ANZAC Centenary Community Coordinating Committee

Minutes

MEETING #6
Monday, 1 June 2015
Moonee Valley Civic Centre, 9 Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds
at 6.01pm in Committee Meeting Room (Level 2)

Attendees
Cr Jan Chantry  Chairperson – Buckley Ward
Cr Andrea Surace  (Sub Chair) – Rose Hill Ward
Bill Laker  President, Keilor East RSL
Bob Chalmers  President Essendon Historical Society
Barry Gough  Former Mayor City of Essendon
Elaine Brogan  Friends of Sandy
Everett Reynolds  58/32 Infantry Battalion Association Ltd
Gavin Comport  General Manger, Keilor East RSL
Judy Maddigan  Local Historian
Robyn Harris  15th Essendon Sea Scouts
Trevor Sinclair  Bendigo Bank Board Member / former Mayor Moonee Valley City Council
Yvonne Kernan  2013 Moonee Valley Citizen of the Year
Anthony Smith  Acting Director Environment and Lifestyle
Maria Tence  Manager Arts and Culture
Mark Hammett  Manager Parks and Gardens
James Martin  Manager Communications & Corporate Planning

Apologies
Rev Alan Colyer  Anglican Parish of St Thomas
Ange Kenos  Essendon RSL Sub Branch
Jane Canaway  2014 Moonee Valley Citizen of the Year / Freelance Journalist and Editor
Cr Jim Cusack  (Sub Chair) – Myrnong Ward
John Hills  Essendon Historical Society
Order of Business

Welcome
Meeting opened at 6.01 pm.
The Chairperson welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Apologies
Apologies received from Rev Alan Colyer, Ange Kenos, Jane Canaway, Cr Jim Cusack and John Hills.

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
   Moved by Trevor Sinclair, seconded by Elaine Brogan that the Minutes of the Anzac Centenary Community Coordinating Committee (#5) held on Monday, 30 March 2015 be confirmed with no changes.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
   None recorded.

3. Actions arising from previous minutes.
   3.1 The 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association Inc.
      (a) Location and installation of “tablet” in Queens Park
      Mark Hammet met with Ev Reynolds and agreed on the spot in Queens Park where the memorial to Pompey Elliott will be installed. It will be near the cannons and near the Lone Pine that will be planted. Ev reported that the stonemason is working on the monument and that it will be launched next year, probably in August. Because of the significance to the citizens of Essendon, this memorial will be presented to the citizens of Essendon.
      ACTION: James to amend calendar on Council’s website for event.

      (b) Care of Lone Pine tree
      Mark and Ev have determined the location where the Lone Pine will be planted. Because of its significance to the citizens of Essendon, a plaque will describe the meaning of the tree to the district with a dedication “In memory of the Citizens of Essendon who fought at Lone Pine”.
      Ev considered that some thought may need to be given to how to protect the tree whilst it strengthens, grows and becomes established.
      The planting event on 8 August was discussed and agreed that Rev Colyer will be invited to officiate, and a military delegate will be invited to speak.
Anthony suggested a meeting to sort out the details and discuss the Order of Proceedings, speakers and invitations.

**ACTIONS:**
- *Mark to work out how to protect the tree whilst it grows.*
- *Ev to provide *Mark with wording so dedication engraving for plaque for Lone Pine can be organised.*
- *Judy to ask Rev Colyer to officiate at planting of Lone Pine.*
- *Invitations to be organised and mailed by Council.*
- *James Martin to organise Communication Plan highlighting significance of the planting, speakers etc.*

### 3.2 Women Caring for Veterans of War, Inc.

Mark Hammett reported that he had met with Women Caring for Veterans of War Inc. to determine where the statue will be installed. He stated the statue will be delivered in June and it will be installed one week prior to the official launch on 29 August.

Maria reported that she is in the process of organising the logistics and catering for the event, starting at 11am. She will liaise with Stephanie Curry and James Martin regarding invitations and Order of Proceedings.

It was suggested that it may be a good opportunity for Essendon Historical Society members to dress in period costume.

