



Axedale Our Town - Our Future Inc. A0050594A

MINUTES

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Date: 09 March 2017

Time: 6.45pm

Venue: CFA Meeting Room

1. Welcome and Opening

Present: Helen Byrne (Chair), Sue Stuart-Dent (Minutes), Sue Harkins, Stephen Mason, Phil Hughes, Norah Rigby, Geraldine Pickett, Frances Ford, Jennifer Jones.

Apologies:

Angela Gladman, Lyn Turner, Carol Guley, Rebecca Constable, Jon Constable, Yvonne Wrigglesworth, Ann Mason, Lex Johnstone, Lyn Talbot

2. Confirmation of previous Minutes

Minutes from 9 February 2017 accepted as a true record of proceedings.

Moved: J Jones

Seconded: P Hughes

CARRIED

3. Axedale Community Plan

The draft survey will be presented to the April meeting following a Working Party meeting at 4pm on Wednesday 29 March 2017 at the Axedale Tavern.

4. Action Summary arising from Minutes

Action Summary – 09 February 2017			
Date Arising	Action	By Whom	By When?
14 Dec 2016	Advertise for AOTOF members and a new President with the local community during January using flyers	H Byrne	No longer needed
09 Feb 2017	Develop a draft survey for the March meeting	Community Plan Working Party	12 April 2017
09 Feb 2017	Speak to Mr David Dewar re advice on how we can improve the sound system.	L Johnstone	Complete
09 Feb 2017	Ms Wrigglesworth to follow up with COGB regarding the greening project.	Y Wrigglesworth	Complete
09 Feb 2017	Draft a letter for the submission to the Natural Disaster Resilience Grants program on behalf of AOTOF.	S Stuart-Dent	Complete
09 Feb 2017	Confirm with C Turner that he is willing to serve on the sub-committee.	P Hughes	Complete

5. Finances

February 2017 Reconciliation, Cheques & Summary.

Total incoming: \$49.45

Total outgoing: \$471.11

It was recommended that:

- Move some Axedale Antics funds to the General Account.
- Move \$159.95 that is sitting in the Cinema Account to the General Account.
- Move the \$666.75 that is in the History Account to the General Account.

Requests for reimbursement for costs from:

- N Rigby for Axedale Antics
- P Hughes for the Axedale Memorial Service

It was proposed that the financial report for February 2017 be accepted and the requests for movement of monies to the general account and reimbursements be approved.

Moved: S Harkins

Seconded: J Jones

CARRIED

6. Items for Decision

6.1 Election of AOTOF President.

Ms Jennifer Jones has been nominated for President and has accepted the nomination.

The nomination is seconded by N Rigby and carried unanimously by the meeting.

Ms Jones was congratulated on her new position and will take over as chair from the April meeting. Ms Ford reiterated that she and other members will be willing to chair the meeting if Ms Jones is unable to attend a meeting.

7. Items for Discussion

7.1 Cycle of the O'Keefe Rail Trail 22 April 2017

Ms Stuart-Dent spoke to Geoff O'Sullivan, President of Bike Bendigo Inc. following his email. 50 + cyclists are riding from Bendigo to Heathcote and back to Axedale, completing the ride at the Axedale Tavern. Mr O'Sullivan is asking for a small group from the community to assist with coordination of the event at the Axedale Tavern.

It was agreed that it is not the responsibility of AOTOF to provide support for the event if the Axedale Tavern is benefitting from the group holding their event there.

Action: Ms Jones to contact Mr O'Sullivan.

7.2 O'Keefe Rail Trail Bendigo to Heathcote Marathon – L Johnstone

Following a meeting with Ms S Slatter on 16 February, Mr Johnstone reported, in writing, that on the weekend of 22 and 23 April 2017, the following is planned:

Saturday cycle – 50 athletes

Sunday run – 100 athletes

Big Pasta at the Axedale Tavern on Saturday evening

RIDE

CFA is managing the Bike Registration for the Axedale to Heathcote ride on the Saturday – contact James Harkins

Ultra-Ride – Junortoun to Heathcote to Axedale

Ms Rigby confirmed that the CWA will provide the lunches for the marshals and will receive payment to do so. Ms Pickett from the IGA was unaware that they may also be involved.

MARATHON

There will be a briefing 2 weeks prior to the event

The Incident Control Centre is in Heathcote

The 26km run starts in Axedale – from the William St end of the River Reserve. 100 runners are expected and are being sponsored by the Wellington Hotel.

Axedale is an Ekiden relay change over point (seven per team; each running different length stages)

Having fifty Ekiden relay teams means that 100 runners will be in and out of each change over point.

Site maps will be sent about where to place the table, marquee etc. as distances need to be precise

The school will provide two shade tents.

Insurance is the responsibility of the Marathon organisers.

GENERAL

Towns are being encouraged to have a log or statue at their stop. The platypus statue is at the River Reserve and Ms Byrne has indicated that Axel will also be there.

Ms Byrne will provide power to the area for the event at the River Reserve.

There will be music playing at the River Reserve to create atmosphere.

Axedale is to provide Level 2 first aid.

The Reserve will need to be set up 45 minutes prior to runners arriving – time to be notified.

The main committee manages registration etc.

