

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

BASSENDEAN LOCAL STUDIES COLLECTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 48 OLD PERTH ROAD, BASSENDEAN

ON THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2015 AT 9.30AM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Acknowledgement of Country

The Presiding Member opened the meeting, welcomed all those in attendance and conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND ADDRESS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

3.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Cr Paul Bridges, Presiding Member

Cr Anne Brinkworth

Val Hobson

Michael Grogan

Staff

Allan Caddy, Manager Library & Information Services

Janet Megarrity, Local Studies Librarian

Amy Holmes, Minute Secretary

4.0 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 April 2015

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 5.1

MOVED Cr Anne Brinkworth, Seconded Michael Grogan, that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2015 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Reconciliation Action Plan - Implications for the Management Committee

BACKGROUND

It was resolved at the last meeting that this item be deferred to the next meeting to allow for input from all Committee members.

The Town adopted a Reconciliation Action Plan in April last year. The RAP was developed to ensure the aspirations and needs of Aboriginal community members were accurately represented in the community's vision of the Town in the future.

One of the recommendations of the RAP review conducted in October 2014 relates directly to Local Studies. That recommendation is as follows:

“Consider seeking grant funding and working cooperatively with ATSI groups (such as South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) and others for the following:

- 1. To record oral histories and develop written histories of the region, including its more recent history from a range of perspectives (ie last 50 years);*
- 2. To develop specific heritage information available to Town staff and the community, including a display or exhibition as appropriate on the areas of cultural significance in the Town;*
- 3. To develop Bassendean specific information and stories for school children in the area (possibly in co-operation with the Education Department); and*

4. *Consider appointing an ATSI representative to the Local Studies Collection Management Committee or ensure that an ATSI representative is invited to meetings when matters impacting the ATSI community are being discussed."*

Points 1, 2 & 3 are brought to the Committee's attention and will be included as part of the future Collection Policy development and Local Studies Collection activity.

Point 4 impacts directly on the Instrument of Appointment and Delegation and relates to the consideration of either appointing an ATSI representative to the Management Committee or calling an ATSI representative as needed to assist the Committee.

The Committee was asked to discuss its preferred operational model and make a recommendation to Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - ITEM 7.1

LSCMC – 1/08/15 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Val Hobson, that the Committee recommends Council amends the Instrument of Appointment and Delegation to include membership from four to five members with the additional member being an ATSI representative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 Local Studies Librarian's Report

Research on street name origins continued for the Annual History Lecture, Bassendean's Places and Faces which was provided on 3 June 2015 by the Local Studies Librarian.

Contact has been made with great granddaughter of Catherine and John Hamilton, an early midwife and pioneers of the district for which Hamilton Street is named. Donations of photographs etc.

Contact has been made with the grandson of Elizabeth and Tom McNair, early pioneers of Whatley who had a farm Kenmuir, from which Kenmure Street is named. Donations of photographs etc.

It is worth noting that there are no more copies of Jennie Carter's book Bassendean: A Social History 1829-1979 for sale from the Bassendean Memorial Library.

Students from Bassendean Primary School visited the Bassendean Memorial Library and undertook a photographic identification activity and had the opportunity to ask questions of volunteers on 10 June 2015.

Collection Management

Due to the lack of access to the image database, no photographs have been catalogued. When access is stored, photographs will be catalogued.

Oral History

Ms Maxine Laurie, who has undertaken many oral history interviews contained in the Local Studies Collection has passed away. Mr Allan Caddy attended her funeral to represent the Town of Bassendean.

An interview with Mr Albert Corunna, which also involved his wife and daughter, has been undertaken by Heather Campbell.

There are funds available for six interviews (including three aboriginal locals). Suggestions are:

- Darryl Long - Avon Descent and World Record Kayaker;
- Gould family representative;
- Phyllis Ptololmy - WWII representation in Australian Women's Land Army;
- Audrey Errington (oldest student of Eden Hill Primary School still alive); and
- David Uhe - establishment and demise of the Bassendean Rotary Club.
- Karen & Carl Nicoletto – Early vineyard
- Alan Kickett – Eden Hill
- Nathaniel and/or Ivy Gillespie
- Bella Bropho

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1(a)

LSCMC – 2/08/15 MOVED Cr Anne Brinkworth, Seconded Michael Grogan, that the Committee recommends to Council that the following three oral history interviews be undertaken:

1. Phyllis Ptololmy;
2. Darryl Long; and
3. Karen & Carl Nicoletto.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

New items

Biographical information on Henty family and Blockley families;
Rededication of Bassendean War Memorial program;
Bassendean War Memorial Relocation photographic album
August 2014- April 2015 by Steve Perkins;
Anzac Day 2015 program;
Memories of the Midland Railway Company of Western
Australia by Philippa Rogers ;
2011 UBD Street Directory 53rd edition;
Four photographs of Fairie house at park with wishing well on
the corner of Surrey Street; and
Documentation of Places for Entry in the Register of Heritage
Places (August 2014) for Bassendean Fire Station (Former).

