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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 06 June 2022, Google Meet meet.google.com/ggr-tzpz-agw

Meeting commenced 1735 hrs

Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dafydd Hyett [President], Theresa Biscoe [Vice President], David Spain [Secretary], Diana Roberts, Kylie Cain, Samantha Allen, Tashanna Fuller, Jodee Tichbourne, Peter Hughes [Treasurer, by phone] **Apologies:** Carolione Todd. **Guests:** Mitch Hughes, Wil Polson, Baden Minas.
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Theresa Biscoe
4. **NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nil.
5. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Jodee/ Kylie	That the v04 draft minutes of the meeting on 05-2022, as amended, be adopted.	Carried
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6. **SKATE PARK:** Mitch Hughes advised that he attends the skate park every day and has noticed a decline in attendance due to lack of safe space for little kids & learners (there is a need for an extension as at Wollongbar, to facilitate flow). There is a degree of conflict between advanced skaters and learners. The land was given by NCCI to LCC because it could not cover the \$18,000 pa insurance required; original park cost LCC \$440,000. The concrete lacks proper drainage and is starting to crack; it needs sealing. The circumference of the park needs finishing (gardens). LCC reps are happy to approve all this work. A quote from a builder has been sought. A website is being created; a prize day is also being arranged; grants can be sought; a letter of support from NCOC is desired (Dafydd & Wil to draft). Making the park 5-stars will attract professional skaters and visitors. There is a need for the skate park maintenance to be performed by a community organization, perhaps a sub-committee under the Headers Inc. (Mitch will talk to them).

7. **BUSINESS ARISING from minutes**

Aquarius 50th: Diana met with David Hallett and asked him to report to NCOC monthly; he aims to finish his work (including need for, and sources of funding) by the end of June. She also met with Benny yesterday. There will be a community meeting at Town Hall on 16-06-2022 at 4.30pm., a consultative process seeking willingness to be involved. Diana suggested that we email our own mailing list and communicate by social media. LCC has indicated it may supply a \$25,000 grant and NCOC (plus others like the School of Arts) itself can also contribute maybe \$25,000 as a quarter of the co-contribution required for a federal grant. David Hallett would assist with an agenda but the meeting should be chaired by Dafydd.

David Hallett supplied a written report:--

To update the Chamber here is a brief preliminary plan for events for next year's anniversary ...

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Fri 12/Sat 13 May Aquarius 50 Symposium at School of Arts including Welcome to Country, keynote speaker, and various speakers on diverse issues and subjects

Fri 12 --Fri 19 May Photo exhibition at Nimbin School of Arts featuring Peter Derrett 1973 festival photos and Some Children of the Dream exhibition

Mon 15-Fri 19 May Aquarius 50 Alternative Building Workshop at 7 Sibley Street

Mon 15-Fri 19 May Aquarius 50 Forgotten Arts Fair at Djanbung Gardens

Wed 127 May Film night at Nimbin Bush Theatre

Thurs 18 May 'Tall tales and true' 50 years of Nimbin stories at School of Arts

Sat 20 May Aquarius 50 Skate Jam at Skate Park

Sat 20 May Aquarius 50 Nimbin Rocks Youth Night at School of Arts

Sat 20 May Aquarius 50 Masked Ball at Nimbin Bush Theatre

Sun 21 May Aquarius 50 Kids Circus at School of Arts

Tues 23 Aquarius 50 Eulogies & Lanterns at Mingle Park

also events being planned at Nimbin Central School

'Living with Solar' workshop at Nimbin Central School

Possible official opening of Rainbow Road Walking Track

Critical events requiring funding are Peter Derrett '73 festival photo exhibition

skate jam and Nimbin Rocks youth events, kids circus, symposium keynote speaker and tech requirements, School of Arts hire, Aquarius 50 promotion

Illuminate Nimbin: Planned for 24 June 2022. Kylie advised that there will be a light installation projecting towards PO & Greenbank with performing musicians (amplified) at the old Soward garage, followed by a DJ at hall and finishing with drumming. There will be a Welcome to Country at the hall, some wandering musicians (roving buskers), a kids' face painter, a stilt/clown and subsidy funding for free tastings. Only NCOC members will be granted food stall sites.

LCC Build Back Better and Growth Management Strategy: Diana tabled a draft letter. This was adopted (with minor amendments and Diana was authorized to send it from NCOC website.

Brochures: Kylie distributed one box, others are being distributed by VIC. Baden advised that VIC is distributing one box a week and has a 6-month supply.

VentraIP: We keep receiving accounts rendered. Unfortunately, for technical reasons, we can't do direct debit, but Sammi has flagged paying it manually every month. The payments need to be attributed to one of levy, membership income or the BRR grant.

Police at MardiGras: Secretary is waiting for Hemp Embassy to supply requested updated details of medical research and jurisdictions that have now decriminalized *cannabis sativa*.

LCC Business Activation Working Group: Diana discussed with LCC: – SBRL will be removed for Lismore businesses (due to flood) but not for Nimbin businesses.

