



AGM - MINUTES

1st September 2022, Supper Room

Meeting started at 7.15 pm

1. Attendance

Howard Wilcockson, Denise Wilcockson, Elizabeth Haworth, John Diment, Lukas Mrosek, Sharon Ireland, Bronwyn Clarke, Michael Garner, Liz Smith, Pat Synge, Paul Gibson, Réjane Belanger, Jim Duff, Liam Cole, Deb Fleming, Lisa Marriott

Apologies

Sylvia Merop, Steve Ireland

2. Minutes of previous AGM 21/09/2021– circulated. Pat/Denise *Carried*.

3. President's report (Howard Wilcockson)

Report read (*see below*).

4. Treasurer's report (John Diment)

Report circulated (*see below*). There is \$6,428.71 in the bank. Denise /Liz. *Carried*.

5. Special resolution: proposed amendments to Constitution

Pat explains that the changes are either from the new model rules or to simplify ours (*see below*). Each changes explained and discussed.

The proposed amendments are accepted as proposed. Rejane/Bronwyn. *Carried*.

6. Election of new office bearers and committee

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Howard Wilcockson	Rejane Belanger	Michael Garner
Vice-President	Denise Wilcockson	Rejane Belanger	Michael Garner
Treasurer	John Diment	Rejane Belanger	Denise Wilcockson
Secretary	Rejane Belanger	Denise Wilcockson	Michael Garner
Committee	Elizabeth Haworth	Sharon Ireland	Denise Wilcockson
Committee	Brownwyn Clarke	Sharon Ireland	Rejane Belanger
Committee	Sharon Ireland	Rejane Belanger	Howard Wilcockson
Committee	Elizabeth Smith	Denise Wilcockson	Rejane Belanger
Committee	Michael Garner	Denise Wilcockson	Howard Wilcockson
Committee	Pat Synge	Rejane Belanger	Denise Wilcockson
Committee	Liam Cole	Elizabeth Smith	Sharon Ireland

As there was only one nominee for each position on the executive they were duly appointed.

7. Appointment of Public Officer

Michael Garner. *Carried*.

8. Audit

As the Association's assets are valued at less than \$250,000, an auditor is not required.

Meeting closed 7.40 pm

Date of next AGM - to be decided



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GENERAL MEETING -MINUTES

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1. Attendance

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3. Update on various current projects

Discussion on the Old School Farm, loop road parallel to Mary Street, widening of Lymington Road which is a state road (letter to council being circulated), etc.

4. General discussion on possible future projects

- Cycle-friendly Cygnet: making Cygnet surrounds more cycle-friendly would attract visitors. Suggestions that we get some ideas together about intersections, parking, signage, shared lanes.
- Foot and cycle path on top of Balfour Hill, to Cygnet Coast Road. Would make a great loop and would attract visitors
- Lower speed limit in town. **Action: to be put on agenda with Jason. Ask for stats in advance.**
- Foothpath from Sailing Club to old public jetty: the previous General Manager had informed us that funding for the construction was to be included in the 22-23 HVC budget. Now it appears to be off the agenda as deemed too expensive. We should continue to work on it.
- Recognition of district pioneers (and Aboriginal history): suggestion of a plaque, a fountain, a statue. David Coad should be consulted if we go ahead with this idea.
- The idea of a wall mural was explored but no appropriate wall is available.
- Creating a town square in car park once the loop road is completed.
- Better information center – more work needs to be done. Notice boards are being revamped. **Action: someone to recover the blank notice board (which we never got permission to use). It is behind Eco shack.**
- There is a good walkway to boatclub. We could add signs along it about old and new interesting history. It would make a better tourist walk.
- A town walk would be good.
- Be more active online: we could link to huonvalleytas website and Council website.
- Have more input on the new tourist map.

