

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BRIDGE ART PROJECT

Date: Wednesday 23rd May 2012

Time: 4.00pm

Location: 41 Francis St Echuca

1.0 Present: Barry Donchi
Chris Bilkey
Jacqui Berthaume
Clive Atkinson
Judy Atkinson
Kerry Williams
John Kenley
.....Damian Morgan-Bulled
.....Neville Atkinson

2.0 Apologies: Nil

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting
Attached

4.0 Business arising
Nil

5.0 Reports

5.1 Legal Structure BD reported that the legal advice supported the decision to go ahead with art gallery structure rather than the cultural organisation. Estimated cost for establishment of entity and ATO applications for tax deductibility and income tax exemption would be \$3800 plus GST.

5.2 Grant Application Nothing further to report. The application cannot be queried while it is being assessed.

5.3 Bridge Steering Committee DM-B reported that no further meetings of the Bridge Steering Committee had taken place, and that planning processes were proceeding. The noise impact study was still outstanding. DM-B explained that it was the role of the Community Consultation Group to recommend a route to the Steering Committee, which would then make a recommendation to the Minister.

5.4 Communications JB reported that Councillor Di McFarlane (Murray Shire) had expressed concern that the Bangerang people be properly represented in the project. BD had responded, reassuring Cr McFarlane that such representation would be part of the project. JB reported she'd updated the BAP website with quotes from the YYNAC official website in regards to the 8 clans under the Yorta Yorta Nation banner to clarify such concerns.

JB reported that ABC radio website blog carried a derogatory comment about the project implying that it was a money-making exercise for Yorta Yorta. Committee's web response was agreed upon.

Brandricks have indicated that they will be writing to BD with formal offer of pro bono work, with conditions and time to be allotted.

5.5 C4EM CB advised that C4EM had undertaken to sponsor a rally on the bridge to push for a decision to be taken to build a new bridge. The rally is scheduled for June 28. C4EM's position does not favour any particular route, but simply asks that a decision be made and a bridge built as soon as possible. This position is well aligned with BAP's position, which likewise is not advocating for any particular route.

5.6 Community Arts KW reported that she and Anne Mawson (EMAI) would be attending a seminar on the preparation of Arts grants, to be held in Deniliquin on May 29. CB and JB will also attend.

6.0 General Business

6.1 Yorta Yorta Relationship NA explained the basis on which the Yorta Yorta Nation undertakes partnerships of this sort. He indicated that the relationship need to be articulated in a contract, and that underlying values to be reflected in the partnership included benefit to the Yorta Yorta community, enhancement of reconciliation, contribution to education opportunities, enhancement of the standing of the indigenous community and employment opportunities ("lateral values"). He added that any partnership must provide protection for the intellectual property of its members, and that the YYN be represented in the decision making processes of the organisation. NA stressed that YYN favoured organisational structures that were lean and capable of efficient representative decision making. NA + DM-B agreed that concerns raised in Jackie Walker's email to DM-B regarding YYNAC partnership structures will be resolved in the creation of BAP's constitution.

After extensive discussion it was agreed that the BAP Steering Committee would benefit from a cultural training session run by Yorta Yorta.

6.2. Art/Gallery Expert Consultations It was agreed that a sub-group of JB KW and JA work on a contact list for arts organisations and individuals for later use.

6.3 Early Start JK pointed out that the earliest timeline for the completion of the new bridge was likely to be 5 to 10 years, and that there was an opportunity to begin the project with an interim exhibition facility before then. He indicated that the momentum of the project could be better maintained if an earlier start was made, and that the attraction of sponsors would be easier if there was a physical exhibition to support before the bridge completion. JB pointed to the elevated land at the northern extremity of the route as an ideal place to start. The group all agreed that it would be a sensible option for further investigation.

Meeting closed: 6.00pm

Next Meeting: 4.00pm, June 6, 41 Francis St