



## **Board Meeting Minutes - Rotary Club of Berry Inc. 12 April 2023**

**Attendance:** Haseena Tweddle, Paul Andersen, Suad Haddad, Shona Gibson, Phil Crocker, Grahame Sweeney. and Ian Nicol

**Apologies:** Bill Seelis and John Brentnall

**Meeting opened:** 7:05pm

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Paul moved a motion that the previous minutes be accepted. Seconded, Ian.

NOTE - The Report can now be uploaded by Grahame to the Members Area Rotary Club of Berry website.

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

**Headset** – Peter is making enquiries towards this; therefore, matter is pending. Haseena will speak with him Stinson pertaining to purchase/update.

**Light installation at Rotary Bar/Grill** – Light is noted to be donated by Ken, and installation being organised by Bill. \* Installation is pending.

**Wifi Strength/Access** – Matter Pending. \*Bill still making inquiries as to best path to take.

**Bolong Church** – Pending - \*Haseena is going to ask Bomaderry Rotary Club (regarding their funds to be given to the church or some of their funds should they wish).

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

**Fiji Solar School Project** – Proposal from David Brawn (All Board members were sent a copy pre meeting). Whilst this was discussed at the meeting, President Haseena called for an extraordinary meeting, which was held the following day post the weekly meeting. Subsequently, the following decision was noted.

Majority are in favour for the Club to pledge \$5K now, rather than wait until next meeting in May 23'. This will allow David to commence seeking/promoting to other Clubs to pledge same. Haseena moved the motion for the Rotary Club of Berry to pledge \$5K \*(conditions as per Aug 2022 minutes). John Seconded the motion.

**Purchase of Two Horse Jumps** – Haseena discussed the idea of purchasing Horse Jumps at the Berry Equestrian Centre. This will both support the Equestrian Centre as well as promote Rotary in the Community. Cost likely to be approx. \$1,500 each.

Haseena moved a motion to purchase this, with Suad seconding the motion.

**Four Day Lazy Mountain Festival** - The Event was a success, and, on the Saturday, the Clubs' Bar/Grill was open to the public. Some food was left over, though will be used at our next event at the Pump Track Official Opening on 14/4. Haseena thanked everyone for their hard work.

**NSW Planning** – Haseena has completed the S 138 Submission for the Celtic Festival 2023.

**Avenue of Trees** – A working Bee is needed for the surrounds and replacement of dying trees. Work towards this will commence soon. \*Paul to organise.

**Flood Appeal** – Looking to source funding for building new kitchens in homes damaged by floods. Shona suggested that kitchen companies can be contacted or builders that have gone bust. Further information is needed before a decision can be made. \*Appeal stood over to next meeting/more information needed.

**President Elect Training/District Assembly** – Haseena attended the Merimbula location on 17-19 March and will also attend the Orange location soon. All members are encouraged to attend. Haseena provided a brief report. Noted that the Rotary International Convention is coming up at end May.

**Honorary Membership** – Noel Marshall prefers to be awarded Honorary Membership at his home. He will receive a Certificate and a brief ceremony held with date to be advised.

**Club Changeover Date** – Set for 7 July at the Shoalhaven Heads Bowling Club. Cost will be \$45 per person.

### **Secretary - Suad Haddad**

Secretary's Rotary Email Addy - Suad queried whether Secretary's email, as noted on official correspondence is regularly checked, as she doesn't have access/password etc. She was advised by Grahame, that he regularly checks it and will forward any correspondence requiring attention.

### **New Members Progression Update**

Caroline – Attended more than 3 sessions and is ready for fireside chat. Suad/Bill will facilitate this.

Joel – Almost ready and Suad given nomination form.

Sophie – Nil nomination form.

Beverly – Nil nomination form.

David S – Nil nomination form.

Robert B – Nil nomination form.

### **Treasurer – Bill Seelis**

Bill provided via e-copy the Clubs' Financial Report. It would appear the Club is doing well.

Haseena moved that the financial report be accepted. Paul Seconded.

Shona noted that for clarification, she'll speak with Bill Re: Celtic Festival finances.

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

**Tea/Coffee** for members is going well, though we now provide own milk.

**Buffet** – a request to bring back the Omelette (possibly replace the braised chicken/vego dish with it). \*Ian will speak with George.

