

Axedale Our Town - Our Future Inc. A0050594A

MINUTES

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Date: 10 August 2017

Time: 6.45pm

Venue: CFA Meeting Room

1. Welcome and Opening

1.1 Present:

Jennifer Jones (Chair), Sue Stuart-Dent (Minutes), Geraldine Pickett, Frances Ford, Stephen Mason, Ann Mason, Phil Hughes, Helen Byrne, Jon Constable, Lex Johnstone, Alan Goninon.

1.2 Apologies:

Yvonne Wrigglesworth, Angela Gladman, Lyn Turner, Rebecca Constable, Norah Rigby, Sue Harkins, Mayor O'Rourke

1.3 In Attendance:

Cr George Flack, Sonya Browne, Ian Ralston.

1.4 New member:

Mr Alan Goninon has been nominated to become a member.

1.5 Axedale Christmas Carols 2017:

Ms Browne responded to Ms Byrne's Facebook post asking for a member of the Axedale Community to be involved in the running of the Christmas Carols event.

The date for the event will be Sunday 17 December 2017.

It is proposed that the kinder children will sing to open the event followed by Santa so that the children can receive their sweets.

There will be a break followed by the Christmas Carols at 7.00pm.

Other aspects of the event will be developed over the next months.

Ms Browne has helpers in the community and will ask for AOTOF's assistance if necessary.

Mr Mason indicated that the AOTOF budget for the event is \$800

2. Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes from 08 June 2017 accepted as a true record of proceedings

Moved: P Hughes

Seconded: S Mason

CARRIED

3. Action Summary arising from Minutes

Action Summary – 13 July 2017				
	Date Arising	Action	By Whom	By When?
1	13/07/2017	Forward a soft copy of the membership form to A Goninon	S Stuart-Dent	Complete

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2	13/07/2017	Advertise for an event coordinator for the 2017 Carols in the Park.	H Byrne	Complete
3	13/07/2017	View the Heathcote and District Community Bank grants on line and follow-up on behalf of the committee.	C Hobson	See 8.5

4. Finances

July 2017 Financials, Cheques & Summary

The details of the financial statement were discussed.

The invoice for the Bendigo City Council works on the Park Irrigation Project has been paid. It was proposed that \$1000 of the remaining money raised be transferred to the Term Deposit and that \$777.79 be left in the General Account.

Moved: P Hughes **Seconded:** G Pickett **CARRIED**

It was proposed that the financial statement be accepted.

Moved: H Byrne **Seconded:** F Ford **CARRIED**

5. Items for Decision

Nil

6. Items for Discussion

7. Items for Noting

7.1 Coliban Water Pricing Submission

Pricing Submission 2018 Community Draft is now available at the link below.

http://www.coliban.com.au/site/root/customer_services/documents/CW_PricingSubmission_2017_250717_LIVE_EXT.pdf

8. Standing Items

8.1 Committee Structure - portfolios

Not discussed

8.2 Axedale Community Plan – 1st draft

Ms Ford tabled the first draft of the Community Plan on behalf of the Working Group.

The goals are based on the responses to the survey. Changes/additions in red on the table below.

Goal/Priority	Objective	Strategy
Better Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness and patronage of current services. • Advocate and partner with neighbouring communities to increase public transport options along the Bendigo Heathcote corridor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise times, fares and location of the bus stop at Bendigo station in the Axedale Antics.
Increase attraction of the main town grid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve pedestrian access to community and sporting facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ More made footpaths ➢ Street lighting ➢ Road upgrades • Improve attractiveness of town entrances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road behind the primary school to be upgraded to bitumen • Review locations of signage • Review locations of signage

Goal/Priority	Objective	Strategy
Increase community connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host occasional larger community events that attract a wide range of visitors • Increase the involvement of those not currently involved in community activities. • Increase community awareness of events and activities • Advocate for good quality mobile phone reception for all • Advocate for good quality NBN in all locations • Advocate for NDIS for those who need it • Identify and encourage volunteers and residents to join community groups • Explore options for arts and cultural activities • Publicise and support local businesses where possible • Explore future options for the land zoned 'recreation reserve' opposite the school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure these events are inclusive • Promotion • Contribute to the CoGB Inclusive Towns project • Use school children's work focussing on their hopes and plans
Ensure there is a range of facilities for physical activity and social events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activate the river reserve. • Improve facilities at the Golf and Tennis club (turf , BBQ) • Take an active part in advocacy and planning for upgrades to the Community Hall that increase its flexibility and comfort for a range of businesses • Undertake the necessary feasibility study and complete a business case to inform decisions about the long term future development of the St Paul's Church site. • Council land behind the school to be used for a recreation reserve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the possibilities of the two facilities complementing each other. • Include the plans drawn up by the children from the primary school
Maintain the aspects that people value about Axedale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the natural environment, • Maintain the peace and beauty and sense of community that people value. 	
Build community resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase emergency preparedness awareness including a focus on preparedness for vulnerable people (fire, flood, heat) • Increase fire prevention action in partnership with the CFA • Use a range of collaborative arrangements to increase emergency preparedness and community resilience • Promote availability of defibrillator and how to use it. 	

