

# **Oxley Residents Association Inc. A4814**

## **Minutes February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016, 7.30 pm**

**Attendance:** Arthur Parker, Jason Mullins, Dianne Feldtmann, Graham Abotomy, Sue Abotomy, Kim Shirley, Sally Day, Barb Godde, Janet Heath, Don Heath, Heather Lucas, Erica Pike, Neil Brock, Jamie Boatwood, Clare Cowdery and Nellie van der Hayden.

**Apologies:** Tony Carroll, Paula McGavin, Geoff Daley, Sue McGregor, Lisa Whitworth, Margot Ingwerson.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** The October minutes were accepted subject to the following amendments, it was noted that procedure had not been followed regarding the August 2015 minutes and this was raised by Graham Abotomey. The minutes were changed after they were endorsed.

1. Graham Abotomey would like it minuted that he moved that the August minutes were true and correct, this was seconded by Janet Heath and carried.

The notes regarding the Stan Allan reserve that were added to the October minutes as read out by Janet Heath were not part of the original August minutes, these should have been entered as clarifying points under Business Arising and not entered as amendments to the August minutes and as such were not moved by Graham Abotomey.

2. A correction from Don Heath on point 4. His name appeared twice in the Remembrance Day committee report.

**Moved:** Clare Cowdery **Second:** Janet Heath **Carried:** All

### **Business Arising:**

#### **1. Correspondence:**

1.1 **Inward:** RCOW Dot Hurley re: Road Surfaces in Oxley, Clean Up Australia Day re: Registering a site, Arthur & Nola Shultz re: email for our list, Letter from FRRR re: Grant \$2000 received for a new printer.

Janet Heath mentioned that Sally and Jason are to be thanked for their hard work, Seconded Dianne Feldtmann.

1.2 **Outward:** RCOW Alan Clarke re: Road Surfaces, Clean Up Australia Day re: Site Confirmation, Oxley Residents re: Christmas BBQ, Oxley, Residents re: Remembrance Day, Email's from Janet Heath to RCOW re: signage at the Stan Allen reserve.

**Moved:** Erica Pike **Second:** Barb Godde

## **2. Reports:**

### **2.1 Financial Report:**

Amount received in the bank deposited from Milawa Olive person, unsure why at this point, Sally to investigate. Current balance \$10,367.59 Sally suggested we look for another bank as the current structure is difficult, requiring two signatures. The committee would like to look into sourcing a new bank.

**Moved:** Erica Pike **Second:** Clare Cowdery

Sally Day has handed in her resignation as treasurer, this was accepted. All thanked Sally for her hard work. The committee accepts the new treasure Kim Shirley, until the next AGM in August 2016.

**Moved:** Graham Abotomey **Second:** Arthur Parker

**2.2 Fire Brigade Report:** Graham Abotomey presented the report, hay stack fire in December in Milawa, attended a car accident, and also attended a tree fire south of Oxley. Oxley was on call for the Barnawartha fires.

### **2.3 Oxley Reserve Committee:**

New Committee is as follows:

Chairman -Daniel Parker

Secretary -Dianne Feldtmann

Treasurer -Clare Cowdery

Bookings Officer/Project Manager -Sandra McDonald

Moyhu Pony Club Rep -David Thwaites

Committee Members –Jeremy Campbell, Monica Dwyer

Works at the Rec Reserve:

- Split system has been installed.
- Shower block and disabled unit work has begun with a working bee last night to take the roof off and remove internal fittings in the shower/toilet block. Dan, Arthur Sandra & John McDonald, Jamie, Monica
- Looking for a cleaner to clean the toilets once a week.
- Possible opening and fun evening at the reserve in March/April 2016

### **2.4 Social Club: Social Committee**

- Relay for Life total for 2015 was \$4868.50. It has been suggested that we still be a part of this event but we could give most of our money to the Royal Children's Hospital or something similar such as Ronald McDonald House.
- We are looking for ideas for events and activities.

### **2.5 Community Pride Committee:**

- Wangaratta Community Pride Meeting Feb 19<sup>th</sup>
- Clean Up Australia Day –Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Wangaratta Harmony Day March 21<sup>st</sup> 2016
- Keep Victoria Beautiful Awards are open March 1st. Last year we were a finalist in the Cultural Heritage Section (see the book)

## 2.6 Remembrance Day Committee.

Don spoke about the day, a great turn out. The guest speaker Mr Iskov was terrific. Lyndsay did a great job as MC on the day.