**Survey** – Brief discussion about the Survey results, and it was decided to review the results at May's meeting. \*Grahame to bring in the results.

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

Paul provided a written report highlighting the following update.

Shipping Container – Working Bee was successful, and installation of 2<sup>nd</sup> container was in late March. He's now working on shelving installation.

Tree Management - working Bee scheduled for late March.

Bain-Marie purchased via E-Bay, and other purchases to be made soon, including 3 x adjustable tables, Headpiece/mike (Peter and Haseena), Wifi Extension – \*Bill to follow up.

Paul thanked Haseena for her leadership and hard work at the Lazy Mountain Music event. It was a success. Paul also provided financial stats for the various events throughout the year.

**Member contributions** - Paul noted he's been looking at member contributions at various events. Discussed what can be done to encourage/increase member participation/volunteering at events. It was also highlighted there may be health challenges, family commitments, and that there are various behind the scenes support roles members do.

Ian highlighted that members need to feel a sense of fun/enjoyment from participating.

**Chocolate Wheel** – Paul highlighted that the wheel is quite old. It was decided to ask the Men's Shed to build an alternate one \*Paul to follow up with this request.

Additionally, Paul is also reviewing ways to increase profit margin, including having 10 trays instead of 8, or having two shifts of Leader and 5 members each. \*Paul to update us at next meeting.

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

**Youth** - Olivia, student who spoke at our meeting did a great job! Shona will follow up with the second student to give them a couple of potential dates to speak.

**Mo Higgins Scholarship/Award** – Advertised in the Town Crier. Shona noted she may ask the Parnell's, and local School Principal who may know some students. \*Grahame will also advertise in Facebook group.

**Celtic Festival** - moving along nicely, the entertainment has been booked, and some are providing quotes. Bill has given a financial estimate for the festival.

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

See Secretary Report

### **Public Relations - Grahame Sweeney**

Board meeting minutes have now been uploaded to the relevant members e-site.

The Town Crier will have an article about the Celtic Festival.  
The Scottish Banner Newspaper also had two articles/ads, and there'll be a notice in social media, primarily the Facebook Berry Community page.

### **International & Foundation - Phil Crocker**

**Centurion Program** - Phil will speak to members about the Centurion Program. Ian noted he's brought back from training he attended, several Centurion Program tubes and plaques for members. Phil will speak to members at the next weekly meeting.

Haseena encouraged Phil to speak about any International Foundation topic to update our members. Noted that some topics are in the weekly Bulletin.

**Benefactor Program** - Phil continuing to raise importance of and benefits of members becoming Rotary Benefactors. He'll continue to highlight this at weekly meetings.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS ONLY**

**Fundraising/project ideas** – Haseena has sent a copy of a list of potential projects to members. Grahame suggested that we all look through and table/discuss the following meeting.

**Suggestion Box** – Phil spoke about timing of the Sergeants Session may be taking too long, or if members feel they're paying/donating too much. Briefly discussed this, and it was noted there's no expectation as to monetary donation, it can be 20 cents, no pressure on members to give more.  
\*Noted that most members saw it as an enjoyable event.

**Avenue of Trees** – Paul noted that the trees needing replacement will be replaced as soon as Ken is available.

**Turfco Donation** – Grahame advised that Gavin Rogers from Turfco would like to donate \$5K towards the Rotary Play Park. Discussion held and it was agreed that the Kids learn to ride area would benefit from a table/seat, on a concrete slab to allow for disabled access. Grahame will make inquiries re: purchase/installation. The table may possibly have a recognition plaque. It was also agreed that should purchase be above \$5K, the Club will supplement the difference.  
Moved: Grahame. Seconded - Paul

Pump Track Opening ceremony (& Citizenship Ceremony) – Grahame spoke about pending event this coming 14 April. Council is providing \$500 only for provision of free BBQ. Club will be able to sell drinks in view of limited funds from Council. Volunteer assistance is sought from members.

**Meeting Closed:** 8:55pm      **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday 9 May 2023, 7pm.

Haseena Tweddle  
President  
Rotary Club of Berry

Suad Haddad  
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