Processing

Indexed Bassendean Briefings April- May 2015 Volume 102
Newspapers - 53
Books - 4
Rates Book Indexing - 52, 722

Enquiries

The following enquiries have been made by members of the public:

- Information about Bindaring Park and Pickering Park. Historical information provided from biographical files in the Local Studies Collection.
- Information about local sites of interest, including Peter Broun's Bassendean Homestead. Information was provided from a variety of sources about the person and the house.
- Assistance to search genealogy using Ancestry.com and assistance was provided.
- Information about architecture types and research advice about identifying architecture in Western Australia. Information provided from the Local Studies Collection and Bassendean Memorial Library.
- Advice about starting genealogical research. Free charts were provided and information about local on-line resources for researching births, deaths and marriages and access to Ancestry.com within the Bassendean Memorial Library. The patron was advised about the Genealogy Centre in the State Library of Western Australia and the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.
- Requested access to Eastern Reporter newspapers which are located in the Local Studies Collection in print and microfiche formats.

- Information about the history the BIC site. Biographical information about Jose Hay and images from the Library catalogue were provided. Information from Alf Thomas and Jennie Carters' history books was also provided.
- Information about the Bassendean Wireless Station. Information was provided from the Local Studies Collection and the National Archives of Australia. The patron was referred to the City of Melville with Wireless Park Hill museum and the Morsecodians Society Inc.
- Information about the Australia Post red pillar box on the corner of North Road and Surrey Street. Information provided from the Town News, Library Catalogue and West Australian Newspaper Library.
- Information about events occurring in 1985 within the Town of Bassendean. Information sourced from the Town News, microfiched newspapers and online.
- Information about the origins of the Maltese Society of Western Australia. Information provided from the Local Studies Collection.
- Information about Cyril Jackson (biography) and Daylesford House (architecture). Information was provided from biography files and from Heritage Council Assessment for the permanent register.
- Information about naming places in themes from local history sources. Suggestions included local men and women and local industries and businesses.

Surrey Street Steering Committee

The Surrey Street Steering Committee has not met since the last Local Studies Librarian's report.

History Review Steering Committee

The History Review Steering Committee met in March to work on a Request for Tender. Dr Fiona Bush has been identifying images for inclusion for the future publication.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1

LSCMC – 3/08/15 MOVED Val Hobson, Seconded Michael Grogan, that the Local Studies Librarian's report be received.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

8.2 Financial Activity Statements

The Financial Activity Statements 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and 1 July 2015 to 30 July 2015 are shown below.

LOCAL HISTORY EXPENDITURE 2014/2015

Date	Description	Credit
	Income as at 31 March 2015	\$80.00
5/02/2015	History Book	\$20.00
	Income Received from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015	\$100.00
	SUMMARY	
	Total Income for 2014/2015 - from 01/07/2014 to 30/06/2015	\$100.00
	Budget for 2014/2015	\$150.00
	Income required to meet Budget	\$50.00

LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT EXPENSES 2014/2015

Date	Description	Debit
	Expenditure as at 31 March 2015	\$6,834.93
24/03/2015	HEATHER CAMPBELL TO INTERVIEW CARLLE BENTLEY & TRANSCRIPT	\$665.00
20/04/2015	TOWN OF BASSENDEAN-PETTY CASH-PLEASE PAY CASH LIBRARY - LOCAL STUDIES - SUPPLIES	\$54.27
25/05/2015	HEATHER CAMPBELL TO INTERVIEW WITH ALBERT CORUNNA	\$665.00
05/05/2015	COMMONWEALTH CREDIT CARDS LIBRARY - CONSUMABLES - HISTORY LECTURE CREDIT CARD - MAY 2015	\$96.08
01/06/2015	FLAIR PHOTOGRAPHY TO SUPPLY ONE COPY OF BOUND PHOTOGRAPHIC SELECTION MEMORIAL RELOCATION	\$350.00
05/06/2015	ENTITY MEDIA TO RECORD ANNUAL HISTORY LECTURE PLUS 15 DVD COPIES	\$1,363.64
	Expenditure From 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015	\$10,047.01
	SUMMARY	
	Total Expenditure 2014/2015 - from 01/7/2014 to 30/06/2015	\$10,047.01
	Budget for 2014/2015	\$11,000.00
	Balance of Expenditure to Budget	\$952.99

LOCAL HISTORY EXPENDITURE 2015/2016

Date	Description	Credit
	Income as at 1 July 2015	\$-
2/07/2015	Local History Lecture	\$9.09
	Income Received from 1 July 2015 to 30 July 2015	\$9.09
	SUMMARY	
	Total Income for 2015/2016 - from 01/07/2015 to 30/07/2015	\$9.09
	Budget for 2015/2016	\$150.00
	Income required to meet Budget	\$140.91

LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT EXPENSES 2015/2016

Date	Description	Debit
	Expenditure as at 1 July 2015	\$ -
	Expenditure From 1 July 2015 to 30 July 2015	\$18.09
	SUMMARY	
	Total Expenditure 2015/2016 - from 01/7/2015 to 30/07/2015	\$18.09
	Budget for 2015/2016	\$11,000.00
	Balance of Expenditure to Budget	\$10,981.91

The Manager Library and Information Services will follow up on the \$5,000 funding for oral history interviews.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.2

LSCMC – 4/08/15 MOVED Cr Paul Bridges, Seconded Cr Anne Brinkworth, that the Financial Activity Statements be received.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

9.0 MOTIONS FOR WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Nil

11.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

12.0 CLOSURE

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 5 November 2015, commencing at 9.30am.

The Presiding Member thanked Cr Anne Brinkworth for her service to this Committee.

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 10.35am.