

**Minutes of Executive Meeting - Monday 15th October 2007 - 7.30 pm at the Community Hall, Birriwa Road**

**Car Boot Sale Committee:** The Committee meeting with Rotary participation is scheduled for Wednesday 7 November at Morag's (165 Newington Road) (Judith, Morag, Darryl and Rotary representatives).

**Submission on Telecommunications:** Members felt a mix of community association and private submissions would be worthwhile but since the timeframe was short, and Nora was across all the issues, her private submission would suffice.

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- Judith to check with Wamboin.
- Guy to check hall availability for 8, 14 and 15 November and make provisional bookings for these dates.
- Judith to contact candidates regarding possible dates.

**Bushwalks:** These should be continued as a highly desirable activity, but none is planned or on offer for the moment.

### Other Business:

- **Bush Baroque concert** publicise and include on website after consultation with Milners (Judith)
- **Insurance:** See under Treasurer's Report above.
- **Meeting dates** for 2008: Reconsider in January, when the committee is able to consider Nora's schedule and Dennis' teaching commitments.
- **Speakers for 2008:**
  - It was decided to investigate availability of Susanna Plowman (February?)(Judith to contact),
  - a forum of competing Telecom groups (April?)
  - a wide-ranging hydrologist (June) (Jean-Pierre to check and advise).

**Activities for 2008:** Proposed dates for activities, some of them tentative, are as follows:

Clean Up Australia 1st Sunday in March  
Car Boot Sale - 30 March  
Trivia Night - 26 July  
Bushwalks - to be determined.  
Wine Tour - Darryl to suggest a date

**Communicating with Bywong residents:** Following a full discussion, which included recognition of the need to obtain greater community input and of the value of suggestions made by Nora at the last meeting, members decided that the Community should continue to work to identify means of increasing community communication and participation. However, it was decided that feedback/views should not be formally sought at the Christmas Drinks function. Members noted that the Community's last appeal to members/contacts had produced some offers, some of which had not been followed up. There was agreement that the recent spate of community consultations by Council, by Cr Moore, and through the recent seeking of community input on almost all areas of interest for Council's Social Plan, had failed to arouse much public interest or stimulate community participation. Members therefore felt that at this stage any formal or structured event to elicit community input would not be productive, and they were reluctant to introduce such a consultation into traditional social events. They felt that a less structured approach might be more acceptable to community members, and suggested that the informal chat facility suggested by Darryl might lend itself to this. Press publicity and the website itself could be used to encourage community members to post their views and test levels of community support. **Members resolved to ask Darryl and Nora to consult on the possibility of using a chat format for this purpose.**

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**Present:** Judith Miller (President), Jean-Pierre Favre, Guy Cotsell.

**Apologies:** Nora Stewart, Dennis Ryan, Bruna Romano, Darryl Bourke, Morag Cotsell.

**Status of Meeting:** As there was not a quorum for the advertised General Meeting (five members) and committee members had all been advised of the meeting, the members present decided to hold an executive meeting (stipulated quorum three) instead of the general meeting.

**Minutes of the September Executive meeting :** Accepted

**Matters arising from September Executive Meeting:**

- Chat sector on website - held over until Darryl could be present.
- RLPB member election - In the light of the announced resignation of Colin Brammall, the Committee decided to support the election of any suitable candidate who would represent the interests of small landholders. Guy will seek to publicise this decision in the local press in the hope of encouraging a local person to stand.

**Correspondence:** Nil

**Matters arising from Correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurer's report:** Read and adopted (Guy/Jean-Pierre). In the light of a healthy bank balance, and depending on the liability for the next insurance premium, the Committee decided to consider at its November meeting the making of further donations, with a view to making one or more presentations at the Christmas drinks on 8 December.

Judith will seek a new insurance quotation on the basis that the Car Boot Sale will be covered by Rotary insurance, as we had now entered the period during which companies are prepared to quote prior to renewal.

**President's Report:** Judith apologised for the lack of a report, due to her absence overseas since the last meeting.

**Activities 2007**

**Christmas Drinks:**

- Guy confirmed that the Hall is booked for 8 December.
- Judith will send out invitations to other associations, Councillors, Parliamentarians, press, and other community groups, once the matter of the wine tasting is resolved.
- Guy is to check whether Gidgee are available, and whether they can still offer a range for tasting. Guy to check with Sue on possibility of inviting also Koonaburra wines. Should one or both of these be unavailable, it was decided to consider asking Lamberts, even though they are in Wamboin.

**Meet the Candidates** (Federal Election): Decided to hold a meeting if some or all candidates can attend, preferably in conjunction with Wamboin Association.