

Axedale Our Town - Our Future Inc. A0050594A

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Date: 09 February 2017

Time: 6.45pm

Venue: CFA Meeting Room

Welcome and Opening

Present:

Helen Byrne (Chair), Sue Stuart-Dent (Minutes), Yvonne Wrigglesworth, Sue Harkins, Stephen Mason, Ann Mason, Phil Hughes, Lex Johnstone, Norah Rigby, Geraldine Pickett, Jon Constable, Frances Ford, Jennifer Jones.

Apologies:

Angela Gladman, Lyn Turner, Carol Guley and Rebecca Constable.

In Attendance:

Ian Ralston, Wendy Barber and Lyn Talbot; Corporate and Community Planner, City of Greater Bendigo (COGB).

2. Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes from 14 December 2016 accepted as a true record of proceedings with the following amendments.

4.0: Correct the spelling for Michael Trounson.

5.1: No nominations were received.

Moved: S Mason

Seconded: N Rigby

CARRIED

3. Community Plans

3.1 Axedale Community Plan:

Ms Talbot followed up from the December discussion about the Axedale Community Plan. As agreed then, one of the strategies is a survey. It was confirmed that a paper survey will be posted to Axedale and surrounding districts including Longlea, Knowsley, Toolleen, Fosterville and Kimbolton. Ms Talbot will access the COGB mailing list for businesses and property owners in these communities and indicated that this will not include census data as it is not available until at least July this year.

The survey will have a paper based and web based version.

The web based version will be on the COGB Council website using Survey Monkey.

The working group will now include Y Wrigglesworth and is to develop a draft survey for presentation to the next meeting in four weeks.

The members of the working party are:

- S Stuart-Dent
- F Ford
- A Mason
- N Rigby
- J Constable
- Y Wrigglesworth

It was agreed that consultation will take place by email.

Ms Talbot tabled a new format being used by COGB communities for their community plans. The influence of childrens' input in forming a plan for the future was stressed.

Action: Axedale Community Plan Working Party to develop a draft survey for the March meeting

3.2 Greater Bendigo Community Plan

A new Greater Bendigo Community Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan for 2017 – 2021 is being developed.

A survey is being conducted and post cards were distributed.

Y Wrigglesworth indicated that the Axedale response has been poor so far and encouraged people to complete the survey which will be open until the end of February 2017. For more information – go to www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/communityplan. Rural communities need a greater profile.

The results of the survey are analysed and presented to Council fortnightly.

Community sessions are being held at the Ulumbarra Theatre on Monday 27 February, or Thursday 2 March from 6.30 – 8.30pm.

4. Action summary arising from Minutes

Action Summary – 14 December 2016			
Date Arising	Action	By Whom	Complete
14 Dec 2016	Advertise for AOTOF members and a new President with the local community during January using flyers.	H Byrne	09 March 2017
14 Dec 2016	Have the name of the Axedale Citizen of the Year 2017 engraved on the plaque for presentation on Australia Day.	N Rigby	Complete

5. Finances

December 2016 and January 2017 Financials, Cheques & Summary

Mr Mason presented the accounts for the committee's consideration.

Term Deposit: The term deposit is due to be rolled over. It was proposed that \$4000 be transferred to the General Account, ANZAC sub account.

Moved: L Johnstone

Seconded: P Hughes

CARRIED

It was proposed that the financial report for December 2016 and January 2017 be accepted.

Moved: S Mason

Seconded: S Harkins

CARRIED

6. Items for Decision

6.1 Nominations for and election of AOTOF President

No nominations for President have been received.

Ms Byrne is willing to continue as acting President when she is available until a President is elected.

Mr Constable indicated that he is willing to act as President in Ms Byrne's absence.

Ms Wrigglesworth indicated that we do need to fill the position.

Members from all community groups should be encouraged to attend AOTOF.

Ms Stuart-Dent indicated that succession planning is needed for all executive positions.

Ms Byrne will advertise in the community in the next four weeks.

7. Items for Discussion

Nil

8. Items for Noting

Nil

9. Standing Items

9.1 Australia Day festivities

Mr Hughes reported that:

Although numbers were down from last year, the event was a success. The Deputy Mayor Cr Rod Fyffe was guest speaker.

The recipient of the Axedale Citizen of the Year 2017 is Mr Hector Bathurst.

Captain Peter Harkins accepted a new award this year, Special Merit Award, on behalf of the Axedale CFA Volunteers who have served the community since 1943.

Contributors to the festivities were:

- Axedale CWA who sold lamingtons raised money which is donated to various community groups. Ms Morwell, President of the Axedale Branch gave to the Pam Gunn Trust, awarded the CWA Junior Award and donated to AOTOF, \$30 worth of sausages toward the ANZAC Day Breakfast in April 2017.
- Axedale in Harmony sang the National Anthem and donated \$100 toward the ANZAC Memorial.
- We acquired a new flag which was raised by Mr J Morwell.