3. Other events coming up

- Cygnet Cycling Festival 5th November 2022 - should attract visitors. Money will be raised for various projects: the BMX race fundraiser will go to museum, another fundraiser will go to tCA so we can contribute to some project.
- Art Trail in Huon: October 2022 and 2023. This year there are 20 venues total (half in Cygnet area). Next year should see 30-40 venues involved. Bronwyn suggests tCA support it.
- Story towns are coming here. There will be 4 topics. Museum, SETAC are involved. It will be an audio podcast. We could become a history town that talks.

Comments made that tCA needs to be present in as many events as possible.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

Next committee meeting: 15th Sept at the CWA, 7pm

The Cygnet Association

President's Annual Report 2022 AGM

Fellow members I'm pleased to report that the Committee of the Cygnet Association had in 21/22 a year that I think has set a trend of becoming increasingly constructive.

Our long-standing projects, of having the Council incorporate a constructive approach to the development of the Old School Farm site in George Street in line with community wishes and the development of a loop road running parallel to Mary Street to ease some of the traffic congestion have taken steps forward.

We submitted to Council via planning organisation, Red Seal two strategic Master Plan designs – one for the Future Road Corridor concept that takes in the area behind the business sector and a specific area plan overlay for the Old School Farm as a suggested guideline for the locality's development.

This follows the State Government's announcement that it has allotted \$5million for the Cygnet Township Safety Upgrade. The grant will be provided in three instalments over two years.

This allocation came as a result of the tCA's activities in this area – so we do in fact deserve a pat on theback.

Thanks to Patrick obtaining a grant, the water station was obtained and installed in Mary Street, we obtained a small community grant that enabled the purchase of a printer , several members have worked diligently on establishing a brochure titled Cygnet Local Walks which will when completed feature nine separate walks highlighting what can be seen in each and we have managed to get an historic plaque erected with two more about to go in now that we have the appropriate fittings for them.

This year has seen, thanks in a large degree to the addition of new member, Sharon Ireland and regular visitor, Bronwyne Clarke a number of new initiatives with quite a few projects coming to fruition.

Undoubtedly the highest public profile project was the recent Skills Up for Success evening held in the Cannery last month. I thought it was well worth attending – but a tad disappointing in that more local business-people did not attend.

I wonder if a synopsis could be done of the event with that sent to them, so they get the message as to how important it is to the Town's Future – and to theirs, that visitors have a good experience when visiting Cygnet.

We're also pushing for the widening of Lymington Road, the upgrading of new tourist boards, an improvement to the bus stop behind the Town Hall and we're hoping to get better direction to the upgrading work taking place in the Burtons Reserve playground.

Beautifying Cygnet is a traditional topic always on the agenda with an interesting variant this year that we're hoping to develop street art on street crossings in Mary Street.

Another project is that we're hoping to obtain a lease on the old Weighbridge Cottage that we might use as a site for centralising the storage of our belongings as well as possibly using it for meetings.

One of the advancements made that I think recognises the status of the Cygnet Association is that the Shire Manager, Jason Browne attends our meetings once a quarter. This gives us some updating of projects in the pipeline, an idea of Council thinking on various topics and enables us to get a few points across more effectively.

I think it was a good move that the Cygnet Association did not involve itself in the efforts to remove him as a result of the very poor system of his appointment.

In conclusion, much deserved recognition should go to our secretary, Rejane Belanger who has been doing an outstanding job in her role - and recognition must also go to our prime driving force, Patrick Synge who without his drive and knowledge of issues, (as I have said before) – I, for one, would be totally lost.

Additionally, our stalwart committee of Michael Garner, Denise Wilcockson, Sharon Ireland, Liz Haworth, John Diment (treasurer), Lucas Mrosek and Liz Smith are of great value.

We must also give recognition to former local Huon Valley Councillors, Paul Gibson and Christine Campbell who have taken time out to frequently attend our meetings. They deserve full credit as a councillor's lot is an extremely busy one and these good people deserve recognition for their dedication.

Once again, I for one, have found being involved with the Cygnet Association most interesting – and I know my fellow committee members think the same.

I think the last 12 months has been quite a constructive period - we're heading in the right direction and we can look forward to another year of making a worthwhile contribution to the future of our town and community.

