

Minutes  
Blue Mountains Crossing Committee  
3 July 2013

**ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Clr Col Hunter, Neville Castle, Joan Kent, Bob Morris and Anne Collins

**Apologies:** Clr Maree Statham, Patsy Moppett (Cox's Road Project Committee), Helen Clements (Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church), Robert Park (Events Co-ordinator),

**Officers:** Wendy Hawkes, Kellie Barrow and Ally Shelton

**Declaration of Interests:** Nil

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

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The minutes of 1 May 2013 were endorsed by three (3) members of the Committee being Clr Col Hunter, Neville Castle and Anne Collins.

The minutes were then presented to the Council on Monday 27 May 2013.

**ITEM: 3 SUMMARY OF COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS HELD IN MAY AND JUNE 2013**

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**SUMMARY**

A number of events commemorating the crossings of the Blue Mountains were held in the Lithgow Local Government Area by community groups during May and June 2013.

**COMMENTARY**

It was reported that the "Music, Markets and Plane Spotting" event was a successful social event. The Opening of "A Moment in Time" was also a success with the Governor very happy with the exhibition. The Exhibition is currently stored in a container until it is decided where next to exhibit it. Three groups (Hobby's Reach, Oberon City Council and Bathurst City Council) have expressed an interest in exhibiting it over the next couple of years. "Walk the Journey" was extremely successful with an extra two walks added. Proposals to make the walk an annual event and part of "Festival of Walking" are being considered.

The Date Signing Project is going ahead with the construction of the signs nearly complete and a sign writer being sought to complete the signs.

It was reported that Tree View Estate had a full house for their performance of "Crossings!" and they were very happy with the outcome.

It was reported the public performance of the "Crossings!" play at the Union Theatre was not well attended, however most the primary schools in the Lithgow LGA attended a performance at the schools.

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The Opening of the Kew-y-Anh indigenous Art Gallery and the Kew-Y-Anh Rock Walking track, the laying of the time capsule at the Hartley Historic Village, the Governor's visit were a success and went a long way towards reconciliation in the valley. The Hartley Vale Cemetery open day was cancelled due to wet weather.

A report was presented on the activities of the Blue Wave Re-enactment Group in the Hartley Valley. The Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust denied access to Mt Blaxland to the Blue Wave Re-enactment Group .

It was moved that the committee congratulates all those involved in events for a very successful bicentenary commemoration.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**THAT** the committee:

Notes the report on the Commemorative Events held in May and June 2013

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

Congratulates all those involved in the very successful bicentenary commemoration events.

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

**ITEM: 4      CROSSING COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLIONS**

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**SUMMARY**

Lithgow City Council has created a medallion commemorating the crossings of the Blue Mountains which was given to all primary school children in the Lithgow Local Government Area and sold at the Visitors Information Centre and "A Moment in Time" Exhibition.

**COMMENTARY**

The committee thanked Clr Maree Statham, Clr Ray Thompson, Clr Frank Inzitari, Clr Wayne McAndrew and Clr Col Hunter for assisting with presenting the coins to all the primary school children in Lithgow.

Special thanks were given to Clr Col Hunter for assisting with having the coins created by Council and donated to primary students.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**THAT** the report on the Crossings Commemorative Medallion be noted.

**MOVED:** Joan Kent      **SECONDED:** Anne Collins

**ITEM : 5      SIGNAGE FOR COX'S ROAD**

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**SUMMARY**

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

**COMMENTARY**

Lithgow City Council has received a grant of \$18 000 from Roads and Maritime Services for the Cox's Road Signage Project.

Signage quotes are being sought.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**THAT** the committee note the receipt of a grant of \$18,000 from the RMS for Signage for Cox's Road.

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

**ITEM: 6      WESTERN CROSSING COMMITTEE**

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**SUMMARY**

A report was provided on the Western Crossing Committee meeting held on 14 June 2013.

**COMMENTARY**

A report on crossing related events and projects held in Lithgow during May and June 2013 was presented at the Western Crossing Committee meeting.

It was moved that thanks be given to Wendy Hawkes for representing the Committee at Western Crossing Meetings.

(Minutes of Western Crossing Committee Meeting 14 June 2013 Attached)

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**THAT** The report on the Western Crossing Committee Meeting be noted and that thanks be given to Wendy Hawkes for representing the Committee at Western Crossing Meetings.

**MOVED:**      Neville Castle      **SECONDED:**      Clr Col Hunter

**ITEM: 7      PROPOSED PROJECTS**

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**SUMMARY**

Projects and events related to the bicentenary of the crossings of the Blue Mountains in 1814 and 1815 are being planned.

**COMMENTARY**

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An Events Calendar for events in the Lithgow Area has been developed including the following:

- Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust will be holding a Grave Blessing and Family Reunion Day and would like to tie this into another crossings event.
- National Trust are moving the Evans Monument on Rydal Road from private property to a nearby reserve where it will be rededicated.
- Hartley District Project Association's Cox's Road Walks "Walk the Journey" will be rescheduled to coincide with dates significant to the building of Cox's Road and/or the Festival of Walking.
- Cox's Road Signage will be installed by Lithgow City Council
- Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church is creating an avenue of trees for early settlers and is considering running tours of Andrew Brown's buildings again in 2014

The event/project related to Evan's Crown was raised and will be considered at future meetings. See Attachment

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

**THAT** The above information on planned events be noted.

**MOVED:** Neville Castle

**SECONDED:** Bob Morris

#### **ITEM: 9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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##### **SUMMARY**

There was one item of general business

##### **COMMENTARY**

The committee recommended inviting representatives from the following organisations onto the committee to assist with planning future activities regarding the Evan's Survey, the building of Cox's Road and Macquarie's Journey to Bathurst

- Rydal Village Association
- Tarana Bushfire Brigade
- National Parks and Wildlife Services

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the committee recommend to Council that they endorse the inclusion of representatives from Rydal Village Association, Tarana Bushfire Brigade and National Parkes and Wildlife Services in the Terms of Reference for the Committee

**MOVED:** Neville Castle

**SECONDED:** Bob Morris

**Wednesday 4 September 2013**

**4pm**

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