



## **Minutes of Public Meeting Held on Sunday 8 February 2015 Venue: Linnwood, Byron Road, Guildford**

### **Welcome & Apologies**

John McKenna opened the meeting at 2.05pm, and welcomed everyone in attendance, with a special welcome to the Mayor of Holroyd, Greg Cummings, and Councillor Ross Grove. John apologised on behalf of our guest speaker who had to cancel at the last minute.

### *In Attendance at today's meeting, as per the Attendance Sheet:*

Helen Olde, Audrey Murphy, John Walz, Kevin Horne, Del Donohoe, Rodney Skinner, Olive Wicks, Zareen Nisha, Mervyn Mitchell, Judith Moller, Lillian Patterson, Phil Patterson, Adriana de Haas, June de Zoete, Peter Warwick, Greg Cummings, Ross Grove, Stan Thomas, Jan Thomas, Margaret Moulds, Pamela Richardson, Michael Griggs, Coral Hamilton, Lorraine Mooring, Diane Jogia, David Cunningham, Ann Brown, John Brodie, Elizabeth Brodie, Pat O'Brien, Dorothy Warwick, John McKenna.

### *Apologies:*

Beth & Russ Werner, Jason Clare MP, Tony Issa MP, Julie Walz, Christine McKenna, Angela Caire, John & Pam Tompsett, Barbara Perry MP, Guy Zangari MP.

### **Confirmation of Minutes of Public Meeting held on Sunday 10 August 2014**

Moved by Pamela Richardson, seconded by Pat O'Brien, that the minutes of the Public Meeting held on Sunday 10 August 2014 were a true and correct record. The motion was carried.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

### **Correspondence**

Helen Olde circulated the correspondence folder for the information of members.

### **Address by the Mayor of Holroyd**

The Mayor started by thanking the Friends of Linnwood for the efforts put in for this fine historical house. It has been a struggle and caused a lot of grief over the years. We might actually owe a debt of thanks to our copper thief as it has allowed Council to get some momentum going.

An ablution block, shed and container have been erected in the McCredie Cottage compound. The first batch of volunteers will arrive shortly, and a project plan is underway to move through the building to try and make it serviceable as a going concern. This will be a phased project including removal of some of the hazards that are in there, e.g. remediation of asbestos before the volunteers arrive.

In respect to Linnwood itself, the back roof has been repaired, the old laundry and one of the small rooms at the back have been cleared out to commence work on making these rooms into a bedsit and bathroom for a full-time caretaker to be on-site. The rooms should be painted by the end of this week. Council is looking at a couple of people who are interested in occupying that position.

A purchase order has been raised for the upgrade of the alarm system, and Council is currently seeking quotes for a CCTV system which will be active back-to-base.

In respect to the sale of the Tamplin Road site, the proposed time frame is as follows:

- Application for subdivision has been lodged, including preparation and approval of survey plans for this Crown Land, and a consultant's report;
- Determination of the subdivision application by Council resolution – either first or second Council meeting in May 2015;
- Draft plan to Crown Lands to be lodged at the end of May;
- Registration of the plan may take up to eight weeks – say, late June;

- Contract sale preparation etc and tender documents – mid to late March;
- Contract for Sale/Tender (if required) etc – end of March;
- Marketing for sale – maximum six weeks – late May;
- Receipt of registered plan to subdivide – mid August;
- Council resolution re Contract/Exchange – October;
- Submission to Crown Lands for approval – November;
- Finalisation – December.

However dealing with government authorities may delay this process.

John McKenna thanked the Mayor for providing this information to members.

Dorothy Warwick advised the Mayor and members that we have a Facebook page for ex residents of the three homes. A gentleman posted a comment about McCredie Cottage and was concerned that it would be demolished. A lot of children went through McCredie Cottage – they were very young but some do remember, and are concerned that it stays.

### **President's Report**

Good afternoon and welcome to Linnwood for our first meeting for 2015.

We would like to thank the Mayor, Cllr Greg Cummings for coming along today and outlining what will be happening at Linnwood and McCredie Cottage in the future.

It looks like 2015 will be a time of change and some of these changes will, and have already, impacted on our role and activities at Linnwood. With the decision to have a live-in caretaker on-site, we have had to move all of the donations stored in the laundry and one of the smaller back rooms, into other areas including the front room temporarily, which will now not be available for our March Open Day as we have too many things stored in there.