The sound system was on loan from the Primary School. There were some complaints that speakers could not be heard. The need for a new sound system and the likely cost involved was discussed.

Action: Mr L Johnstone to speak to Mr David Dewar re advice on how we can improve the sound system.

9.2 Quick Shear Photography Competition

Y Wrigglesworth thanked the committee for selecting her as a judge for this competition. It was a very successful event and a beautiful exhibition of photographs.

9.3 Library Agency Progress

Ms Rigby reported that the Axedale library will be re-opening in the Community Hall between 2.00pm and 4.30pm. There are 7 volunteers who will be manning the lending of books and the trading table.

Anyone interested in volunteering with the library can contact Ms Caroline Bathurst on 0408 557 898.

Y Wrigglesworth reported that a library roadshow will be visiting Axedale on Friday 24 February 2017.

9.4 Anzac Memorial Project

Mr Hughes reported that:

There have been ongoing issues with getting approval from the Department of Veteran's Affairs in Canberra to use the Australian Defence Force Insignia on the memorial. It has now been received and the laser printing on the plaque is going ahead.

Most of the VIPs invited to the Memorial Service on Saturday 25 February 2017 have responded.

Ms Mason has applied to COGB for a permit for the event and for the ANZAC Day service in April.

The sound system will again be borrowed from the school and Axedale Harmony will be singing.

On Thursday 23 February, the sub-committee will meet to finalise the “setup” plan and decide on a plan B in case of inclement weather.

Ms Rigby has acquired a lectern for use at events.

Mr Mason agreed to welcome guests on behalf of AOTOF prior to the service.

Mr Hughes has asked for assistance from 7am on the morning of 25/02/2017 to set up for the service. The following members have agreed; L Johnstone, J Constable, S Mason, A Mason and N Rigby.

9.5 Axedale Park Precinct

Ms Wrigglesworth reported that she has had several suggestions from community members, one of which is a shade sail for the playground.

Grants are available and it may be an idea for AOTOF to apply for one.

The money raised last year to go toward the greening of the turf in the park is available.

Action: Ms Wrigglesworth to follow up with COGB regarding the greening project.

9.6 River Reserve Project

Ms Wrigglesworth reported that a position for the shelter has been approved after consultation with the Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Corporation.

The project will be completed by the Run, Ride, Walk and Roll O’Keefe Rail marathon to be held on 22 and 23 April 2017.

There is an expectation that this event will be used to showcase Axedale. The Tavern is involved. The Primary School is providing a 1st Aid stop.

10 Correspondence

10.1 Outward

Mr Hughes sent a thank you letter to the IGA for the contribution to the Australia Day breakfast.

10.2 Inward

Nil

11. Other Business

11.1 Request for Support letter for Natural Disaster Resilience Grants submission – City of Greater Bendigo. F Ford

Ms Ford reported that COGB is working on an application for funding under the Natural Disaster Resilience Grants program. The aim is to support local communities in City of Greater Bendigo to get involved in community emergency planning e.g. in the development of community plans, and/or involving children and young people in emergency awareness education through CFA and local schools. Axedale has been mentioned as one possible community that already has some interest in this area e.g. it would follow on well from the risk assessment that Mr Ralston led last year as part of his studies.

They are looking to build on what has already been done.

Working with children, in particular grades 5 and 6 has proved successful.

The Anglesea CFA has completed a project.

Ms Ford has a particular interest in Emergency Planning for people with disabilities.

Ms Ford is asking whether there is enough interest in Axedale.

A working group including I Ralston, S Harkins, P Hughes and S Stuart-Dent is to progress.

Action: Ms Stuart-Dent to draft a letter for the submission to the Natural Disaster Resilience Grants program on behalf of AOTOF.

11.2 ANZAC Day Service – P Hughes

As yet there is no formal sub-committee to plan for the ANZAC Day service on Tuesday 25 April 2017. It was agreed that Mr Hughes, Mrs Mason and Mr Turner will form the sub-committee again this year.

Action: Mr Hughes to confirm with Mr Turner that he is willing to serve on the sub – committee.

11.3 Armistice Day, 11 November 2017 – P Hughes

Mr Hughes suggested that a small service be held at the Memorial to commemorate the anniversary of the Armistice on Saturday 11 November 2017. Next year, 2018 will be the Centenary of the Armistice.

11. Meeting Closed 8.15pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 9 March 2017 at 6.45pm

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09 Feb 2017	Confirm with C Turner that he is willing to serve on the sub –committee.	P Hughes	