

## GUNDAGAI SHIRE COUNCIL

### Yarri Sculpture Community Fundraising Committee

Meeting No 11 - Wednesday 1 June 2016 at 1:30pm in Council Meeting Room

**Present:** Peter Smith (Chairman), Sonia Piper, Phyllis Freeman, Miriam Crane, Ian Horsley, Carol McGeachie, Gordon Lindley.

**1. Welcome to Country**

Sonia Piper performed the Welcome to Country.

**2. Apologies:**

Mike Kingwill, Mason Crane, Abb McAlister

**3. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 were read and accepted.

**Moved:** Carol McGeachie; Seconded: Ian Horsley

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Nil

**4. Correspondence**

The Contract from the Meridian Sculpture Foundry for Darien Pullen to sculpt the Yarri statue was received on 26 April 2016 and signed by the General Manager Mr Phillip McMurray.

**Moved:** Sonia Piper, Seconded Gordon Lindley, that the correspondence be received.

**5. Bravery Award Nomination**

Ms Crane advised she visited the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands Study (AIATSIS) and the Western Sydney records office.

AIATSIS held relevant information but it was not available for copy.

Western Sydney Records Office held Brungle School files, however no relevant information was found. Ms Crane was advised to apply to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs for information on aboriginal family history. The form must be completed by a person of aboriginal descent. Sonia Piper will apply.

Joseph Dillon Morley probate information was reviewed in the hope of finding descendants of Jackey (Morley) however Jackey was not a recipient of the will, nor were other descendants named.

**Moved:** Ian Horsley, seconded Gordon Lindley **that it be recommended** that the Gundagai office vehicle be made available for a future visit to AIATSIS and that three (3) Yarri Committee members of Aboriginal descent accompany Ms Crane to obtain further information which is only available to Aboriginal applicants, and \$500 be allocated for research costs.

## **6. Letter to Request Contributions**

A flyer/letter has been prepared to extend the opportunity to interested individuals and organisations from within our community to support the project by making a financial contribution.

**Moved:** Gordon Lindley, seconded Peter Smith that the Gundagai Regional Enhancement Group (GREG) be asked to accept donations toward the Yarri Sculpture to their GREG donation account and an official request be sent to the group.

## **7. Other Business**

- a) Mr Lindley requested the Committee begin to plan for the opening of the sculpture.

The 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Flood will occur in June 2017 and it is hoped to unveil the sculpture and to present the bravery awards for Yarri and Jackey Jackey at the same time. It was recognised it was a chance to use the occasion to celebrate aboriginal heritage.

Mr Lindley suggested that it would be appropriate to present the awards to representatives of the families.

- b) Mr Horsley suggested that the problem of the “rope” in the sculpture be solved by using a form of cable that could be bronzed. He felt the flexibility of a cable would solve the concern of damage to the narrow section depicting the rope attached to the canoe.

The suggestion can be offered to the sculptor during the review of the sculpture progress.

- c) Mr Horsley thanked Ms Crane for her time and effort spent in researching the required information for the bravery awards. All members of the Committee seconded his thanks.

## **8. Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday 20 July at 1:30pm.

The meeting closed at 3:24 pm