As you know, we had fallen behind in our cataloguing of donations, so this move has been a 'blessing' in one way, as it has made us make a concerted effort to get it done. Many thanks to Helen, Pat, Pam Zopf and Pam Richardson for their time over the past few weeks in spending time up here to try and sort through everything. We have made progress, but there is still lots to do, so for the time being we will not be accepting any more donations until the cataloguing is up to date and we have been able to find storage for everything. We decided against buying a computer programme for cataloguing and instead are just using an Excel spreadsheet to document every item and this seems to be working well – and is a lot simpler!

At the March Open Day, we will be having a Clearance Sale of everything in the Book Room - all the books, bric-a-brac and even some of the furniture has to go, as this room may be needed in the future for the storage of donations, so that the front room can be vacated and made available for hiring again. We seem to be playing 'musical rooms' at the moment, shifting things from one room to another, but hopefully it will all work out in the end. With one large room out of action for March, the number of stalls and exhibitions will be limited, and this may well happen at each of the Open Days this year.

Another major change, starting in March, is that we will no longer be serving sandwiches from the kitchen. We will still have tea and coffee, small cakes and Devonshire Teas available inside, and the BBQ outside – but no sandwiches. We would like to thank and acknowledge all of the volunteers for the many thousands of sandwiches they have made over the years, and a very special thank you to Coral for being the 'team leader' and organising the catering, but the time has come to lighten the load for these ladies who have put so much time and effort into our Open Days – and go home exhausted every time. So – Thank you!

As mentioned in the Linnwood Gazette in October, the repairs to the roof at the rear of the house have now been completed and we were going to do some painting of other rooms as part of the Grant, but with the imminent sale of the Tamplin Road Estate and possible restoration and conservation works happening after that, the committee has decided not to go ahead with the painting. As part of the acquittal of the Grant, we are to supply 'before and after' photos of work undertaken and I have these in an album for you to look at – although with some of them it's a bit hard to work out which way is up!

Unfortunately, our copper thief came back around the time of our November Open Day (see photos in album) and although he wasn't actually able to steal any of the copper roofing at the rear of Linnwood and on the Dormitory building, he did make a mess of both when trying to peel the roofing back, and once again this has had to be repaired – another good reason to have an on-site caretaker.

Our November Open Day went well, and we have car clubs lined up for each of the Open Days this year, so things are looking good. Linnwood is becoming popular for the car clubs, so we hope that this interest will continue as more car clubs hear what a great venue it is.

In October last year, a Report by Michael Flynn was launched on the early History of the Postcode Area of 2161 and we have copies available for \$10 if anyone is interested – we’re the only place in town to purchase it!

Finally, thank you all for your continued support of the Friends, and as mentioned earlier, we think this year will see the start of some significant changes happening, but we believe that they will be positive ones. Having started our campaign to ‘Save Linnwood’ back in late 2001, it is really gratifying to at last see some plans being put forward for Linnwood’s future - we have achieved our goal in saving Linnwood and with the Council now on board with positive plans beginning to take shape, not only for Linnwood but also for McCredie Cottage, we can finally say ‘we did it!’ Thank you.

**Treasurer’s Report**

John McKenna presented his financial reports for the months of August through to January:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	
August 2014	\$ 660.78	\$ 53.00	
September 2014	\$2,787.93	\$ 864.64	
October 2014	\$ 1.89	-	
November 2014	\$4,476.67	\$ 1,020.49	
December 2014	\$ 967.02	\$ 1,101.23	
January 2015	\$ 1.43	\$ 26,683.83	*(26,439.60 FOL contribution to roof repairs)

The original grant allocation was \$32,000 to cover roof repairs, painting and carpeting. We had allocated \$11,000 for the roof repairs but due to cost overruns which totalled \$26,439.60, the Friends paid an additional \$15,439.60 from our own funds. As a result, we decided not to go ahead with painting and carpeting the hallway and a couple of the small rooms, as these works will be undertaken when the house is renovated following sale of the Tamplin Road site. We are now seeking to vary our grant application, in order to receive a reimbursement of \$15,439.60.

Balance of our account	\$21,198.36
Balance of our investment account	<u>\$21,201.77</u>
 Total funds	 \$42,400.13
 Cash on hand	 \$1,000.00

John Walz moved that the Treasurer’s financial reports be accepted. Seconded by Michael Griggs. The motion was carried.

**General Business**

There was no general business.

**Guest Speaker**

Following our advertised guest speaker’s apologetic late cancellation, Dorothy Warwick and Pat O’Brien, representing Holroyd Local History Research, stepped into the breach with their “Aussie Icons” presentation. Great presentation showing lots of old photos of iconic Australian company and product logos and their history.

