Anzac Centenary Community Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Monday, 5 June 2017 at 6.00pm in the Committee Room at Moonee Valley City Centre, 9 Kellaway Ave, Moonee Ponds

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Order of Business

Welcome
Meeting opened at 6.00pm.
The Chairperson, Cr Jim Cusack welcomed all attendees to the meeting and paid acknowledgement to the people of the Kulin Nation, elders past and present.

Apologies
Noted as above.

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
The Committee accepted the previous minutes held on 20 March 2017 (#14) with amendments as raised by E Brogan.

Under Item 5. Other Business, ‘4.6 End of Centenary Year activity’ should read ‘5.6 End of Centenary Year activity’ and the last sentence under this item to read: “Not budgeted for by Council however funding could be available from State and Federal Governments.”

Moved by E Brogan with correction and seconded by B Chalmers.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
Nil.

3. Key items arising from previous minutes

3.1 Essendon RSL (Craig Medcalf)
Correspondence from Mr Ange Kenos regarding a request for a plaque of Issy Smith in Queens Park. C Mcalfe has made contact with Mr Kenos and advised that a plaque will be located at Victory Park.

3.2 End of Centenary Year activity (Elaine Brogan)
Elaine has contacted State Government and is awaiting a reply to confirm if funds are still available.

4. Items (Key actions arising from events and activities planned)

4.1 Friends of Sandy memorial
Elaine Brogan
Defence land not available in 2017. The proposed location is Randall Street, west of the Maribyrnong Community Centre and scheduled for 30 October 2017.

4.2 Update on Essendon Rifles book
Judy Maddigan
Completed and launched at Niddrie Library on 30 March 2017.

4.3 Rejuvenation of Avenue of Honour on Hynes Reserve
Bill Laker, Elaine Brogan and Judy Maddigan

The project has been given approval by Council and State Government to be extended. The draft copy and photographs are completed.

4.4 End of Centenary Year activity

Elaine Brogan

Research has been conducted on past speakers and other end of war activities. E Brogan has spoken to Sharon Keppel about a possible cocktail function at the Civic Centre and suggested that the Mayor could be presented with a book that highlights each of the Centenary of Anzac commemoration activities.

She is waiting to hear back from State Government if there are any funds still available.

J Maddigan advised that there was a service at St Thomas’.

Cr Cusack suggested there may need to be a sub-committee to move forward with planning an end of centenary activity.

4.5 VC Commemorative plaque for Issy Smith

Craig Medcalf

To be placed at Victory Park and should be installed by end of July. Need to advise Minister of installation.

5. General Business

5.1 Anzac Wall

The wall was launched on 23 April 2017. B Chalmers was pleased with outcome but expressed concern about wear on top of the wall.

B Chalmers thanked MVCC, V Slizys, J Maddigan and staff at Council.

Action: C Medcalf to follow up with contractor.

5.2 Manager Operations

C Medcalf advised Committee of his resignation from MVCC and his new position at Maribyrnong City Council effective 16 June 2017. He has learnt a lot from the Committee who he said should be proud of their achievements.

5.3 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association Ltd

E Reynolds advised the Committee that their next newsletter will come out via email on the weekend.

1918 is an important year for the Battalion and Council. The Battalion has been in touch with the French Embassy and is contemplating doing something in 2018 at Villers-Bretonneux. At this time, the Mayor of the day was invited to attend and wished to advise Council of this. Cr Cusack offered to take this on from Council’s perspective by raising it at a Strategic Briefing of Council and to discuss what officers could do.
The Battalion is keen to install a Remembrance seat next to the lone pine and would like to develop a commemorative corner dedicated to the 58th in Queens Park. J Karabinis suggested seeking funds in next Council grant round which open 4 July and to review the Queens Park Masterplan to determine if possible.

**Action:** Review Master Plan for Queens Park and appropriate actions required if a seat were installed.

**Action:** Sharon Keppel to distribute newsletter to Councillors and staff

5.4 **Keilor East RSL**

B Laker informed the Committee of the launch of the Laurie Harmer book and CD on Wednesday 31 May 2017. Laurie Harmer was a pilot from a WWII bomber squadron. Copies are to be made available in Moonee Valley Libraries.

**Action:** Copies to be provided for Library Service.

5.5 **Judy Maddigan – Local Historian**

J Maddigan advised the Committee that not much has been planned for the future. She will talk to John and Lenore to consider projects for other military units between now and 2019. She suggested perhaps a march with the light horse brigade and local schools. Cr Cusack suggested the next calendar of work would need to be started on now.

**Action:** J Karabinis requested attendees to bring key diary dates to next meeting.

5.6 **Cr Cusack**

Cr Cusack talked of the possibility of renaming a park at the bottom end of South Street, Ascot Vale in commemoration of Bill Scurry. Will need to confirm the process for name changes. J Maddigan indicated it might need to include Bunty Lawrence.

**Action:** E Reynolds to follow-up with connection to family.

6. **Close of Meeting / Next Meeting**

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Next meeting Monday 11 September, 6 – 8pm.

7. **Future Meeting date**

Monday 20 November 2017, 6 – 8pm.