



## **Board Meeting Minutes - Rotary Club of Berry Inc. 9 May 2023**

**Attendance:** Haseena, Suad, Paul, Grahame, Phil (left early), Ian, and Shona

**Apologies:** John and Bill

**Meeting opened:** 7:08pm

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Noted that purchase of two horse jumps, should read 'one horse jump', not two.

Shona moved a motion that the previous minutes be accepted. Seconded - Ian

### **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Headset, light installation at Rotary Bar/Grill, and Wifi dropout issue – All Pending/carried forward

Bolong Church – Haseena will be putting to the Bomaderry Rotary Club (she'll be attending one of their meetings), to update them on the Bolong Church and their areas of need, should they be able to assist.

Celtic Festival/Financials. Shona has approached Peter S for clarification.

### **BOARD REPORTS - President – Haseena Tweddle**

**Celtic Festival** – Have received approval from NSW Planning S138. And Ian will do Acknowledgement to Country at the event opening.

**Membership** - Caroline, Joel and Sophia – All are ready for Rotary Club Induction. All have had fireside chats with Haseena/Suad. Nil issues from chat, and it was determined that all three were deemed suitable candidates for membership.

Suad noted she received one concern from a club member (pertaining to nominees' contact with a different community group),

Suad raised concern re: filling out member proposal form details (white form). Reminding all to please ensure that a club member/nominee fills out the form, not the nominated person, as has been the case recently. Also, to please not meet a new member outside of club meetings to fill out the form/orientation. This will avoid any discomfort. The nomination form can be filled out pre or post weekly meeting or during tea break etc.

Robert Banning – Will need to be contacted by John please to determine interest/suitability.

**Rotary Nature Park and Avenue of Trees**—Haseena did a walk through the Avenue of Trees and its looking great! Noted that Grahame is chair of the Park Committee.

There's been some complaints from neighbours pertaining to the bells on the entry grounds, in that people/kids come at night making sound from the bells and bothering local neighbours. Its also noted there's a survey sign from Shoalhaven City Council, though unfortunately with nil mention of Rotary.

**Changeover Bulletin** – Board members to please have all reports submitted by 23 June 23 and to forward to Bill (following further discussion with President, kindly send Reports to Suad). List of dignitaries completed and will be forwarded to Suad to send invites.

**Member Survey** - Discussion regarding the Acknowledgement of Country held. It was clear some board members did not feel a need to do an acknowledgement to country at every meeting. Suad questioned the benefit of having the question in the Survey in the first place, given that a Board decision had already been made not to have Acknowledgement to Country said on a weekly basis, she noted that a concern was that it would be lip service if done weekly, and she noted it was certainly not lip service from her, and that it's the respectful thing to do Haseena highlighted it was gradual change for our Club.

**Think Tank** – Haseena noted she attended the Gerringong Sunrise Club meeting, which was great to see other local clubs and how they operate. Discussed ideas from the Think Tank list including, raffles, barefoot bowls etc. Also highlighted events big and small that our Club manages. Members also highlighted it was important to be aware of future event dates that impact members, including Easter, Mother's Day etc which members feel they can't support due to family commitments.

**Honorary Member** – Noel Marshall is not ready to progress at this stage but likely by the end of this year.

**Set up of Rotary Container** – Paul and Grahame will be checking prices at Bunnings with a view to purchasing shelving for the container.

\*Haseena moved that the club purchase a shelving system for max \$1K, Shona seconded.

**Turfco** – Gavin and Sue have donated \$5K. this will go towards a table/seat (and plaque) in the kids' learn to ride area. Thank you Turfco.

**Zone 8 Foundation** – A speaker will attend our Club in 23/24.

**Resolutions List** – All up to date

**Haseena's last Club meeting as President** – will be a fun Review, on Thursday 29 June 2023

**Walk and Talk** for Life – Karen and Jenny are leading it. However, there's concern re: limited number of attendees, also, that a sausage sizzle is difficult to do as we don't know how many will be in attendance, therefore its likely this may not continue.

**Shona/Community Garden Offer** – Shona offered her farms' Community Garden should the Club want to organise any events there.

**Rotary BBQ/Grill** – Horst, Haseena and Narelle will organise to undertake a big clean up.

**Open Field/Arts Event** - Our Club may be doing a sausage sizzle. More info coming.

### **Secretary - Suad Haddad**

**Secretary's Role** – Suad noted she will not be Secretary in 23-24, though will take over the Bulletin Editor role.

### **Treasurer – Bill Seelis**

Bill is currently on leave. A copy of the months Financial Report will be made available/forwarded to board members upon Bills' return.

### **Club Administration -Ian Nicol**

**New Secretary** – Ian noted that Terry Delahunty will be 23-24 Secretary. He said that club member, Josie, also showed interest.

**Food/Buffer** - Ian spoke with George who has now put Omelette back on the menu. He also spoke with him about the possibility of not having dessert, rather, improving the buffet choices in lieu of dessert, menu items such as salt and pepper calamari. All present members are in agreeance

### **Community Service - Paul Andersen**

**Tree Management/Working Bee.** Will await Ken's return from overseas because Ken has the machinery/equipment needed.

**Shelving** – will arrange purchase and set-up with Grahame (will use power pass for discount).

**\*Chocolate Wheel and Roster** – will speak with the Men's Shed towards making a new wheel. And will update roster. There'll be 7 teams of 6 people, with reserve being Shona and Paul Gibson.

**Thank You** – Paul expressed gratitude to Haseena, for her management for the Lazy Mountain Event. A great success.

**SFFD** – Paul noted he'll lead the event and has started the ball rolling.  
Café Rotary – Haseena and Team will organise this.

### **New Generations/Youth - Shona Gibson**

**Youth** - The NYSF second applicant, S Middleton, will attend a meeting to speak to us about his experience. Date to be arranged.

**Mo Higgins Scholarship/Award** – Have had 8 enquiries and thus far, one application has come in. Awaiting more to come.

**Celtic Festival** – Coming together very well. Will need over 30 volunteers and roster ready to be filled. Budget is on target and online ticketing going well. Sponsorship is coming in with approx. \$6K thus far. Entertainment is under control, and there'll be more diversity in food and a roaming mike.

### **Membership & Vocational -John Brentnall**

See President's Report re: new member info.

**Public Relations - Grahame Sweeney**

**The Town Crier** will have varied highlights. The Celtic Festival promotion already done.

**The Rotary horse jump** is being prepared and will be ready in approximately 3 months.

**Facebook page** -Grahame will look at the Rotary Club of Berry Facebook page as it seems we were booted off (or something like that)

**International & Foundation - Phil Crocker**

**Centurion Program and Benefactor Program** – Phil noted he has been and will continue highlighting both programs at Club Meetings.

**International** - Phil will also look up/find stories of relevance and share with members. He may also have them in the Bulletin.

**GENERAL BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS ONLY**

Note that Think Tank and Survey were raised by the President. See above.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:45pm

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday 13 June 2023, 6:30pm (last meeting will be with incoming Board and will be a pizza informal dinner meeting).

Haseena Tweddle  
President  
Rotary Club of Berry

Suad Haddad  
Secretary  
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