**Moved all reports:** Neil Brock   **Second:** Janet Heath

**3. Community Plan:** The 2016 updated plan, nothing new. Update and resend into RCOW. Will be sent to Sally Rogers to be put on website. Sally Day to send to RCOW.

3.1 Town History Walk: Neil is ready to go on with this project and will include the Milawa group. Forward progress expected.

3.2 ORA Website: Still has old committee and old information. Sally Rogers to update website. Action: Jamie to email Sally Rogers with the current minutes, including all meeting dates for Sally Rogers to update website.

3.3 Public Facilities: New bins have been put in the park, inside the fenced area.

3.4 Oxley Street Sealing: Graham Abotomey, street sealing letters to council, no response so Graham sent a letter to the administrators. Allen Clarke letter to Graham apologising for a lack of action, Maree Walker went on a tour of Oxley with Graham Abotomey, no maintenance plan for the township of Oxley, if residents want action a written letter must be received by RCOW outlining issues, they would then send out workers to investigate. Maree Walker letter to Graham, hopefully this financial year will see repairs to various streets in Oxley. Graham will wait with anticipation for works to begin.

3.5 Stan Allan Reserve: new mulch and new signage in RCOW workflow.

## 4. General Business:

4.1 Oxley Oracle: Clare and Sally Day to put it together, looking for volunteers to print, staple and fold. Committee agreed on a quarterly publication and agreed to continue producing the Oracle.

4.2 Telecommunications: Graham Abotomey, email sent to Wayne Prior. Wayne can get 100% coverage to all residents, at a cost per household. The cost will vary according to each individual needs, he is quite happy to come here and hire the hall over two nights to sell the idea to the residents and offer his services. Graham is waiting to hear back from Wayne.

Sally Day and Graham Abotomey spoke to Steve Tinker at Telstra (Area General Manger, Northern Victoria) re: poor mobile service. Options for improved service were discussed:

\* The Mobile Blackspot Program is not applicable for us, as we do not have a poor enough level of service (still have service generally outside of homes, but not good inside homes). \* Option for a transmitter on the NBN tower would cost \$0.5-1 million and is not a viable option.

\* At a single home scale, Telstra can supply a receiver and booster kit with aerial costing approximately \$1500 per household.

\* Moyhu and a few other towns in Victoria have been trialing a new 4G mini cell for the last 6 months for data only. This trial will soon also include voice calls. Voice and data will be known as 4GX. If this technology works, these mini cells could be the way forward for improved mobile service in towns the size of Oxley.

\* The 4GX mini cell technology would suit as the Oxley exchange is located at the end of the Police Paddock at the Hall grounds. An aerial could be put on the Hall roof. They need power and would need to run optic fibre cable from exchange to hall. It would cost between \$50-100k. If the Oxley community could fundraise and get support from local, State and Federal levels, we could probably put \$50k together to do this. Possibly a viable option.

Action: Sally Day to write a letter to Steve Tinker saying that the Committee is in favour of exploring use of the 4GX technology. We would like to see the results of the 4G voice calls trial and also get a quote for constructing a similar service in Oxley.

**Moved:** Graham **Seconded:** Sue. **Carried.**

4.3 AGM Date for ORA: will not change and will be held in August 2016.

4.4 Printer/office space, the scope includes laptop, printer and office space. Jason has a quote for the all in one machine \$4000.00, Neil, Janet, Sally and Jason will meet and discuss options. Sue Abotomey asked should we obtain a second quote, Jason assured everyone that the deal was the best option available.

Jason Mullins would like to drop in on the supplier and confirm details.

4.5 Timing of meetings: Janet Heath discussed the timing of the meetings, a different day or possibly later in the month as the meetings clash with school holiday dates. We need to regenerate these meetings to attract new people, flyers in the mail was suggested by Sally Day. Neil mentioned two kids that received junior awards, should the committee congratulate them, maybe a scholarship for grade 6 kids? Need to do more to promote the meetings (Sally Day) general discussion by everyone.

**Meeting Closed at: 9.25pm**

**Next Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of April.**