Signage: Has been signed off (except for Elspeth map) and Armsign will now fabricate & erect the signs within the next couple of weeks. The original Elspeth painting will be housed at B+B (as agreed by both NCCI and NCOC). The existing "Welcome to Nimbin" signs should be removed; there has been no response to two letters; Wil to discuss with LCC and advise Sam (hoops to remain).

Statement of Member Benefits: Membership should be renewed at end of June. Last year's statement should be updated to go out with the invoice (geared to types of membership). Baden to send Sammi a current membership list from website; Sammi needs access to Quickbooks to do the invoices while Peter is flood-struck. Chamber Chat, when written by Dafydd, should go to Liz for graphics and uploading. The letter to members should just have a link to the final Chamber Chat. Usually there would be general meetings but Covid & floods have made that difficult.

Social Media Training has not happened due to Liz being ill, Diana to raise with her. Baden is also waiting to talk to Liz about online shop software.

Proposed GM for September: September is busy (MardiGras and Show), but a date in first week of

September is feasible – Diana to write to Bronwyn Mitchell (the Executive Assistant to General Manager and Mayor & Councillors).

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) The broker has advised that our Public Liability insurance policy (coverage \$20m) has been renewed but with QBE, at an annual premium of \$390.

Diana / Biko	That the QBE premium invoice be paid.	Carried
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- (b) NCCI has advised that it has agreed on a design for a B+B mural. We have agreed to pay half the cost; NCCI is to invoice NCOC. Diana said that we need muralists not artists as the latter are too painstaking (time delay & expense).
- (c) Stephanie supplied details of the new State government embargo against Single Use plastic; this was forwarded to all members.

Correspondence accepted as tabled.

- 9. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** The treasurer tabbed a report but needs clarification on allocation of some outlays into the correct categories; send him any comment. Peter will send Quickbooks invitations to Dafydd & Sammi.

Diana / Kylie	That the Financial report as tabled be adopted	Carried
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- 10. **NEW MEMBERSHIP:** None. Dafydd advised he had some verbal expressions of interest but no actual online applications. Those joining now will be good for the next financial year.

- 11. **MEETING AGENDAS & MINUTES:** Requests were made for minutes to be supplied within a few days of meeting, for items arising (or capable of arising) from prior minutes not to be listed in general business, and for final agendas to be supplied a week out from next meeting. The secretary said he tried to issue draft minutes within a few days for comment but this may not be possible, that it is difficult to weasel out requested agenda items from a plethora of piecemeal emails, that he would continue to list in General Business items he thought must be addressed and if others decided to bring them up under “Business Arising” then these could lapse (so only a few drops of ink might be lost), and that he had not, in five years, previously been required to issue minutes so quickly and agendas a week before -- all of which could be impossible due to his private work pressures especially litigation; as an unpaid volunteer he could not abide being locked in like this, so he couldn’t cope and resigned. Upon request, he agreed to stay on for the time being, provided that all agenda requests are emailed to him with first words on subject line to always be “NCOC Agenda”; any forwarding of third party emails with request for agenda will require amendment of subject line.

- 12. **LCC GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY:** As requested by NAG and community meetings, before the flood, LCC agreed to removal of Gungas Road land (Mill up to Tuntable Falls Road) from the Growth Management Plan, as we have enough land designated rural residential already. The owner accepts this.

- 13. **LCC OPERATIONAL PLAN – BUDGET SUBMISSION:** LCC have indicated that they want Wil to transition into Nimbin economic development (rather than tourism, tho’ this would remain a part), but there have been no changes to the budget. Will to discuss with Tina about how budget & position aspects will develop. Dafydd advised that the Jungle Patrol crew would work better if it had expanded duties, so LCC appointing extraneous persons to do Nimbin jobs (such as street cleaning) would be both counterproductive and expensive (for travel reasons).

- 14. **LCC VILLAGE MAINTENANCE:** NCOC gave the toilet land to LCC, which erected them but there has been no improvement for over a decade. The toilets are disgraceful, with graffiti and sharp chutes that get clogged (e.g. by paper rubbish) due to their poor construction. Complaints to LCC have been ignored. Jungle Patrol cleans the toilets and a different crew clears the sharps. There is a need for painting, proper sharp chutes, soap supply and for showers (these last probably at Peace Park). Permanent gardens are neglected, village entries & verges are not properly maintained, the western carpark is full of potholes. Diana suggested a morning walk at 9am to look at the physical

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infrastructure and ongoing maintenance issues. David said there should be popular demand for the old Terania Shire Council area to secede from LCC and be restored.

Next Meeting: 5.30pm on Monday 04-07-2022. The bad roads & Covid are limiting physical meetings. Hybrid meetings are possible but disenfranchise the zoomers somewhat; they can work with a good external camera & large screen. Possible venues would be B+B, Bush Theatre or Neighbourhood Centre. Dafydd will investigate establishment of camera & screen at Bush Theatre. Next meeting will be hybrid but final venue to be decided.

Meeting ended 8:20pm

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