

"Gateway to the Southwest"



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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

PRESENT

Tony Phelps, Graham Rowe, June Rowe, Sandra Jones, Helen Verity, Anitha Iversen, Jacqui Doyle, Michael Hastings, Jenny Mathison, Keith Walton, Shirley Leak

Guests – Nil

APOLOGIES

Trevor Brown, Ray King

Moved: Keith

Seconded: Shirley

Carried

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Read and confirmed.

Accepted: June

Seconded: Helen

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

- **Make A Wish** – the 2 Collingwood players who came to Winchelsea on the day the walkers passed through Winchelsea fulfilled a little girl's wish for a puppy, with Petstock donating puppy feed etc. The little girl was apparently delighted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Outward

- Running sheet for Business Breakfast to each speaker
- Completed funding request form to Surf Coast Tourism re Business Breakfast

Inward

- Letter from Simon Loone of Surf Coast Shire advising that discretionary funding for the Winchelsea Festival (\$2,000) had been approved.

Moved: Shirley

Seconded: Sandra

Carried

REPORTS

TREASURERS REPORT – **no treasurer this month, so these are not 'official'**

Balance brought forward from the end of July 2011		\$3,373.38
Income		
Surf Coast Tourism event funding (Winchelsea Festival)	\$2,000.00	\$5,373.38
Expenditure		
	Nil \$0.00	
Balance at end of August 2011		\$5,373.38

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried

GRAHAM ROWE

- **Men's Shed** – official opening expected in 2 months. Cobden Men's Shed visited today. Construction work (including internal) is pretty much finished. Noted that tomorrow (Sep.15) is “Are You OK Day?”.

SHIRLEY LEAK

- **VicRoads Meeting (Tue.6th Sep)** – surprised to learn that a bypass requires Shire approval. Otherwise as already understood.

KEITH WALTON

- **Schools Day** – due 31st October, previously managed by John Rowley on a Police computer, Neighbourhood Watch committee taking over the reins.

JENNY MATHISON

- **Gosney Street** – trucks have definitely slowed down with additional 40kph signage, plans & progress still awaiting further development with the parties concerned (hospital, school, VicRoads, Surf Coast). A number of strategies are available to slow traffic appropriately.
- **Community Bank** – lots of funding requests received this last round. Decisions announced in a week or so.
- **Winchelsea Op Shop** – funds banked \$32,000, which is to be put toward the hospital child-care project (eg. playground, 3-year-old room, etc.).

MICHAEL HASTINGS

- **Great Ocean Road website** – the Winchelsea content does need to be reviewed, suggested that a sub-committee take responsibility.
- **Farm Tours** starting again, including Information Centre familiarisations, Barwon Park volunteers etc.
- **Highway Duplication** – concerned at lack of integration of projects eg. toilet block upgrade. Now is the time to ensure that the highway duplication on either side of Winchelsea, the new bridge, and the Hesse Street intersection redevelopment are coordinated to the benefit of the town. Michael is seeking background information on prior plans for the town (and the reasons for dropping them), with a view to getting appropriate parties together, including Ron Humphreys, Terry Mulder, VicRoads and Surf Coast Shire. This whole redevelopment should make it easy for visitors and travellers to stop off for more than a quick toilet break. Michael encourages everyone to **complete the VicRoads feedback survey** for Winchelsea, which is available online at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/613313/Winchelsea> (closing date 30 September 2011). Alternative shorter address is <http://bit.ly/oYuE4x>
Michael proposed formal letters by the WBTA to VicRoads, Surf Coast Shire

HELEN VERITY

- **Winch House** – AGM date will be announced soon, seeking additional community representation. Newsletter has been distributed. No progress on “Take A Break” (occasional child-care) funding being cut.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Rebecca Hills (Snr Police Constable in Winchelsea) has taken over the newsletter. Birregurra Neighbourhood Watch has officially folded. AGM also coming up soon
- **Community Building Initiative** – Kylie Pollock has taken over as the Surf Coast Shire representative.

SANDRA JONES

- **Riverlee Art Gallery** – on display in a cafe in Camperdown, will be on display at the Winchelsea Festival and Golden Plains Shire, plus month of March in COPAC.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Business Breakfast** – Guest Speaker program finalised, 4 speakers including Mayor Dean Webster for the new “On The Couch” informal session. 60 attendees expected. Community Award has been decided.
- **AGM** – nominations required, especially for President as Graham will be retiring from the role this year. Nominations to be received for the October meeting.
- **Integrated Roads Plan** - Michael proposed formal letters by the WBTA to VicRoads, Surf Coast Planning and Surf Coast Councillors, to integrate toilet block and Info Centre with VicRoads projects along with feeder roads layout.
 - Ensure earlier consultancy work on School/Hospital Gosney Street, toilet block/Cultural Centre and Shopping Centre is used & feeds in to plans
 - Summarise the issues that need to be covered & catered for - Gosney Street traffic calming, options for toilet block & Info Centre, options for new bridge & its impact on Hesse St intersection, Hesse Street intersection options (vehicles, pedestrians, elderly), school intersections/crossings, Barwon Terrace traffic feed on/off the highway, use of bluestone bridge as feed into shopping centre, bus stopoversMoved Helen, seconded Sandra. Carried.

Meeting closed 9:20pm