Howard Wilcockson
President

The Cygnet Association
Treasurer's Report 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022

Current Bendigo Account Balance \$ 6,428.71

(Balance September 2021 \$11,602.65 - ie drop of \$5,173.94)

This year summary:

Grants and membership income \$4,610

Expenditure \$9,783.94

(Net reduction \$5,173.94)

Details of Income:

- Memberships x 22 is \$110
- Grants \$4,500

TOTAL: \$4,610

Details of Expenditure

- Red Seal Planning \$2,409
- * Plaques \$1,372.30
- * Cable detection \$210
- * Installation of water fountain \$2,345.84
- Xmas Decorations \$979
- Skills Up \$900
- IT and Printer \$1,439.90
- Advertising \$127.90

Total: \$9,783.94

** NOTE: These items were paid from grant income received before the beginning of the 21-22 financial year.*

John Diment Treasurer

SPECIAL RESOLUTION: amendments to tCA constitution

RED = proposed deletions

GREEN = proposed additions

ORANGE = proposed additions that have been incorporated into the amended Model Rules and adopted by tCA

4. Objects and Purposes of Association

(1) The principal objects of the Association are:

- (a) To be a non-profit association of residents, businesses and property owners in the ~~town of Cygnet and its immediate surrounds (as described in clause 4.1(e) below)~~ **Cygnnet Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) area** and to serve the interests of Cygnet in any manner necessary as decided at a General Meeting of the Association;

(...)

- ~~(e) To represent the interests in this Clause 4 in the area bounded by the 60 kph road speed limit around Cygnet township – or such other area as a General Meeting of the Association may decide from time to time.~~

5. Membership of Association

Individual membership of the Association shall be open to a person who is a resident, business owner or operator, or a non-resident owner of real property **in the Cygnet SA2 area** ~~in the town of Cygnet and its immediate surrounds (as described in clause 4.1(e) above)~~, subject to the following procedures:

(...)

13. Notices of General Meetings

(...)

- (c) Notices of upcoming annual general meetings can also be sent electronically.**

14. Business and Quorum at General Meetings

(...)

- (3) A quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting is ~~15~~ 10 members of the Association entitled to vote.**

(...)

15. Chairperson at General Meetings

At each general meeting of the Association, the chairperson is to be –

- (a) the president; or
- (a) in the absence of the president, the **senior** vice-president (if appointed); or
- ~~(b) in the absence of the president and the senior vice-president, the other vice-president; or~~
- (c) ~~in the absence of the president and both vice-presidents,~~ the secretary or treasurer or another officer of the Association; or

(...)

22. Officers of the Association

(1) The officers of the Association are as follows:

- ~~(a) one president;~~
- (d) ~~two vice-presidents;~~ **one vice president**
- (e) one treasurer;
- ~~(f) one secretary.~~

~~(2) One of the vice-presidents may be known as the senior vice-president.~~

(...)

24. Election of Numbers of Committee

(...)

(b) delivered to the public officer of the Association at least ~~10~~ 5 days before the day

26. Meetings of the Committee

(...)

(5) A quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee is ~~6~~ 5 members of the committee.

(...)

(8) At each meeting of the committee, the chairperson is to be –

(a) the president; or

(g) in the absence of the president, the ~~senior~~ vice-president; or

~~(h) in the absence of the president and the senior vice-president (if appointed), the other vice-president; or~~

(i) ~~in the absence of the president and both vice-presidents,~~ the secretary or treasurer or another officer of the Association; or

(j) in the absence of any officer of the Association, by a member of the committee elected to preside as chairperson by the members of the committee present at the meeting.

(...)

28. Subcommittees

(...)

~~(d) faxing it to the member's fax number; or~~

(...)

31. Service of Notices and Requisitions

(...)

~~(c) faxing it to the person's fax number; or~~

(...)

32. Expulsion of Members

(1) The public officer can remove a member (or associate member) from the register of members if the annual fee is unpaid either:

(a) 3 months from the beginning of the financial year

(b) or 14 days after the member has received notice, in writing, from the public officer