

Minutes
Blue Mountains Crossing Committee
3 April 2013

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Clr Maree Statham, Clr Col Hunter, Mr Bob Morris, Mr Neville Castle, Mrs Joan Kent, Mrs Anne Collins, Mr Duncan Wass.

Apologies: Patsy Moppett (Cox's Road Project Committee), Ms Wendy Hawkes, Mrs Helen Clements

Officers: Ms Kellie Barrow, Mr Robbie Park

Declaration of Interests: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 6 February 2013 were endorsed by via email by three (3) members of the Committee being Joan Kent, Bob Morris and Duncan Wass and subsequently adopted by Council on 25 February 2013.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee:

Notes the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2013.

MOVED: Mrs Joan Kent **SECONDED:** Clr Col Hunter

ITEM: 3 REPORT ON THE 22 MARCH 2013 WESTERN CROSSING COMMITTEE MEETING

SUMMARY

At the Western Crossing Committee Meeting on 22 March 2013 several items applicable to the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee were discussed.

COMMENTARY

This item will be held over till the next meeting as the minutes from the Western Crossing Committee Meeting were not received.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee:

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MOVED: Mr Bob Morris **SECONDED:** Mr Neville Caslte

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ITEM: 4 FLYOVER VIEWING EVENT

SUMMARY

The Crossings Flyover is occurring on Saturday 25 May 2013. Lithgow RSL has agreed to host (along with other service clubs) a viewing event in Butlers Property on Jenolan Caves Road.

COMMENTARY

Discussion was held in regards to the Flyover. Mr Bob Morris raised concerns on behalf of the Lions Club, due to a recent article in the Lithgow Mercury. The article quoted Phil Hammond saying there were only 30 planes registered for the flyover. Originally it was expected to have around 200 planes

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee:

Ms Kellie Barrow is to follow up and advise the committee on the current status of the flyover.

MOVED: Mrs Joan Kent **SECONDED:** Mr Bob Morris

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ITEM: 5 CROSSINGS WEBSITE

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

The website is now available. Local organisations are encouraged to email events to Robert Park (Robert.park@lithgow.nsw.gov.au) in order for the events to be posted on the site. It is very important that these go up as soon as possible to maximise the exposure for the region and to entice potential visitors to the area.

Significant Sites in the Lithgow area have been entered onto the website with references to events and projects happening there. Anyone with information and images of other Significant Sites can send them to Robert Park for uploading.

The site can be found at

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

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COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee notes Ms Wendy Hawkes and Mr Robert Park to complete a media release in regards to the website to advise locals of the upcoming events and the significance of the celebrations to our area.

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

ITEM : 6 LITHGOW MERCURY

SUMMARY

The Lithgow Mercury is including regular fortnightly articles on events, projects and history related to the Crossings.

COMMENTARY

The Lithgow Mercury has agreed to do a fortnightly column on the Blue Mountains Crossings with the first being printed on Tuesday 20 March 2013.

Members of the Committee can contribute to this column by sending text and images to Carolyn Piggott at carolyn.piggott@fairfaxmedia.com.au

A Media Calendar has been developed so organisations can co-ordinate their information for Carolyn and maximise coverage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee notes the prepared media calendar for the Lithgow Mercury.

MOVED: Mr Bob Morris **SECONDED:** Clr Col Hunter

ITEM : 7 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

Lithgow City Council has received a grant of \$18,000 plus GST to go towards the Cox's Road Signage Project from Roads and Maritime Services.

Danthonia Signage will be contacted for a current quote and the signage ordered as the next step, with installation to be planned following this.

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COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee notes the updated report on the signage for Cox's Road.

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

ITEM: 8 CROSSINGS COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION

SUMMARY

Lithgow City Council has proposed creating a medallion to be given to all primary school children in the Lithgow Local Government Area to commemorate the crossing of the Blue Mountains.

COMMENTARY

2013 sees the 200th anniversary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains by explorers Gregory Blaxland, William Wentworth and William Lawson in 1813. To mark such a monumental event in the history of Australia numerous events have been planned, including re-enactments, history lectures, events and festivals. In addition to the festivities planned, Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon Tourism have commissioned a Holey Dollar coin to distribute to school aged children in the Blue Mountains Council local government area thru private sponsorship.

Lithgow City Council has been asked about the possibility of commissioning a commemorative coin to distribute to students of infant and primary age within the Lithgow local government area.

Lithgow City Council has investigated the possibility of commissioning the desired coin and has a present working relationship with Custom Coin of Lawson. Cost of the coins would be the same as we pay for our current miner's lamp coin. The coins also come with a protective plastic cover which would cost the same to us as we pay already.

Currently there are approximately 1757 school students of infants and primary school age at the following schools

School	Number of students
Lithgow Public School	426
Cooerwull Public School	290
Zig Zag Public School	70
St Patricks School	366
Wallerawang Public School	254
Portland Central School	179
St Josephs School	55
Cullen Bullen Public School	19
Capertee Public School	7

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Glen Alice Public School	8
Meadow Flat Public School	44
Hampton Public School	27
Scots School	12
Total	1757

Each coin costs \$1.00 wholesale to purchase. Coin covers cost \$0.50c each to purchase wholesale.

Therefore at the minimum the cost to facilitate coins to students of every primary and infant school in the Lithgow Council area would be \$2,635.50 (including the plastic cases).

Custom Coins would be able to have the coin produced within approximately 2 weeks of receiving artwork to produce the casting die.

The committee determined the design of the coin as follows

One side to "Blaxland, Wentworth, Lawson" around the edge with "Bicentenary of the Crossing 1813-2013"

The other side to have "Bicentenary of crossing of the Blue Mountains" around the edge with the Mingaan Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation logo in the middle.

The Committee discussed the possibility of Council purchasing 4,000 coins. Of this 1,757 would be donated to school children throughout the local government area from Lithgow City Council. The remaining 2,243 be sold for \$5 each to the general public as a commemorative coin at the crossing events

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council commission the production of 4,000 Crossings Commemorative Medallions and cases at a cost of \$6,000.
2. Council donate 1,757 coins to the infant and primary school students in the LGA
3. Provide 1,000 medallions to the Hartley District Progress Association at cost price
4. Sell the remaining medallions to general public at \$5 each.

MOVED: Cllr Col Hunter **SECONDED:** Mr Bob Morris

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ITEM: 9 PROPOSED PROJECTS

SUMMARY

Local organisations have begun planning events for the celebrations.

COMMENTARY

An Events Calendar for the Lithgow Area has been developed.

Organisations planning events are invited to update the committee on the progress on these events.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee notes the updated report on the signage for Cox's Road.

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

ITEM: 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mr Duncan Wass thanked Council for the contribution of \$10,000 towards the crossing celebrations
- Mr Duncan Wass advised the Committee the invitation and information has been sent to the NSW Governor's office and they are awaiting further advice.

Next Meeting of the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee
will be held on Wednesday 1 May 2013
at 4pm at the
Lithgow City Council Committee Room