Questions asked included:

- What do you think of this as a draft plan?
- What is missing?

Ms Talbot has asked for good quality photos of Axedale – buildings, landscapes etc. They can be forwarded to Ms Jones who will send them on.

Ms Jones indicated that at last meeting a Teddy Bears' picnic was suggested as a means to introduce the plan to the community. She suggested that the ideal venue for the picnic would be the St Paul's Church grounds with the plan displayed in the church. The committee agreed that the diocese should be contacted with an offer to pay a fee for hiring the church.

Action: Ms Jones to contact the Anglican Diocese to ask for permission to use St Paul's Church and the grounds for the Teddy Bears' Picnic

8.3 Library Agency progress

Mrs Mason reported that the new heating/cooling system has been installed in the Hall and working well.

8.4 Remembrance Day Service – P Hughes

Mr Hughes reported that he received one phone call from a community member after his Axedale Antics article.

There will be a service at the Memorial on Saturday 11 November 2017 at 11.00am followed by light refreshments as a prelude to the centennial service in 2018.

Mr Hughes will ask for AOTOF members' assistance nearer the date.

8.5 St Paul's Church site – Community Action Group

On behalf of the Community Action Group, Ms Jones reported that Mr Hobson received a quote for a feasibility study from Enterprising Leadership regarding the St Paul's Church. The quote is \$4800. Mr Hobson has applied to the Heathcote and Community Bendigo Bank for a grant to cover the cost. The result is expected to be known before the next meeting.

Members of the community have joined the AOTOF members of the Community Action Group; Jo Woodward, David Ludke and Jade Field.

Mr Hughes tabled an article referring to the history of St Paul's church.

8.6 Transport

See 8.2; Axedale Community Plan.

8.7 Greater Bendigo Rural Communities Committee (RCC)

No report this month

8.8 Health and Wellbeing Forum

The draft plan was finalised and will go before the CoGB Council next week and then out for comment.

8.9 Axedale Town Entrance Signs

No update

8.10 Cricket Pavilion – feedback from Recreation Reserve Meeting

Ms Gladman attended the meeting on behalf of AOTOF. The Recreation Reserve Committee resolved to ask the CoGB to restore the Pavilion to its former condition.

8.11 Christmas Carols in the Park

See 1.5

9. Correspondence

9.1 Outward

9.2 Inward

- Coliban Water Pricing Submission 2018 Community Draft
- Illusion of Life - An amazing opportunity to learn about the history of marionette building and try your hand at building a marionette is being offered in late August at Bridgeward Grove, Goornong. The hands on workshop and lectures are being conducted by Geahk Burchill from Portland Oregon. For dates and times contact Julie Howard at Bridgeward Grove or visit www.bwgrove.com.au

10. Other Business

10.1 Emergency Plan

Mr Ralston met with two members of the working group.

He noted that the SES has a plan. The CFA has a plan. There is not one plan regarding a general emergency. Mr Ralston has met with Mr Johnstone regarding the school's emergency plan.

Mr Ralston's final plan is due in September and it is proposed that it is presented at a day in October in the Community Hall in conjunction with the Teddy Bears' Picnic and presentation of the Community Plan.

The date proposed is Sunday 22 October 2017.

Ms Ford indicated that this project would be suitable for a quick response grant from CoGB to cover the cost of food, printing, advertising and Hall hire.

Ms Ford proposed that AOTOF support the application for a grant on behalf of AOTOF.

Moved: P Hughes

Seconded: S Stuart-Dent

CARRIED

11. The Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

**Next meeting: Annual General Meeting: Thursday 14 September 2017, 6.45pm, Axedale CFA Station
Monthly meeting will follow.**

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1	10/08/2017	Contact the Anglican Diocese to ask for permission to use St Paul's Church and the grounds for the Teddy Bears' Picnic	J Jones	14 Sept 2017