



Minutes

Commemoration of the Blue Mountains Crossing Bicentenary Committee

6 May 2015
4.00-5.00pm

Lithgow City Council Committee Room

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1	Welcome/present/ apologies
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3	Hartley Date Signing Project
4	Macquarie Event
5	General Business
6	Termination of Committee

**AGENDA – COMMEMORATION OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS
CROSSING COMMITTEE - 6 MAY 2015**



ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr Col Hunter, Neville Castle, Margaret Combs (Hartley Historic Site Advisory Committee and Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust), Duncan Wass (Hartley District Progress Association), Helen Clements (Bowenfels (Lithgow) Presbyterian Church and National Trust), Bob Morris (Hartley Historic Site Advisory Committee and Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust) and Steve Ring (National Parks and Wildlife)

OBSERVER: Trish Ryan (Hartley District Progress Association)

APOLOGIES: Clr Maree Statham, Ramsey Moodie (Hartley District Progress Association), Joan Kent (National Trust), Robert Park and Kellie Barrow

OFFICERS: Wendy Hawkes

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 4 March 2015 meeting were endorsed by three members of the Committee and reported to Council on 23 March 2015.

ITEM: 3 HARTLEY DATE SIGNING PROJECT

SUMMARY

A project to install date signs near places of historical significance in Hartley is underway to highlight to travellers the amount and location of historically significant sites in the Hartley Valley.

COMMENTARY

The date signs for Hartley Vale were installed by Council on 9 April 2015.

A launch for the signs in combination with an open day for Hartley Vale Cemetery will be planned by Hartley District Progress Association and the Hartley Vale and Mt Blaxland Reserve Trust later in 2015.

ACTION

THAT the report on the Hartley Date Signing Project be noted

MOVED: Neville Castle

SECONDED: Duncan Wass

ITEM: 4 MACQUARIE EVENT

SUMMARY

Events were held to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first church service by Governor Macquarie at Glenroy on 30 April 1815.

COMMENTARY

The Macquarie Event held by the Hartley District Progress Association on Sunday 26 April 2015 on Jenolan Caves Road was very successful with approximately 400 people attending. The inaugural Macquarie Address was given by Dame Marie Bashir and a Divine Service was held by Reverend Tim Mclver. The Hartley District Progress Association thanked Council and the Committee for their financial and in-kind assistance.

The Glenroy Commemorative Event was held by the Barber Family at Glenroy on Thursday 30 April 2015. Reverend Tim Mclver held a Divine Service and Dr Anne-Maree Whitacre gave an oration on Governor Macquarie. The Barber Family along with Mayor Statham officially unveiled a plaque commemorating 200 years since Governor Macquarie held the first Devine Service west of the Blue Mountains at Glenroy. The service was followed by a tour of the site.

Conservation work to the 1938 Glenroy Cairn was carried out before the services were held.

ACTION

THAT the Committee write a letter of thanks to Hartley District Progress Association and the Barber Family for the commemoration events.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council allocate the remaining \$,1000 in funds from the Blue Mountains Crossing funding to the restoration of the Glenroy Cairn and that Council make up any shortfall.

MOVED: Neville Castle

SECONDED: Bob Morris

ITEM: 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

There was one item of general business.

COMMENTARY

Hartley District Progress Association reported that their exhibition "A Moment in Time" is currently on exhibition in the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. Blue Mountains City Council have requested a loan of the exhibition for their culminating activities related to the Crossings of the Blue Mountains.

ACTION

THAT The discussion under General Business be noted.

MOVED: Duncan Wass

SECONDED: Bob Morris

ITEM: 6 TERMINATION OF COMMITTEE

SUMMARY

The Terms of Reference for the Commemoration of the Blue Mountains Crossing Bicentenary Committee state that "The Committee will function until after the conclusion of the program of commemorative events in 2015." As the final event has occurred, the Committee recommends to Council that the Committee be terminated.

COMMENTARY

The Committee agreed that it had been a worthwhile committee with valuable events supported and tangible outcomes in the form of interpretive signage for the Coxs Road, the conservation of the Glenroy Monument, the gallery and walking track at Hartley Historic Site, the commemorative rocks, garden and plaque erected at the Hartley Historic School, the ongoing exhibition "A Moment in Time" and the associated publication of the same name.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council terminate the Commemoration of the Blue Mountains Crossing Bicentenary Committee.

MOVED: Duncan Wass

SECONDED: Neville Castle

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.00pm