

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NURIOTPA CENTENNIAL PARK AUTHORITY
Held in the Office Board Room
On 9th April 2014 commencing at 7.35pm**

WELCOME

Guy Martin, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRESENT Chairperson, Guy Martin, CEO, Ian Klaebe, Community Members, Peter Rosenberg, Roger Leske, John Reusch, Ian Mader, Cr Susie Roehr, Sports Centre Rep, Daryl Semmler, Managers, Jeff & Julie May.

GUESTS Joanne Wilson – Barossa Council,

APOLOGIES Luke Longbottom, Andrew Reusch, Ray Duance

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOVED J. Reusch that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2014 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

SECONDED P. Rosenberg

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Susie advised Jamie Turley from the Barossa Council has been working in conjunction with Tarac and getting advice on how to stop the birds roosting on the grape marc. They are attempting to adopt some scare techniques to deter the birds.

The Secretary will send a letter to the Council highlighting the problems the Park is encountering due to the birds and the cost involved to repair the damaged oval floodlights.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN JTS Electromech Services – Quotation to supply and install a new distribution board

in “B” section

Barossa Council – Cabin approval

Jo Thomas, Barossa Council – NCPA Charter

OUT Jo Thomas, Barossa Council – NCPA Charter

MOVED R. Leske that the correspondence be accepted.

SECONDED P. Rosenberg

CARRIED

REPORTS

· FINANCE

· Accounts for payment

\$ 12,505.59

- Balance at 9/4/14 \$ 188,417.23
- Loan \$ 650,000.00 Dr

MOVED I. Klaebe

SECONDED D. Semmler

CARRIED

FOOTBALL

Football matches commence on Saturday 12th April. Football Club volunteers have painted the grandstand, the first time in decades with the Park supplying the paint.

CRICKET

No Rep.

NETBALL

No Rep

TENNIS

Quotes to resurface the courts have been received from Prestige Sports (\$78,650) and MBM Sports \$62,350.

MOVED P. Rosenberg we accept the cheaper quote from MBM Sports

SECONDED I. Mader

CARRIED

SOCCER

Soccer matches commence on Saturday 5th April.

SPORTS CENTRE

A new committee for the Sports Centre has been selected with good discussions and problems being resolved.

BUSH GARDEN

The Barossa Bush Gardens had a successful open day. A number of rabbits have been affected by myxomatosis which is a good result.

BUSH CHAPEL

No report.

HIGH SCHOOL

No Rep.

SCOUTS

No Rep

MANAGERS

The Park was busy during March and achieved a good return. Figures were slightly down on last year as 2013 figures included income from Easter and some Vintage Festival bookings.

Another successful Uniting Church KUCA Camp Out was held from the 21st to the 23rd March and they have again rebooked for 2015.

Dates for the 2015 Vintage Festival have been changed. Tourism Barossa have taken over the running of the Festival and it will now be held the middle weekend of the SA April School holidays. Our 2015 Easter bookings commence on Thursday 2nd April and with the change in dates for the Vintage Festival this does affect a number of our interstate guests who visit us bi-annually.

The Park Assistants will be away from the 9th to 27th April inclusive. The groundsman will assist over the Easter period along with the amenity girls who will do a night clean.

The Barossa Valley Tourist Park has been selected as the preferred accommodation venue for the Santos Junior Tour Down Under which is being held this weekend. Our banners will be on display at the SA Company Kitchen which is the base for the tour. Flyers will be going in all of the information packs and we are supplying a couple of gift vouchers as prizes.

The Managers attended the Nuriootpa Futures Association AGM on Tuesday 8th April.

The latest Top Tourist Trends survey was tabled. The survey showed a disappointing growth in occupancy rates across most states except for QLD. SA showed 44% remained the same, 44% of Parks were worse off and only 12% were better.

