

# Oxley Residents Association Inc. A4814

## Minutes Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2017, 7.30 pm

**Attendance:** Jamie Boatwood, Dianne Feldtmann, Jason Mullins, Ruth & Bud Martin Lindsay Cummins, Graham Wilson & Judy White-Visitors from Milawa, Janice Cherry, Mark Hallinan, Wendy & Pat Richardson, Melissa Hebbard-Milawa/Oxley Rotary Club, Nellie van der Heyden, Barb Goode, Erica Pike, Don & Janet Heath, Arthur Parker, Neil Brock, Neil Barclay  
**Apologies:** Sally Day, Margot Ingwersen

**Minutes from previous meeting:** **Moved:** Neil Barclay **Second:** Neil Brock  
**Carried:** All

**Business Arising:** Jason to provide Neil Barclay with NECMA contact details pertaining to the bank erosion on the main bend near Bruce's place.

### 1. Correspondence:

1.1 **Inward:** FRRR Grant opportunity up to \$5k., Veterans Affairs re grant approval \$3,544

1.2 **Outward:** RCOW regarding Stan Allan Reserve, Community re: Meeting Flyer and Minutes

#### 1.3 Follow Up

**Moved:** Arthur Parker **Second:** Janet Heath carried

### 2 Reports:

2.1 **Financial Report:** Presented by Kim, balance \$6544.62

**Moved:** Don Heath **Second:** Arthur Parker carried

2.2 **Fire Brigade Report:** Bruce reported all quiet, couple of small fires nothing major.

#### 2.3 Oxley Reserve Committee:

All is going well. Plenty of use at the grounds for events and celebrations. With at least 2-4 bookings each month. The new facilities are almost finished just a bit of concreting to fix up. Opening will be early May.

The Track needs grading so if any one has any extra gravel for holes or any connections with a grader driver that could help us that would be great. .

We hope to get some more help with weeds from the Beechworth Prisoners Landmates but still working on that. We are looking to upgrade the playground and are looking at our options. Check the website calendar availability.

#### 2.4 Social Club:

Christmas BBQ was a great night.

May High Tea, Progressive dinner suggested, open to all ideas. Janet mentioned that the dates need to be set for these events soon, as hall gets booked.

Next Relay for Life is the **tenth** year it starts on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at 3pm to Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

2.5 **Community Pride:** Clean up Australia Day Sun March 5<sup>th</sup>, Dianne asked whether people would be interested in participating in the event, no takers at this stage.

#### 2.6 Remembrance Day:

Neil said Don Heath was the speaker, Lyndsay Cummins was the MC, and event went well. Looking for helpers for next year. War memorial grant has been granted and Neil will keep track of this and get the memorial updated with the more recent wars.

**Moved all reports:** Erica **Second:** Paula

### 3 Community Plan:

3.1 Town History Walk: still important but nothing yet. Slight discussion re: progress, Dianne and Neil to set a date for a sub group meeting in March Thursday 23rd.

3.2 ORA Website: Sally Rogers, said business as usual. New pictures thanks to Pat and Wendy. This can now be removed from the community plan list.

- 3.3 Stan Allan Reserve: It is in this financial year for works with Wangaratta Council. A draft map of planting shrubs has been presented. This could be acted on once the drainage is done.
- 3.4 Oxley Street Sealing: Don will have something to report next meeting. There is a sink hole Cnr of Macartney and Johnson St.
- 3.5 Oxley Oracle: The paper was produced before the new year. Sally is unable to attend these ORA meetings, if info is sent to her she is willing to make another one. ORA minutes will be summarised in the quarterly Oracle.
- 3.6 Telecommunications: Telstra are able to provide boosters, contact your local Telstra dealer or wait for Jason to speak with his work and find out whether this is an option to other residents.

#### 4 General Business:

- 4.1 Melissa Hebbard from Rotary Club of Milawa and Oxley spoke they meet once a month, an open invite for all to attend, provide ideas, community projects. They can provide labor for community events also have a BBQ trailer.
- 4.2 Sally Rogers spoke re Australia Day BBQ, no Oxley nominee. 150 people attended the event, Wangaratta Council were also participating in the event but there was a real lack of Oxley people present. Lindsay was the MC and he believes the wheels fell off a bit, the event needs Oxley people and Milawa people to help organise the event together. The nomination must be formalised beforehand and the family should know as this year a public member nominated the person, but failed to tell others in his family. RCOW had not let the winner know and he was not in attendance until a late call was made. Poor communication was sited. Lindsay said council later recognised the recipient at a council reception, Russell Ferguson was very happy with this result. There will be a special BBQ, bring a plate, 19th Feb 6pm at the Milawa park, to help Russell celebrate his award. Next year should be better but we need more Oxley residents to attend. The two schools also have awards for the young achievers; it is a community event for everyone. Judy and Graeme from Milawa spoke, Judy said it was sad no Oxley resident was nominated this year. The nomination of the person and the organisation of the event are the two components of the event and should be treated as such, said Neil Brock. Lindsay is interested, Wendy and Sally would also like to be part of the committee steering for next year. Janet discussed the boards; 'the local achiever award' is what it is called said Judy, Judy suggested that Oxley might like to purchase their own board for the hall.
- 4.3 Bruce Uebergang said the last bridge was damaged months and months ago, **JB to send an email to report the bridges temporary repair job which is dangerous for bike riders and walkers.** There are also issues in front of the school about a tree to be removed from out front of Trixie the clowns place, the tree is dangerous, an arborist could be used to determine the safety factor. The ORA residents supports the removal of the dangerous tree, all in favour. Against nil.
- 4.4 Rubbish has been dumped at Stan Allan Reserve council need to do a bin audit to find the culprits and the fortnightly pick up is not enough there as the bins are often over full. Local residents have been observed dumping rubbish at the Oxley Rec reserve as well. Dumping is illegal and if caught they face a \$2000 FINE so stop it you. **JB to email council to check bins more often,** Erica suggested that council do a hard rubbish collection. We hate dumpers. Claire said the issue is a real pain, if you get a registration phone council, ask for waste management, and report it to them. It is illegal to fly tip( dump rubbish). It is a fineable offence.
- 4.5 Sally Rogers, would like a welcome to the King Valley sign on the roundabout.
- 4.6 Janet Heath suggested that the group would like to change the night of our meeting, so as Sally Day and councillors could attend. The second Tuesday of the every second month was suggested and seconded by Dianne and carried by all.

**Meeting Closed 8.50pm**

**Next Meeting: April 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**