

## General Meeting

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Date: 10/11/2022

CWA Rooms Pambula.

- Opening 7.04 pm - welcome to Country / Mick
- Nathan Lygon acknowledged as local emerging leader
- Cassias Turvey: acknowledgement that racism still exists.
- Local memorial in Eden attended by Ray.

### Attending General Meeting:

Mick Brosnan, Gavin Bell, Russell Jennings (Minutes), Barb Toner, Peter Reid, Peter Buggy, Ross Williams, Leona Cairns, Jan Reynolds, Denise Perry, Di Beckett, Ray and Chris Tynan, Kylie Furnell, Lorraine Synnington, Ruby Furnell.

### Apologies:

Pete Gorton, Celi Kennedy, Damien Kennedy, Wendy wait, Sarah Williams, Barbara Jones, Dave Gallan, Naomi and Hugo White, Mahlia Smith Macpherson.

**Previous Minutes:** are published on website.

**Correspondence:** none of any urgency. Emails are numerous.

**Treasurer's Report:** circulated on email and published on website. Many funds are earmarked for projects already.

Invoices to be paid are ratified. 15K. Steeline roofing 6K, Bus 3K, meat, Insurance units, MARRS donated 1K for refugee weekend.

Oaklands concert 25K in. Thanks to Figmentz Band and other musicians who donated time.

'It's up to us' campaign raised to date total approximately 260K.

More units/caravans: 5 installed, more to come - still looking for locations

Moved: Peter Reid

Seconder: Kylie Furnell

**Sub Groups:** all reports published on website

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### Notes on reports:

Co-chair report by Gavin Bell:

Ukrainian group outlined by Gavin.

Mick thanked Gavin for organising refugee weekend.

MARSS donated \$1000.00 towards costs of weekend.

Feedback on Refugee Weekend Visit

One host family visited their refugee family in Canberra since weekend.

Multicultural Festival Wolumla. Doors open 8.30 am for setup. Taiko drumming, Hip Hop, and other performances.

Potoroo Palace Working Bee Sat Dec 3. (On website calendar)

Mick and Wendy wait to meet with Alexandra Seddon and Bendigo Bank re long term assistance.

Ray Tynan: met with BJ Cruse Eden LALC. Bundian way to appeal to cruise ship patrons, cultural burning: Locals have lost burning skills, plan to liaise with other indigenous, COVID hindered this process.

Pete Reid has tried to get cultural burning in Pambula Beach.

MICK trying to organise a meeting with three LALCs re 'The Voice'. In progress. Marcus Mundy, Donna Aldridge involved.

Coffee: being relabelled to launch at Multicultural Festival. SJA need outlets. Jason Harley not selling coffee as changing to franchise OPSM.

wendy wait Sourcing new coffee outlets.

Disaster Relief Fund: email to members on 30/10/22. Fund allows us to be prepared for the future and can be distributed quickly. Fund is a starting point for when the next disaster occurs. 112K in fund currently.

Bega: CRISP? CRSA? Denise and Ross outlined difficulties of housing refugees in the valley atm. Will support financially in the future. Skilled workers on work visas are coming to work in local nursing homes. Have been encouraged to attend Multicultural Festival - purpose to create networks.

Suggestion re Multicultural Festival that posters to be distributed in other languages

SJA are working on how to better assist migrant and refugee families in our region.

Peter Buggy reported on Sapphire Community Pantry (SCP):

5th year of operation and customer demographics are changing: more working poor/financial stress/becoming more common.

SCP has been operating mobile to Bemboka/Quaama/Cobargo.

Have 48 Xmas hampers to give away/ Ricky's Place assists around 60 persons per week/ Received an anonymous donation to go toward frozen meals/The Toogood foundation assisting/

Volunteers: SCP have a regular core of 25 regular volunteers and 80 volunteers overall.

Di Beckett: attended Headland Writer's Festival/ Korean workers at Tathra Pub. SJA is aware of them.

Kylie: SEWACS Youth Bega; spoke re housing support products that need to evolve.

SEWACS need to advocate for youth more and will start on that path.

Denise Perry: Global Village: 11 trips to Asia with Bega HS students. 21 houses built in Cambodia with funds raised. Market stalls raised \$300K.

Huge Achievement.

## • Feedback on Oaklands Australian Made Concert

Mick: Thanks to Dave Crowden/ Ken Vatcher / Figmentz/ SJA volunteers: Fabulous community event. Highlight dancing girls.

Kylie: suggested EFTPOS swipe for modern donations at music festival and more engagement of youth.

The meeting was made aware of Fiona Boyes moved to our region: International Jazz/Blues Musician. Moved to Bega Valley.

## • General Business

Arts Grants: 10K allocated to be distributed to 4 local schools; Anne Wykes coordinating and the grants have been well received

This initiative is an extension of Dreamcoat Productions.

Kian? (Kebabs) Merimbula: difficulties with visas. Ray has met with him. Kian has to agree to any local actions. Meeting with lawyers to plan action. SJA to assist at the 'right time'.

22/11/22 there will be a gathering of people supporting Kian at Binbimbie: Ray to provide details.

Peter Reid; outlined succession planning and explained the development of a process to get the best candidate(s) in 2023.

Gavin explained how the tasks would be distributed.

Stewart House: Letter emailed to members 9/11/22.

Denise spoke about Stewart House.

Mick proposed we contribute \$3500 to bus cost (Rotary and Lions to also donate).

Moved: Mick Brosnan

Seconded: Peter Reid.

### **Housing: update**

Mick outlined ongoing issue with BVSC and Bega Uniting Church caravans /units:

SJA purchased one trailer instead of six saving \$39K.

Six caravans purchased.

BVSC are calling them 'caravans' in Pambula, but 'units' in Bega.

Keith Tull BVSC advised SJA in emails that no DA was required.

BVSC has since sent letter saying units/caravans in Bega now need DA.

Are these units/transportable buildings/caravans?

BVSC now advised DA may not be successful if applied for due to building technicalities.

Trevor Fitzpatrick working on DA: BVSC are saying DA not applied for.  
BVSC has issued 'Cease to Occupy' order (eviction).

Submission of SJA appeal is progressing and will be submitted Monday  
14/11/22/

MB has 'email trails' stating DA not required from A.MacMahon BVSC.

Mick fighting for a pathway forward with Emily Harrison BVSC.

Any questions Contact Mick or refer persons to Mick.

• **Next Meeting: Thu Feb 9 2023** (to be inserted on web calendar).

Meeting closed 8.54 pm