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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 1 December 2011 in the Tarooma Community Hall.

Present: Jill Hickie (President, Chair), Dal Andrews, Tony Hughson, Sally Port, Roger Kellaway (Secretary).

Apologies: Alison Phillips, Henk Smit.

It was decided to continue with a semi-formal meeting as we were unsure about whether 5 members were technically a quorum.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 6 October 2011 were approved. Moved Tony Hughson/Sally Port.

Correspondence: in – not formally covered

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Business Arising/General Business:

1. *Letters of Thanks.* It was agreed that Jill Hickie would send thank you cards to Max Banks, June Flood, Annette Hitchman and Arthur McHugh who had retired from the Committee.
2. *Newsletters.* The Committee debated whether it was better to produce three larger newsletters or to return to having four newsletters per year. The general feeling was that four issues spread throughout the year provided a better link to the community. We will check with Andrea Woodward to discuss whether this is practical.
3. *Spending the Micro-grant.* A number of proposals were put forward on how to spend the micro-grant before the April deadline. Suggestions included a tour of energy efficient houses in Tarooma, talks on practical gardening, backyard chooks and permaculture, and the production of the "Businesses in Tarooma" handout. It was decided to follow up on the "Businesses in Tarooma" by advertising in the February newsletter for businesses that missed the initial collection of data.
4. *Kingborough Community Consultative Forum.* Roger Kellaway volunteered to attend. The planning scheme revision and the potential use of the old high school site were likely to be topics discussed.
5. *Australia Day.* It was suggested that the TCA informally promote an Australia Day event of some sort at Tarooma Park in order to build up community spirit. One plan was a 'bring your own' BBQ accompanied by a kayak regatta. It would be informally organised in order to avoid issues with event insurance. The idea to be followed up for 2013.

6. *Path Closure.* The star pickets that had been used to create a track linking the beach at the bottom of Utiakah Drive with Flinders Esplanade had finally come to the attention of the authorities. Their response was to close the track as they would be held liable for any accident as it was either Council or Crown land.
7. *Alum Cliffs Track.* A track between the end of Taronga Road and the Shot Tower is now under construction. The development of a ridge top track with links to the Alum Cliffs Track looks promising. The proposal is being pushed by Peter Fehre who is both a powerful advocate and a successful non-government negotiator with landholders.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer informed the meeting that we currently have \$2,782 in the bank. This sum includes the EYS grant of \$1,672. TCA funds are \$1,110.

Thirty members have joined since the end of the financial year (31 August 2011).

The meeting approved the payment of \$25 to Tony Hughson for receipt books and \$55 to Rendall Ridge for auditing the TCA accounts. Mr Ridge waived the bulk of his normal fee of \$125 to the Association.

The Treasurer raised the need to meet with the Library Committee to discuss the future of the Library. Income from Library memberships was no longer capable of covering their expenses, principally the high cost of public liability insurance. It was suggested that the Library investigate whether any community grants would be applicable. Community grants could also be considered for improvements to the Cottage (eg wired-in heaters, curtains and insulation).

<p>Next Meeting: Committee Meeting on Thursday, 2 February 2011 in the Taroona Hall</p>
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