Axedale is to manage the first aid, selling food etc.

There will be a Kids Mile in Heathcote – out and back.

There was a Marathon Meeting at the Axedale Tavern at 6.15pm, 09/03/2017.

There is an article in the Axedale Antics re the event.

The website for the event is www.theokeefe.com.au

Action: Ms Pickett to confirm the IGA involvement in providing lunches for the marshals for the ultra-ride.

8. Items for Noting

8.1 AOTOF representative for the Greater Bendigo Rural Communities Committee (RCC)

The Greater Bendigo City Council is forming the Greater Bendigo Rural Communities Committee and is seeking a nomination from AOTOF to participate.

The letter was emailed to all AOTOF members so that the nomination could be made prior to the closing date of 8 March 2017.

Ms Jones was the only nomination and her name was put forward in a letter dated 2 March 2017.

The successful nominees will be contacted prior to the first meeting on Tuesday 21 March from 12.00pm to 2pm in the Reception Room, 195 Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo.

9. Standing Items

9.1 Library Agency progress

Ms Rigby reported that the library is very popular and has a good range of books. It has become a social hub for the community

9.2 Anzac Memorial Project

As per the Axedale Memorial Sub-Committee final report:

The memorial was placed into position on Friday 24 February, the day before the memorial service.

The Memorial Service was very successful;

- Master of Ceremonies – Mr Steve Mason on behalf of AOTOF
- In attendance were:
 - Representatives from all tiers of government, laying wreaths.

- President and executive members of the Bendigo and District RSL
- Veterans
- Relatives of those whose names appear on the honour board.
- One 95 year old veteran of World War 11, Mr Norm Smart, a Darwin Defender who laid a wreath on behalf of his fallen comrades
- Members of AOTOF and the community
- Speakers included Cliff Richards OAM, Mr Tom Glazebrook AM and Mr Stephen Lees AM Brigadier (Army retired)
- The memorial was blessed by an Army retired Padre
- Jo Woodward and The Axedale in Harmony Choir
- The piper, Mr Brian Kinross played during the laying of the wreaths
- The bugler, Ethan Chuter played the Last Post

AOTOF and members of the community congratulated Mr Hughes and his team for the work involved in the building and installation of the memorial and the service at which many dignitaries and politicians were present.

9.3 Anzac Day Service 25 April 2017

As Mr Turner cannot commit to the sub-committee for the planning of the Anzac Day service, Mr Hughes is requesting another person to join.

The Bendigo Pipe band has been organised to play at the service. As they need to be back in Bendigo for the Anzac Day Service, the local service will commence at 08.30 this year. The CFA members who will be cooking the sausage sizzle breakfast are requested to be at the park by 7.00am. It is expected that the service will be similar to last year's as it was very successful.

Action: Ms Stuart-Dent to email all AOTOF members asking for one more member of the sub-committee planning for the Anzac Day Service on 25 April 2017.

9.4 Armistice Day Service – planning

No report at this time.

9.5 Armistice Day Remembrance Service 11 Nov 2017

No report at this time.

9.6 Axedale Park Precinct

Ms Wrigglesworth contacted Mr Hogan from COGB following up regarding irrigation and a proposal for shade. Mr Hogan's response indicated that the irrigation installation the Axedale Central Park will proceed this financial year and is expected to be installed sometime in April. Ms Wrigglesworth and Mr Hogan are to meet with Council arborists regarding the position of shade trees and the placement of a shade cloth.

9.7 River Reserve Project

Work is progressing. The shelter is yet to be erected.

9.8 Transport

Nothing at this time.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Outward

10.1.1 AOTOF Nomination for the RCC – To J Pendlebury from S Stuart-Dent

10.1.2 Axedale Park irrigation follow up and idea – Y Wrigglesworth

10.1.3 AOTOF Support letter for Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme application for funding.

10.2 Inward

10.2.1 Seeking nominations for the Greater Bendigo Rural Communities Committee - Jenny Pendlebury, Rural Development Coordinator, City of Greater Bendigo

10.2.2 Cycle the O'Keefe event – Geoff O'Sullivan, President Bike Bendigo Inc.

10.1.3 Axedale Park irrigation follow up and idea – O Hogan

10.2.4 Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme application for funding - 'From vulnerable to resilient - emergency preparedness in changing times'

11. Other Business

11.1 Fosterville Mine grants

The opportunity to apply for a grant from Fosterville Mine was discussed as an opportunity to obtain funds for Axedale events.

The complexity and time consuming nature of the grants application process was acknowledged.

There is a member of the community, Mr Chris Hobson, whose work involves grant applications.

Action: Ms Rigby to contact Mr Hobson to ask if he would assist with the grant application.

11.2 April Meeting

The second Thursday of the month of April (13th) will be the day before Easter. It was agreed that the meeting will be moved to Wednesday 12th April 2017.

12. Next meeting: Thursday 12 April 2017, 6.45pm, Axedale CFA Station

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09 March 2017	Email all AOTOF members asking for one more member of the sub-committee planning for the Anzac Day Service on 25 April 2017.	S Stuart-Dent	ASAP
09 March 2017	Contact Mr C Hobson to ask if he would assist with the grant application.	N Rigby	12 April 2017