

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AVOCA/ROYAL GEORGE & ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT AVOCA COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Mrs C Freeman- Chairperson, Mr L Harwood – Secretary, Mrs S Squires, Mrs S Freeman, Cr M Knowles, Mrs M Dennis,

Guest: Mrs V Burns

**2. APOLOGIES**

Ms M Hunt

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Cr Knowles / S Freeman

That the minutes of the Avoca/Royal George & Rossarden Local District Committee Meeting held on Thursday 29 September 2011 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried

**4. DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.**

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member-

- a) has an interest: or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be received.

## 5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### i) **Monitoring Water Quality St Pauls River**

Mr Harwood advised that no further update has been received from the Department of Public Health in relation to monitoring of water quality in the St Pauls River since September 2011.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be received and the matter be listed for further discussion at the next meeting.

Mr Harwood agreed to notify Mr Michael Cox at Royal George & provide comments about this issue.

### ii) **Flood Warning Advice-- Avoca**

Mr Harwood advised that the following information has been received by Mr Chris MacGeorge—Bureau of Meteorology:-

*“There was a flood warning consultative committee meeting on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November where your request for a local shop keeper to be provided with weather forecasting will be discussed. You do need to be aware that the bureau does not provide flood warnings to individuals however we do provide warnings to agencies with emergency management responsibilities such as SES or Councils. DIER is one such agency and do receive copies of our flood warnings as does the Northern Midlands Council.*

*I think the question is ‘how can we (Emergency Management local bureau and SES) make best use of local information channels for dissemination warning information effectively and who’s responsibility is it. Emergency Management is about building community resilience. In a warning context how do we do this? I will advise you of the flood warning consultative committee’s decision in due course”*

It was **RESOLVED** that the comments from Mr Chris Mac George be noted and it was agreed that Mr Harwood provide an update at the next meeting.

## 6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### i) **2012 Australia Day Celebration & Official Opening of the Avoca Museum & Information Centre**

Cr Knowles provided an update about the 2011 Australia Day Celebrations and also the official opening of the Avoca Community Information Centre.

An invitation was extended by Cr Knowles to members of the Committee to inspect after the meeting the work carried out at the Centre.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

i) Request for Special Annual Refuse Collection. Reference was made to the recent annual offer by Council to collect rubbish from eligible pensioners in the Northern Midlands area and it was requested that the offer be extended to eligible residents in the Avoca/ Royal George & Rossarden area.

It was **RESOLVED** that it be recommended to Council that the “annual special rubbish pick up” offered to eligible pensioners be made available to those residents in Avoca/ Royal George & Rossarden townships.

ii) Appreciation was expressed to Council’s workforce for their effort in repairing the road pavement on Church St.

iii) Drainage Issue- Mr Harwood to arrange for Council’s Environmental Health Officer, Mr Gary Upton to liaise with Mr Shirley Squires—Ph 0437303783.

iv) Overhanging Bushes at Council property occupied by Avoca Community Centre --- Customer Request Form to be issued.

v) New stove in Avoca Hall --- Mrs Freeman advised that the new stove had still not been installed—Mr Harwood to follow up

vi) Council land at rear of Avoca Community Centre and also allotment at rear of needs to be slashed—Mr Harwood to issue a Customer Request Form

## **CLOSURE**

Chairman closed the meeting at 6;40pm Next meeting to be held on Thursday 28 January 2012 commencing at 6.00pm.