

Gundaroo Historical Society 5th August 2014

Apologies:

Cathy Laudenbach, Ross Holmes, Charlie Pearman.

Present:

Peter Firth, Ron Miller, Sue Burns, Tim McGrath, Dave Mallinson, Eleanor Galvin, Nino Bellantonio, Carolyn Young, John Reid, Gay Williamson.

Minutes from the last meeting (3 June 2014) accepted. Moved by David Mallinson, Seconded by Ron Miller.

Matters arising:

Grants – Ron advised that he had been sending information about suitable grants to all local groups.

Correspondence:

IN: email from Catherine Howard of Cooma, about the CASEY FAMILY REUNION on 21-22 September. Family members to meet at Catholic Cemetery at 10.30, General Cemetery at 11.30am followed by lunch at Grazing.

OUT: Grant application (under the Community Small Grants Program) sent to Yass Valley Council on Monday 28/7. The grant application is for \$2,400 for computer equipment: Mosaic software, high resolution printer and high resolution photo scanner. The GHS is making an in kind contribution of \$800.

Reports

President

Peter received advice from Conrad that the website is up and running but Peter and Tim, couldn't find it live online. Peter to follow up with Conrad.

Treasurer

Peter reported the current balance in our account is \$1832.79.

Peter has set up Netbank Access and direct debits.

Treasurer's report accepted. Moved by Sue Burns. Seconded by Tim McGrath.

Membership Officer

Eleanor reported that she had met with Shelly Schreiner from the Gundaroo Community Association to look at their membership database. Shelley was very generous with her knowledge, experience and time and supplied a template to the GHS.

After speaking to Shelley it became apparent that I needed to look at our Constitution. It seems that there was some discussion about amending the Membership section of the original Constitution. Eleanor to follow up with Cathy to see if this section was amended, and if so to obtain a copy of the current Constitution, or if not, to bring it as an Agenda item for the next meeting.

There are currently 59 members on the members' database but it is impossible to tell from the Membership forms if they are financial. To allow changes to be phased in between now and the next Annual General Meeting when membership fees are dues, the Committee agreed that subject to the changes in the Constitution having been made, that the Membership Secretary:

- develop a new membership form based on the original form, but include other information required by the Constitution and also an 'office use only' section. This is to be circulate to the Committee for proof reading and approval, and
- consider all members financial until June 2015 to allow us to bed down processes and procedures to better manage membership.

Other Business

1. Calendar

Eleanor provided a progress report on the Calendar. We received 3 quotes for printing (DR Print, Prinstant, Paragon Rapid) for 100, 200, 500 calendars. The quotes were all for slightly different quality/paper weights. Prinstant's quote was the cheapest, for the printing and design assistance. Their sample calendar was superior in quality and 'look' to that of the sample from DR Print.

Cathy and Eleanor met and discussed the quotes, in terms of price, quality and the pros and cons of paper weights. They recommend Prinstant for both quality and value for money.

Peter advised that DR Print had offered a discount on the cheapest quote. As their quote did not include GST or design assistance (\$650) their quote would still be more expensive. Eleanor felt the quality would not improve. Ron suggested that as Cathy and Eleanor had been tasked with putting the calendar together that they make this decision. After further discussion it was decided that as quotes are for 30 days, Eleanor would seek a second quote from Prinstant after the Committee had approved the photos for the calendar.

Cathy and Eleanor suggested the following photos for the following months. The photos selected are all clear, able to be blown up if necessary and with no copyright restrictions.

Front cover	Streetscape	July	Old Bakery/workers?
January	William Affleck	August	School children
February	Mrs Davis	September	Ladies Tennis
March	School building	October	Slab house
April	Bakery Car	November	Crowe family
May	Old St Luke's Church	December	Men's Tennis
June	Inside the Wine Bar	Back Cover	Old map

The timeline envisaged is:

- September**
- A mock-up of the calendar, with captions to be shown and accepted/amended
 - Decide number of calendars to order
 - Get a another quote from Prinstant, and accept if it is within \$660-\$700 price range (100 calendars).
 - Marketing officer or other committee members formulate marketing plan, initial contact of local businesses/organisations to drum up support to sell. Are

we going to offer pre-order for example through the school. Payment options to include EFT.

October Calendar goes to printers. Several committee members to proof read.
Pick up calendar from printers late October. Article in Gazette about calendar, price availability etc

November Calendar available for sale

There was some discussion about the possibility of having the calendars printed and for sale at the Gundaroo Music Festival on 11 October. This would certainly be a great sales opportunity as it attracts so many people. Ron asked if we could circulate a photocopy of the images to be used – without captions- so the Committee could make a decision before the next meeting.

Eleanor advised that Cathy had the photos and was working on captions but was currently overseas arriving back on 8 August. Eleanor to contact Cathy on her return to discuss the viability of bringing the publishing date forward.

2. Proposal for “Field Study” in Gundaroo.

Peter welcomed our guests. John Reid and Carolyn Young from the ANU spoke about the proposed “Field Study”. The field study program draws inspiration mainly from field research and usually involves local, students and other visual artists but can also include musicians, oral historians and creative writers. The program generally has an emphasis on environmental issues broadly interpreted.

Participating artists engage with the local community, the landscape and environmental agencies to inform their research. The final outcome is usually a catalogue exhibition of the artworks with presentations and discussion between the artists and community.

Organisers visit the field location to meet potential participants who live and work there, identify artists who might participate and invite community input and participation. Ron and Peter volunteered to assist in making connections between participants and the local community.

A ‘field study’ can cost between \$20,000-25,000. John spoke about other programs and how they had been funded. Nino offered to assist by applying for a grant as ‘seed’ money if the project had the support of the GHS and perhaps the Gundaroo Community Association (GCA). It was suggested that John and Carolyn give their presentation again at a GCA meeting to try and gather wider community interest and support. There was some further discussion around the scarcity of Yass Valley Council and GHS funds. GHS could offer support by publicising the potential of the project and by articulating what it can do for the community and its interactive nature.

Gay Williamson spoke about the field work her Landscape students will be carrying out in August - November looking at range of issues including such things as Gundaroo’s heritage, environment, water and tourism and then draw up conceptual landscape plans for the Village. The students will be talking to various stakeholders such as land holders, the Shire Planner, environmentalists and local residents. It is hoped that an exhibition of the students work will be held in Gundaroo on completion.

Meeting ended at 8.40pm