

Minutes
Blue Mountains Crossing Committee
1 May 2013

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

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

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

Officers: Wendy Hawkes and Kellie Barrow

Declaration of Interests: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 3 April 2013 were endorsed by three (3) members of the Committee being Duncan Wass, Neville Castle and Bob Morris.

The minutes were then presented to the Council on Monday 23 April 2013.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee:

Notes the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2013.

NOTED: Duncan Wass **SECONDED:** Neville Castle

ITEM: 3 FLYOVER VIEWING EVENT

SUMMARY

The Crossings Flyover is occurring on Saturday 25 May 2013. Lithgow RSL will be hosting (along with other service clubs) a viewing event at Old Hartley School.

COMMENTARY

Duncan Wass reported that due to only 30 planes registering for the flyover the viewing event has been moved to the Old Hartley School.

The event will now be called "Music, Markets and Plane Spotting".

The Mayor will be attending.

The Lithgow RSL sub branch has donated \$1 000 to the Hartley District Progress Association to be used to buy a barbeque which will be used at this event. The RSL is still coordinating the event.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee:

Notes the report on the Crossings Fly Over.

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

ITEM: 4 COX'S ROAD HORSE RIDE AND WALKS

SUMMARY

Bushwalks and horse rides along the Cox's Road are being planned for May and June

COMMENTARY

Due to an outbreak of streptococcal infection in the Hartley Valley, the Horse Rides along the Cox's Road have been cancelled for this year.

However the bush walks are to go ahead as planned.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee:

Notes the report on the Cox's Road Horse Ride and Walks.

MOVED: Anne Collins **SECONDED:** Neville Castle

ITEM: 5 CROSSINGS WEBSITE

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

The site can be found at

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

The media is using this site to find out about events and Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon Tourism is using it for their advertising.

Wendy Hawkes will contact Hartley Historic Site to find out what events they are planning and have these put up on the website

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee:

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Notes that Wendy Hawkes will contact Hartley Historic Site to find out what they are planning for the commemorations.

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

ITEM : 6 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 from Roads and Maritime Services to go towards the Cox's Road Signage Project.

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

The following were also listed as projects and events that will be ongoing after the 1 June 2013 commemorations and which the committee can focus on:

- Annual Cox's Road Walks and Horse Rides
- Restoration of the Evan's Memorial Plaque on Rydal Road
- Annual Hartley Forum (focus for 1814 – historic surveying techniques, etc for roads)
- Commemorations for Evan's Survey
- Commemorations for the building of Cox's Road
- Commemorations for Governor Macquarie's Journey to Bathurst.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee:

Notes the report on the Cox's Road Signage project and future projects for the committee.

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

ITEM: 7 CROSSINGS COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION

SUMMARY

Lithgow City Council has agreed to create 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

The coin design has been confirmed with one side having the words "Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson" around the edge with "Bicentenary of Crossing of the Blue Mountains 1813-2013" in the middle and on the other side having the Mingaan Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation logo (Platypus) with "Mingaan Aboriginal Wiradjuri Corporation" around the edge.

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Mayor Statham will present the coins to all primary schools. Those schools attending the "Crossing" play will be presented with their coins at these performances and other schools will receive them at special presentations. These presentations will take place between 27 and 31 May 2013.

One thousand coins will be sold at cost to the Hartley District Progress Association to be sold at market value at their events.

The remaining coins will be sold at market value at the Lithgow Visitors Information Centre.

As the Mingaan logo is on the coins they cannot be sold to anyone else as the logo is copyrighted.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee notes the report the Bicentenary Commemorative Coin.

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

ITEM: 8 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.

Organisations planning events are invited to update the committee on their progress on these events, make changes to details and add new events.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee notes the Events Calendar for bicentenary events and projects

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

ITEM: 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

There were four items of General Business

COMMENTARY

- Ross Adams from the Lithgow Valley Film Society - Community Cinema advised the committee that the cinema will be running a series of short films depicting the First Crossings of the Blue Mountains: coal and Shale Mining in Lithgow and Glen Davis; Early transportation across the Blue Mountains and other selected short films related to the

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crossings. These will be shown on 7 June at 10.30am and 8 June at 1.30pm. Wendy Hawkes will have this event put on the Crossings Website.

- Ramsey Moodie from the Hartley District Progress Association has created a project that involves placing dates of buildings and sites in the Hartley in prominent places. Lithgow City Council has sponsored this project to the amount of \$5,000. The first sign will be placed at the Hartley School House by 1 June 2013.
- Kellie Barrow and Wendy Hawkes will investigate the possibility of providing the following in-kind services to Hartley District Progress Association and the “Crossing” play through Council’s allocation of \$10, 000 in-kind support:
 - Hartley District Progress Association
 - 20 High Visibility Vests
 - 3 Marquees
 - Bins and rubbish pick up for the “Markets, Music and Plane Spotting Event” (Drop off Friday 24 May, Pick up Monday 27 May 2013).
 - “Crossing” play
 - Hire fee for Union Theatre for Thursday 6 June 2013.

Any surplus in-kind money will be rolled over for projects planned for 2014-15.

- Council will issue media releases according to the Media Calendar (see attached). This will include Media Releases on: Cox’s Road Walks, “A Moment in Time” Exhibition, “Music, Markets and Plane Spotting” Event, Crossing Commemorative Coin, Community Cinema films and the Governor’s Visit on 1 June 2013.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the committee notes that Wendy Hawkes will have the Community Cinema event placed on the Crossings Website. That Kellie Barrow and Wendy Hawkes will investigate the proposed in-kind requests.

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

Wednesday 3 July 2013
4pm
Lithgow City Council Committee Meeting Room