

Go! Highlands Inc.
A Community Association of the
Central Highlands

General Meeting

**Wednesday 8th October,
2008 commencing at**

5.30 pm Lachlan Hotel, Ouse



MINUTES

Attendance

Patsy Clarke, Mary Downie, Marta Brysha, Richard Downie, Philip Pitt, Deidre Flint, Deidre Flint, Lana Benson, Andrew Benson, Sally Embrey, Lynn Isles, Warren and Fleur, Mandy Cruickshank, Simon Josey, Maria Josey, Dean Winter, Don Ainsworth, Peter Lorraine, Geoff Herbert, Matthew Pitt, Jane Parsons, Michael Parsons, Steven Joyce.

Apologies - No formal apologies received

1.00 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Philip Pitt, **Seconded:** Sally Embrey, that the minutes of the March meeting be accepted.

2.00 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Questions were raised regarding:

- Sally Embrey's suggestion re a wheelchair accessible path near the Ouse hospital. As stated in the previous minutes, this was deemed to be a matter outside the Go! Highlands charter and probably more suitably addressed by the CHC.
- Letter to Charles Woolley – with no response received this is no longer being pursued.

3.00 CORRESPONDENCE

3.01 Out:

- Community Cultural Development - Bombshells
- Mandy Cruickshank
- CWA with Report of expenditure of Bush Dance Funds
- CHC re termination of contract with Mission to deliver CfC in CH
- Letters of thanks to those who supported us with Bombshells,
- Letters of thanks to E.Clark, K.Smith, T.Oakley for Tadpoles program
- Michael Polley approval of \$9000.00 grant to assist with community bus costs

3.02 In:

- Notification of success with Sport and Rec grant - \$4650.00
- Letters x 2 from Premier congratulating on GH supporting Adult Learners Week
- CHC re Community Cultural Development
- CHC re Installation of Garden Shed @ Ash Cottage
- Di Klaosen re membership
- Dion Lester - re JLUPI Draft Strategy
- Liz Laing - re Adult Learners Week
- Direct Deposit Remittance for ACE grant \$3850.00
- CHC re Community Cultural Development
- Dick Adams re receiving Community Support Levy Charitable Grant \$7955.00

4.00

COMMUNITY HEALTH

4.01 Arts in the Central Highlands

- **Theatre Production “Bombshells”:** July 4, 2008
- **Theatre Production “Happy Me!”** September 11, 2008

Andrew Benson commented on what a great event it was and how much the audience enjoyed and appreciated it. Mary thanked the CHC for their support of the 2 theatre events.

- **A Girl and her Squid, Tuesday December 9, 2008**

Due to local schools starting their learn to swim programs school children will not be able to attend on this date. Mary Downie is currently negotiating with Tas Performs to bring the production to Ouse one week earlier.

It was asked whether theatre productions will be brought to other centres within the Central Highlands. In the immediate future the answer is “no” as Tas Performs wishes to establish a regular presence in Ouse.

- **Cabaret Event, 2009**

Sally Embrey has proposed a cabaret event involving local people and coordinated by a professional cabaret artist.

4.02 Economic Development

- **Andrew Benson delivered the presentation “A Considered View on the Development of Economic Capital and Social Capital in the Central Highlands”.** The terms “Economic Capital” and “Social Capital” were defined with applicable examples drawn from initiatives already in place in the Central Highlands. Andrew then went on to expand on how an economic development program could be developed through cooperation between the CHC and the Central Highlands Community to ensure the viable future of our community.
- **Electorate Officer, Dean Winter, spoke on behalf of the Department of Treasury and Economic Development.** Dean congratulated Andrew Benson on his topical and thorough presentation and expressed his enthusiasm for community initiative as demonstrated by groups like Go! Highlands. He was very supportive of our quest for economic and social development in the Central Highlands and made very clear that the Government would look very favourably on submissions involving cooperation between local council and community groups.

The floor was then opened to discussion:

Peter Lorraine, who has been employed by DHHS to develop the restructure of the Ouse Hospital indicated that social development is high on his agenda and that he is open to consultation with the community. He confirmed that an architect has been employed to design a new group of 5 dependency units to be built on the site where the units adjacent to the hospital currently stand. The new units will be designed to be user friendly for elderly or disabled inhabitants.