- Besides the FX and FJ Holdens, did you know that the classic Ute was produced in 1932 after a lady wrote to the Ford company requesting they make a vehicle suitable to carry the kids to church on Sunday and the pigs to market on Monday.
- Pavlova - claimed to have been made in Australia in 1945 but there is some competition from New Zealand which claims to have made the first one.
- Aeroplane Jelly – this famous dessert was produced by a tram conductor who created jelly crystals in his bath tub. He formed the company in 1926. At the time, aeroplanes were new and exciting and “I love Aeroplane Jelly” is one of Australia’s best known songs.
- Victa Lawn Mower – prototype made in 1952 from a tin can and scrap metal. The inventor left his job in 1953 and started making the mowers full-time.
- Chiko Roll - first appeared in 1951 at the Wagga Wagga Show.

- Lamington - first appeared in Australian recipe books in 1909.
- Snugglepote and Cuddlepote – by May Gibbs – first appeared in 1918 – and the Gumnut babies and the big bad Banksia man.
- Blinky Bill – by Dorothy Wall – first appeared in 1933 and has never been out of print in Australia.
- The meat pie – the most popular food consumed while watching footy matches.
- Boxing Kangaroo – image known to have been used as early as 1891. Current logo first displayed on “Australia II” for the America’s Cup, now displayed primarily at the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.
- Arnotts – started in Newcastle in 1865, with Sao and Iced VoVo biscuits launched in 1906.
- Akubra – “head covering” in Aboriginal language. The hat started manufacture in 1874, and the name came into use in 1912.
- Vegemite – 1923 - made mainly from yeast discarded from beer brewing. Kraft purchased the brand in 1935. Vegemite was the first product in Australia to be electronically scanned at the supermarket check-out.
- Norco – established in Byron Bay in 1835, becoming Norco in 1925. Now distributed mainly in SE Queensland and northern NSW.
- Golden Fleece – operated from the late 1800’s. Took delivery of its first consignment of motor spirit in 1913. First fuel pump installed in 1920. Acquired by Caltex in 1981.
- Ampol – also Australian owned at one time – registered in 1936. Acquired by Caltex in 1997.
- Rosella – founded in 1895, with the first tomato sauce produced in 1899.
- Billy Tea – founded in 1955.
- Bundaberg Rum – founded in 1888, began production in 1889. Sent as rations for Aussie troops in the Boer War and WWI and WWII. Logo designed by the brother of former Prime Minister William McMahon.
- Bushells – founded in early 1880’s.
- Griffiths Bros Teas – c.1875.
- Malvern Star – bicycle company founded in Melbourne 1902.
- Qantas – founded on 16 November 1920.
- Taubmans – founded 1897. By 1930 became an Australian company.
- Kookaburra Jugs – status symbol during the Great Depression. If you had one of these jugs you were doing very well indeed.
- Hills Hoist – inventor built a hoist for his wife in 1945, and the rest is history.
- Mortein – from the French word “mort” and the German word “ein” – meaning “dead one”. Louis the fly has been on TV since 1957.
- ETA – factory founded in 1908 with 6 people. By 1925 Nut Foods were producing ETA peanut butter with a staff of 630.
- Fosters Lager – first produced in 1888. More popular overseas than in Australia.
- Phar Lap – born in New Zealand in 1926, bought for 160 Guineas. He was a sign of hope during the Great Depression and Australians were devastated when he died.
- Surf Life Saving – first appearance of the surf belt and reel in 1907. Surf Life Saving Association founded in 1909, and there are currently 312 clubs Australia-wide.
- MacRobertson Chocolates – founded in 1880 by Sir Macpherson Robertson.
- Sorbent toilet tissue – founded 1952. “Why rough it?”
- Don Bradman – arguably the greatest cricketer of all time.
- Ned Kelly – bushranger, hanged in Melbourne Gaol. His last words – “such is life”.
- Waltzing Matilda – Australia’s most widely known bush ballad, written in 1895 by Banjo Paterson.
- Minties – invented in 1922.
- Ugg Boots – were very popular with surfers – warmed their feet when they got out of the ocean.
- Esky – produced in 1952 by Malleys.
- Errol Flynn – Australia’s movie heart throb.
- Nellie Melba – super star soprano.
- Goanna Oil Linament – produced in 1910. Also used during the wars to treat minor wounds.
- And don’t forget the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Opera House, and the Australian flag!

### **Next Public Meeting**

The next Public Meeting will be held on Sunday 17 May 2015, at 2.00pm. Mr Jim Hawkins, who unfortunately had to cancel today, has now confirmed that he will definitely be here in May and will tell us about Australian submarine “AE2” and its actions in the Dardenelles during World War I.

**Raffle Draw**

The raffle was drawn by Councillor Ross Grove, and won by Sue Evans.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

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