**ACTIONS:**
- *Rob Chalmers to discuss participating in the event with other Essendon Historical Society members in period costume.*
- *James Martin to develop a Communications Plan to include a media release and photographs.*

### 3.3 Renewal and update of the Avenue of Honour signage boards

Trevor Sinclair stated that an application to the Victorian Government has been submitted and are awaiting a formal reply. Will follow up in due course if a reply isn’t forthcoming.

Trevor explained that the scope of the work also involves placing panels in sequential order, updating the historical information and adding new panels.

**ACTION:** *Mark and Trevor to discuss further about location.*

### 3.4 Heritage Plaques on homes

Discussion postponed.
ACTION: Barry Gough to follow up on what is required for discussion at next meeting.

3.5 Street Signs
Maria said she will be holding a meeting with John Hills, Essendon Historical Society, who has done a lot of research on street names, when he returns from his European leave, next week.

ACTION: Maria to bring wording of street name descriptions/explanations back to the Committee before sending to production.

3.6 Remembrance Day – Wednesday, 11 November
James reported he has drafted letters to schools and churches requesting the ringing of bells. Letters will be forwarded to the Mayor for signature. He will also formulate a letter to Department of Transport seeking their collaboration in stopping the trams for Remembrance. It was discussed to request that trams could ring bells one minute prior to 11 am if they cannot stop running.

ACTION: James to follow through with the sending of the letters.

3.7 Music in War Time
Judy reported that there are four concerts to this series, the first of which by the Essendon Symphony at the Clocktower has already occurred.

Concerts are listed on events calendar but the concerts for next year are yet to be decided. Once dates confirmed they will be passed on to James to place on Council’s online calendar of events.

ACTION:
- Judy to send James calendar of concerts once confirmed.
- James to amend online calendar of events.

3.8 Canons at Kensington Town Hall
Maria said she spoke to Melbourne City Council about the missing cannons but they stated they were removed only during the Kensington Town Hall refurbishment works and the cannons themselves had been repaired. Now they are back in their usual location in front of the Kensington Town Hall.

Members of the Committee enquired about other cannons. A discussion ensued about the significance of the various cannons. It was agreed that the cannons that were located in the ground of the Essendon High School should be located, even though they were removed in the 1950s.
**ACTION:** Maria to contact Essendon High School to ask if they know what happened to the cannons.

4. **Planting of Lone Pine**
   
   Discussed during item 3.1.

5. **Other Business**

   5.1 **Queens Park Cenotaph wall**
   
   Judy reported that plans for the memorial wall around the Cenotaph were progressing and would be using Council’s plaque supplier to make the plaques for the names of those who died and date of death. Plaques will also recognise regiments and other units at war, not only soldiers. Judy reported that the design for the wall was in line with the Queens Park Master Plan. The plan and design references the original gate walls.
   
   The Committee asked where the original gates to the Cenotaph are now located and why they were removed.
   
   **ACTION:**
   
   - Judy to continue discussing wall design, plaques and installation timeline with Mark Hammett and bring designs back to the committee when finalised.
   - Mark to investigate the whereabouts of the original gates and report back to the Committee.

   5.2 **Updates on projects:**
   
   Elaine Brogan reported that the post and rail fence for the Friends of Sandy project has been postponed due the Defence Department not making land available. She said that the fall-back position is to install the memorial in the open space adjacent to the Defence land area with the installation scheduled for May 2016.
   
   **ACTION:** Committee to write to Defence Department to support Friends of Sandy project (CC Maribyrnong Council).

   5.3 **Success of Keilor East RSL Anzac Service:**
   
   Members of the Committee noted the growing success of the Keilor East RSL Anzac service. Over 6,000 people attended the Hoffmans Road dawn service in 2015. There was also a school project run, through which 1400 students from 8 schools marked names of soldiers on crosses and planted them on site.
ACTIONS: Committee Chair to write to RSL staff to thank them for the extra effort put into delivering a successful event for the 100th anniversary of the Anzac commemoration.

6. Date of Next Meeting
   Monday, 7 September, 6pm.

The meeting closed 7.00 pm