Central Highlands Mayor, Deidre Flint, was in attendance. The Mayor reported that the CHC is currently in negotiation with the DHHS to fund a position for a full-time Economic Development Officer. The CHC recently advertised a position for an Economic Development Officer at 0.4 FTE, however the Mayor indicated that given the current negotiations with the DHHS, a full-time position is more likely to be offered.

The Mayor was adamant that “although the community were not aware of it” the council has been pursuing the issue of economic development as a high priority. When questioned as to why the community was generally unaware of council goings-on the Mayor conceded that the CHC has historically been poor at communicating with the general public, but that she was keen to rectify the situation. When the Mayor was further questioned on how she intended to involve the community in the process of economic development she was non-committal in her response, however when pressed further did agree, in principle, to a (minimum) quarterly meeting between the CHC and community groups. At this point the Mayor indicated that the issue of community consultation would be discussed at the next council meeting to be held at the Bothwell Council Chambers on Tuesday October 21, 2008 at 9.00 am. Peter Lorraine will

be attending this meeting to address council regarding the hospital redevelopment and fostering community involvement.

Concern was raised from the floor regarding the lack of any reference to social development in the current job description for an Economic Development Officer. The Mayor's response was that as yet the specifics of the role of the Economic Development Officer had not yet been defined and that this may well be something that evolves as areas of need are identified. It was suggested that given the social inequality experienced by residents of the Central Highlands, relative to other regions of Tasmania, what is required is for a separate position for a Community Development Officer to be created. The Mayor stated that at this stage the CHC did not have the funds to pursue this.

5.00 COMMUNICATION

6.00 TREASURERS REPORT

(Tracey Turale)

In Tracey Turale's absence the treasurer's report will be held over to the next meeting. Mary Downie reported that Go! Highlands is solvent.

7.00

GENERAL BUSINESS

7.01 New Grants

- **Sport and Recreation Tasmania: Community Recreation Grants Program, 4,650 – for a diabetes program**
- **\$1800 received for Women's Development Small Grants Program for CHRHS**
- **Community Support Levy Charitable Organisations Grants Program – *Active and healthy with Diabetes***
- **Community Support Levy Charitable Organisations Grants Program – *Miena Adult Education Program***
- **Volunteer Grants Program 2008 – *Supporting Volunteer Drivers (under application)***
- **Colony 47 will be giving another \$5,000 to work with students in Bothwell**
- ***\$9,000 received towards that community bus service from dept of premier and cabinet***

7.02 New Members

7.03 Web Site (Simon Josey)

387 hits on website. Mary Downie proposed that we develop a Go! Highlands email address accessible to members of the executive to simplify communication with other organisations and individuals. The idea of a Central Highlands youth online communication forum for was raised. It was generally agreed that this would be worth pursuing. **Moved** Andrew Benson; **Seconded** Patsy Clarke that we submit a funding grant for Youth Week 2009

7.04 Wayatinah Sports and Social Club

- **Lease Agreement Between Go! Highlands and Central Highlands Council**

WSSC representative suggested that the lease document is extremely onerous and perhaps more comprehensive than required. Need to organise a meeting with CHC, WSSC and GH to discuss the details of the Lease Agreement. . The details of the Lease Agreement need to be finalised before October 28. **Moved** Andrew Benson; **Seconded** Lana Benson, that action be taken on to finalise the Lease Agreement

8.00 PROJECT REPORTS

8.01 Community Support Levy Charitable Organisation Grants program Small Grants – *Parenting Place*

This grant has not been spent despite needing to be spent by July 2008. Mary Downie is currently exploring the possibility of an extension. Lana Benson suggested targetting the money at new mothers to decrease social isolation and provide support to these, often very young, mothers.

ACTION: Mandy Cruickshank, Patsy Clarke, Lana Benson, Steven Joyce.

8.02 Community Bus

- **Review of Policy and Administration to be conducted by Executive for discussion at February Meeting**

9.00 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

10.00 POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

11.00 OTHER BUSINESS

12.00 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday February 11, 2009. Venue to be announced

13.00 CLOSE 7.55 PM

IDEAS CHEST

President's Signature:

Date: