Anzac Centenary Community Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Monday, 20 November 2017 at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers at Moonee Valley City Centre, 9 Kellaway Ave, Moonee Ponds

Attendees

Cr Andrea Surace  Chair – Rosehill Ward
Cr Samantha Byrne (Deputy Mayor)  (Sub-Chair) – Rosehill Ward
Cr Jim Cusack  (Sub-Chair) – Myrnong Ward
Barry Gough  Former Mayor City of Essendon
Bill Laker  President, Keilor East RSL
Bob Chalmers  President, Essendon Historical Society
Elaine Brogan  Friends of Sandy
Everett (Ev) Reynolds  58/32 Infantry Battalion Association Ltd
John Hills  Essendon Historical Society
Judy Maddigan  Local Historian

Council Officers

Jim Karabinis  Manager Leisure
Patricia Keenan  Coordinator Arts and Culture
Cassandra Fenton  Senior Business Support Officer (minute taker)
Russell Beer  Coordinator Horticulture & Public Space Services

Apologies

Dino De Melis  Manager Operations
Order of Business

Welcome
Cr Surace opened meeting at 6.00pm

Apologies
Noted as above.

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
   The Committee accepted the previous minutes held on 11 September 2017 (#17).

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
   Nil.

3. Items (Key actions arising from events and activities planned)
   3.1 End of Centenary Year activity
      Elaine Brogan
      Elaine and Cr Cusack have had prior discussions about an End of Centenary Year activity, and both presented their thoughts and ideas to the committee for feedback and discussion.
      Elaine presented her ideas to the committee in the form of a document, titled Event Proposal - Elaine Brogan - ANZAC Centenary Commemoration (attached)
      Cr Cusack presented his ideas to the committee in the form of a document titled Event Proposal – Cr Cusack - ANZAC Centenary Commemoration (attached)
      After much discussion it was decided that a subcommittee would be formed to plan and execute the End of Centenary event. Cr Surace called for volunteers.
      The following committee members will form the subcommittee; Cr Cusack, Cr Surace, Elaine Brogan, John Hill, Ev Reynolds, Barry Gough and Council Officer Jaqueline Di Giorgio.
      The first meeting will be held on 6 December in the Civic Centre.

   3.2 Friends of Sandy memorial update
      Elaine Brogan
Elaine was elated to announce the Friends of Sandy Memorial was completed, and had been unveiled by the Minister for Defence, Marise Payne.

Cr Surace congratulated Elaine on her hard work over many years to bring this memorial to fruition.

### 3.3 Rejuvenation of Avenue of Honour on Heinze Reserve

**Judy Maddigan**

Judy advised the committee that the panels were looking to be completed in January, due to some delays.

Ev advised that he sent through a document to Judy and Council regarding the information listed on the plaques. He had the plaques reviewed by a panel, who have advised that there are certain inaccuracies listed on the plaques that break military protocol, and that there could be a possibility of an appeal if they are unveiled with this information.

Bill advised that the plaques were an East Keilor RSL project, and the original intention of the plaques was to give a brief history on our local heroes. He felt that all the feedback from various members was moving the plaques away from their original intention.

As a solution, Judy will send the panels to Veterans Affairs for their feedback to ensure protocol is followed. The panels will then be edited based on feedback from all parties.

Judy also provided the committee with an opportunity to review the Laurie Larmer booklet, created from a grant that she had received to produce the booklet.

### 3.4 VC Commemorative plaque for Issy Smith

**Russell Beer**

Russel advised that the Issy Smith plaque has been installed at Victory Park. Ange Kenos has been notified of this installation. Council is in the process of touching base with Ange to seek his direction to arrange a commemoration ceremony.

### 3.5 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association Ltd – Seat update

**Ev Reynolds**

Ev provided an attachment to the committee titled *Ev Reynolds Report* (attached).

Ev has been speaking with Arthur Pedis about the possibility of the gardening team creating a Remembrance garden area in the
commemorative corner dedicated to the 58th in Queens Park. Arthur had mentioned planting new flowers and adding stepping stones.

Ev also raised the option of erecting the Remembrance Seat discussed at prior meetings next to the monument on the Maribyrnong, across of Aberfeldie Park. He advised that the current monument is in bad condition and will need replacing, and that this will fit in nicely with the seat. He also noted that there is a possibility of applying for an Armistice Grant of up to $50,000 to support this.

Cr Cusack agreed that this was a fantastic idea, and would like to have Council Officers work with Ev on the creation of the grant application to ensure it incorporated all the costs required.

**Action:** Jim Karabinis to review the master plan and raise this idea in a meeting with other Council Officers, and report back to Ev.

**Action:** Jim Karabinis to arrange meeting with Ev and appropriate Council Officer to assist with application of Armistice Grant.

3.6 Potential upcoming projects

**Ev Reynolds**

Ev advised that the Colours had been successfully moved outside Council Chambers, and the process was beginning to have a plaque mounted close by the cabinets explaining the meaning and history of the Colours. When the Book of Remembrance is returned, it will also be displayed in this cabinet with the Colours. Ev will also be producing a booklet to display near the Colours, explaining the history.

3.7 Honouring Bill Scurry

**Barry Gough**

Barry was successful in finding out the address of Bill Scurry, 70 Middle Street.

Barry also investigated the small section of West Street that has been closed off. As the houses in the area face another street, there is the opportunity to change this part to Scurry Court, without the hassle of re-numbering for residents.

Barry’s suggestion were that a plaque could be erected near the place that was formally 70 Middle Street and/or re-name the small section of West Street ‘Scurry Court’.

Cr Cusack advised that the re-naming of the street is quite an extensive process and a formal application would need to be made to Council.

Ev also advised that it would be important to write to the Scurry Family to update them on this potential project.
**Action:** Barry to work with Council Officers on creating an application for the street name change

**Action:** Ev to provide details of Scurry Family to Council (Jim Karabinis or Patricia Keenan) to make contact when a decision is made regarding the honouring of Bill Scurry.

### 3.8 Villers-Bretonneux – presentation from Council

Ev Reynolds

Ev updated the committee on the battalion’s plans for the presentation at Villers-Bretonneux.

Jim Karabinis advised that Bryan Lancaster will also be attending this ceremony in a personal capacity.

It was suggested that Bryan might like to make a presentation on behalf of Council.

**Action:** Jim Karabinis will discuss Council making a presentation at Villers-Bretonneux with Bryan and report back to the committee.

### 3.9 Meeting dates for 2018

Jim Karabinis

Committee agreed to follow a similar format as previous years for the meetings (Mondays in the Civic Centre). Suggested dates below to be confirmed by the committee.

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### 4. General Business

N/A
5. **Close of Meeting / Next Meeting**
   Cr Surace closed the meeting at 7.00PM

6. **Future Meeting date**
   Monday, 5 February 2018