



Minutes

Commemoration of the Blue
Mountains Crossing Bicentenary
Committee
Council Committee Meeting Room
1 October 2014
4pm

Name of Committee: Commemoration of the Blue Mountains Crossing Bicentenary Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Confirmation of minutes
3	Hartley Date Signing Project
4	Events Update
5	General Business
6	Next meeting

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Cllr Maree Statham, Cllr Col Hunter, Neville Castle, Margaret Combs (Hartley Historic Site Advisory Committee and Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust), Ramsey Moodie (Hartley District Progress Association), Helen Clements (Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church).

APOLOGIES: Robert Park, Kellie Barrow, Lindsay Green (Rydal Village Association), Joan Kent (National Trust), Bob Morris (Hartley Historic Site Advisory Committee and Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust), Steve Ring (National Parks and Wildlife), Duncan Wass (Hartley District Progress Association)

OFFICERS: Wendy Hawkes

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

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

The minutes were endorsed by two members of the Committee.

The minutes were subsequently adopted by Council on 8 September 2014.

ITEM: 3 HARTLEY DATE SIGNING PROJECT

SUMMARY

A project to install signs near to places of historical significance in Hartley is being developed to highlight to travelers the location of historically significant sites in the Hartley Valley.

COMMENTARY

The signs have now been constructed and painted and are ready for installation. The painting of the signs was funded by the Cox's Road Project Grant from the Roads and Maritime Services. A final consultation will be done with residents in the next few weeks to confirm location of signs. Following approval by TALC the Council will install the signs. A launch date will be confirmed at the next meeting.

ACTION

THAT

- Hartley District Progress Association provide details of sign design and placement to be presented to the TALC Committee for approval.
- In kind funding available to the Blue Mountains Crossing Committee be used for the installation of the Date Signs in Hartley Vale.
- Council staff to organise for installation of the signs.

MOVED: Margaret Combs
Carried

SECONDED: Neville Castle

ITEM: 4 EVENTS UPDATE

SUMMARY

Committee Members outlined proposed projects and events.

See attached Events Calendar

COMMENTARY

The Hartley District Progress Society reported that the exhibition “A Moment in Time” was being re exhibited in the Hartley School House from 13 September to 12 October 2014. The group is exploring options for a permanent exhibition space for the exhibition. Cox’s Road walks were also being run during this time and are mostly booked out with up to 35 walkers as a maximum. Several large groups have also booked in for walks. Both the exhibition and walks have been a positive networking opportunity for all groups involved.

Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust advised that the grave blessing open day for the Hartley Vale Cemetery would now be held in 2015. The Trust is working towards access to the Mt Blaxland Reserve for the public and the development of a walking track from the McKanes Falls Road bridge to Mt Blaxland next to the Cox’s River.

Hartley Historic Site advised that planning for the Back to Hartley event is progressing well with the Roads and Maritime Services providing a display on the road changes through Hartley, Emergency Services Vehicles attending for display and an array of local stalls and entertainment already booked.

Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church reported that the November Western Crossings Committee Meeting will be held at the Old Presbyterian Church. They requested that Council investigate the possibility of placing a sign saying “Old Bowenfels Village” on the Great Western Highway on the western side of the Village (near Magpie Hollow Road), to assist those coming to the meeting to find the church and for general information for travellers.

ACTION

THAT Council staff investigate the possibility of installing signage for the “Old Bowenfels Village” on the Great Western Highway on the western side of the Village (near Magpie Hollow Road).

MOVED: Margaret Combs
Carried

SECONDED: Ramsey Moodie

ITEM 5: GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

One item was discussed in General Business.

COMMENTARY

The Committee discussed the organisation of an interfaith service at Glen Roy in April 2015 to commemorate two hundred years since Governor Macquarie held the first church service west of the Blue Mountains there in 1815. Representatives from the Lithgow National Trust and Hartley District Progress Association’s 1813 Committee agreed to take the proposal back to their organisations to see if they would agree to be the main organisers of the event. They will report back to the Committee at the next meeting

ACTION

THAT the Committee notes that the representatives from Lithgow National Trust and Hartley District Progress Association will consult with their organisations regarding taking on the role of main organisers for interfaith service to be held in April 2015.

MOVED: Neville Castle
Carried

SECONDED: Margaret Combs

ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting:

4PM

3 DECEMBER 2014

LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.45 PM