

# "Gateway to the Southwest"



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## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

### **PRESENT**

Keith Walton, Sandra Jones, Ian Treloar, Kevin McDonald, Shirley Leak, Ray King, Helen Verity, Trevor Brown, June Rowe, Graham Rowe, Tony Phelps, Jim McC

**Guests – Nil**

### **APOLOGIES**

Moved: Keith            Seconded: Ray            **Carried**

### **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Read and confirmed. VicTrack should be VicRail though.

Accepted: Ian            Seconded: Keith            **Carried**

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

- Discussion about the town entrance signs, in particular the Geelong-side. In dire need of renovation. Ray moved contacting Sparra for quote, Trevor seconded, carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### Outward

- Nil

#### Inward

- Email from Simon Loone (SCS) advising Customer Request raised re Geelong-side town entrance sign's garden bed needing renovating.
- Email from Simon Loone (SCS) advising overall town signage renewal budget has been submitted to Council
- Email from Tony Potter (SCS) advising yellow lines that need repainting are VicRoads responsibility. The lines may already have been repainted anyway.

Moved: Ian            Seconded: June            **Carried**

### REPORTS

#### TREASURERS REPORT

<b>Balance brought forward from the end of November 2009</b>		<b>\$1,908.58</b>
Income		\$ nil
Expenditure	Chq.132 Postage/stationery (Tony Phelps)	\$ 59.60

**Balance at end of March 2010**

**\$1,848.98**

Moved:

Seconded: Ian

**Carried**

*PRESIDENT – Graham Rowe*

- **RV Friendly Town** – 17<sup>th</sup> June presentation likely to be called to outline the project to Surf Coast Tourism at next Board Meeting (top pub). At launch of Men's Shed (full funding now received/approved!), Graham talked to Mark Davies (CEO SCS) and Mayor Libby Coker – both very supportive. Ian, June & Graham also attended Volunteers night in Torquay and again raised this project with various people (eg. Councillor Brian McKitterick) and again met with great support.

Ian raised the need to assess whether sleeping in RVs would be permissible under current bye-laws, and the fines being issued on people “sleeping in vehicles”. To be investigated in future discussions with the interested parties.

*TONY PHELPS*

- Nil

*JIM*

- Asked about Men's Shed in Winchelsea – Graham advised \$60,000 in funding available, block of land donated in Hesse Street (crown land) which is also close to where many members live. Currently meeting at Winch House on Wednesday's (28 official members) with usually around 15 turning up.

*KEITH WALTON*

- Winchelsea Deans Marsh road speed sign bent down. Keith reported to SCS who will fix.

*SANDRA JONES*

- Market Day on Sunday at Riverlee Art Studio.

*IAN TRELOAR*

- **Surf Coast Tourism** – Board has formed working group, under Brian McKitterick, for the RV Friendly Town project. Board meeting in Winchelsea on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Geelong Otway Tourism meeting discussed realignment of the tourism bodies, with a push for Bellarine and Geelong to separate away from southwest (Surf Coast, Great Ocean Road, Otways, down to Warrnambool) – still at discussion stage.

*KEVIN McDONALD*

- Nil

*SHIRLEY LEAK*

- Tourist Information Group (Winchelsea) has had to reduce opening hours of Information Centre due to lack of volunteers. Also seeking additional ideas for use of the building during closed or off-peak periods. Shirley moved that SCT be queried on the option/process of selling souvenir and/or local items, seconded Trevor.

Jim suggested the VIC be offered to secondary schools for their community service needs. Kevin also raised a previous SCT offer to sign Winchelsea VIC as “Gateway to the Southwest”. To be raised again with SCT.

*RAY KING*

- Nil

#### HELEN VERITY

- **Winch House** - appointed new manager/coordinator, Catherine Clark. Education Programmer is Tanya Dodd. Madeleine Pierce is book-keeper. 3-4 new volunteers enrolled as well, training under Carrie Vanderpol.

#### TREVOR BROWN

- **Winchelsea Festival** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June Sportspersons Night, guest speaker is Brian Cook (Geelong FC CEO). Tickets from Pharmacy. Trevor requested BTA once again support the night by sponsoring the trophies (around \$220). Ray moved, Ian seconded, carried. Festival Committee has seen a bit of change this year, with younger volunteers. Festival will be 14<sup>th</sup> November (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday). Trevor tabled the profit & loss for Festival 2009 which showed a profit of over \$15,000 – indicating the strategy taken was successful. Trevor reminded all present of the current SCT funding arrangements;
  - \$2,000 direct to BTA for day to day expenses, for discretionary spending
  - \$3,800 assigned to BTA requiring sign-off by Simon Loone
  - Any additional projects go to SCT Board for approvalAccordingly an application by the Festival for SCT funding requires BTA support and endorsement. Trevor moved \$2,000 be sought immediately. Sandra seconded, carried.

#### JUNE ROWE

- Nil

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

- **2010 BTA Business Breakfast.** Agreed a date of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September, moved Ray, seconded Keith, carried. Suggestions for guest speakers;
  - VicRoads update (Paul Roth, VicRoads Manager Projects & Communication)
  - Otway Harvest Trail (Bill Fox)
  - Bendigo Bank
  - Hesse Hospital update**Tony to send speaker invitations (list required, Tony to contact Di)**  
**Trevor to approach Bendigo Bank for sponsorship as last year, and SCT re invitations to businesses.**  
**Graham to book TeaRooms and see Roly re MC.**

Meeting closed 22:00