Jeff thanked the Football Club for the work carried out at a recent working bee. The grand stand has been painted and line marking of the sport's entrance roadway. The Club, however does need to be responsible for cleaning up after themselves and keeping their area tidy. Boxes from drinks they sell have been left for our staff to clean up. It was suggested a letter be forwarded to the Club advising them of their responsibilities.

A quote of \$18,539-40 to hot-mix the remainder of Oval Avenue has been received from All State Bitumen.

MOVED R. Leske we seal the road subject to budget timing.

SECONDED D. Semmler

CARRIED

Three of our new cabins have recently been delivered to the Park with the next three arriving early to mid-May.

The blades on the oval mower have been sharpened.

There has recently been a spate of vandalism in Coulthard Reserve, along with eskys and drinks from eskys in the Park being stolen.

The power distribution box for "B" section has been ordered and is currently being worked on.

A number of rabbits have been affected by myxomatosis.

The tiling in the Football Club visitor change rooms is in desperate need of repair. A quote to repair the change room is to be included in the budget.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

An independent Chairperson is required to chair the meeting of the Audit Committee. Leonie Boothby is happy to take on the role of Chairperson.

MOVED P. Rosenberg we appoint Leonie Boothby as Chairperson subject to her clearing her conflicts of interest.

SECONDED I. Mader

CARRIED

Jonathon Gerhardy is willing to continue as an independent on the committee and will also include members of the Executive Committee.

GRAND PLAN

Guy Martin advised that Steve Bell could create some layouts for the centre of the Park showing the future location of a pool, new meeting room and cabins. The cost to do the drawings would be approximately \$3500.

MOVED I. Mader we give Steve Bell an order for \$3500 to supply layouts of the Park.

SECONDED J. Reusch

CARRIED

Jo Wilson advised the Business Case for Future Investment (Grand Plan) and associated financial modelling has been updated to reflect the Capital Expenditure phasing and loan funding position endorsed at the March board meeting. A significant amount of work has been undertaken in developing and analysing funding options to support the proposed capital investment across the Tourist Park. The Business Case identifies the fact that the NCPA precinct is no longer self-sustaining with the net surplus generated by the BVTP insufficient to meet the operational costs of the sporting facilities and Coulthard Reserve. As a result, the Business Case notes that consideration needs to be given to how this overall net deficit (which will increase if Council and NCPA elect to do nothing – i.e. no significant capital investment over the next 5 years) will be addressed. Part of the discussion around

this issue also compares the operations of equivalent sporting and recreation reserves across Council area and the fact that the net deficit associated with the operation of other precincts is absorbed or fully funded by Council. The Business Case is structured in three parts, providing analysis, discussion and recommendations regarding:

- 1 the NCPA's Asset Management Plan (or recommended capital expenditure – The Grand Plan)
- 2 Options for funding the proposed Capital Expenditure
- 3 Options for future governance of the precinct.

The Business Case will be finalised during April for consideration by Council's Corporate Management Team prior to discussion at an Elected Member Workshop.

Board members questioned whether they will be forwarded a copy of the Business Case for their consideration. Jo Wilson agreed to seek clarification from Martin McCarthy and provide a response at the next Board meeting.

The board agreed to defer the decision to purchase a further 2 cabins until the June meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The interviews for a Business Manager have been completed and the Executive committee recommend we employ Tanya Pumpa for 4 days a week on a 12 month contract.

MOVED P. Rosenberg we employ Tanya Pumpa for 4 days a week on a 12 month contract.
SECONDED I. Mader **CARRIED**

The Strategic Direction 2014-2018 was tabled and will be emailed with the April reports to all board members.

John Reusch advised the sign on Penrice Road has been damaged by a falling limb of a tree.

Ian Mader suggested a representative from the Nuriootpa High School attend the NCPA board meetings.

Julie presented some advertising options the Park will use to help increase occupancy over the quieter months.

NEXT MEETING to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of May, 14th May 2014 at 7:30pm.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:05pm

Confirmed

Date:

Chairperson:

