown.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The above information on planned events be noted.

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MOVED: **Clr Col Hunter** **SECONDED:** **Clr Maree Statham**

ITEM: 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

Members of the Committee are invited to report on any items not mentioned in the previous items.

COMMENTARY

Bob Morris suggested that a commemorative medallion (not the Holey Dollar and Dump) be created and donated to all school children in the Lithgow LGA with additional medallions be created for sale as a fund raising endeavour.

The Lithgow Visitor's Centre sells this type of medallion and will investigate putting together a proposal for the purchase of the medallions by Council.

Neville Castle reported that Ross Higgins had told him he was descended from Wentworth the explorer. Wendy Hawkes will contact Mr Higgins to invite him to be part of the events. Suggestions included: special guest at the Crossings Fly Over and guide on the Cox's Road Walks.

Bob Morris requested that a letter be sent to the Blue Mountains City Council Mayor from Mayor Statham with the following queries and concerns.

- What is being done to restore the Marked Tree and will it be finished for the 2013 Crossings Celebrations? Also what works are being done on the Mt York memorial and will they be completed in time?
- Can the interpretive signage at Mt York be changed to indicate the true termination point of Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson's journey, that being Mt Blaxland?
- Can the Blue Mountains City Council please give the Mayor and Committee members more notice of events so that attendance is possible as invitations to several events have given very short notice and the Mayor has been unable to attend?

Wendy Hawkes will follow up.

Neville Castle suggested that the Committee may need to convene for more meetings than just those scheduled and the Committee agreed to do this should the need arise.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council allocate funds to a commemorative medallion to be donated to all school children in Lithgow and sold at events as a fund raiser.

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

ITEM: 16 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Wednesday 3 April 2013
4pm

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