

**MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE Pine Creek LOCAL BOARD  
HELD AT Pine Creek Community Hall on 21 March 2013 at 5.30pm**

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**Present:** Chair person Gaye Lawrence  
Ward Councillor: Veronica Birrell  
Local Board Members: Kim Fountain, Leonie Ruig, Peter Hansen  
SSM – Sue Valentine

**VDSC Representatives:** Mayor Betty Sullivan, Frank Mills – Director Corporate Services

**Guests:** Andrew Smith, Nathaniel Knapp – Dept. Local Government  
Darren Gibcus, Ben Keys – Territory Iron  
Rosemary Aitkin, Bunny Fountain, Robert Liddy - Pine Creek residents

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received and accepted from Ed AhToy, Shannon Wooldridge

**WELCOME & MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**

**Welcome by the chair** – Gaye Lawrence welcomed everyone to the meeting

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the last meeting, held on 6 February 2013 were taken as read and now **CONFIRMED. Kim Fountain-Leonie Ruig**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**4.1 Water Gardens**

A proposed plan (tabled) to clean out Water Gardens has been drawn up and forwarded to Regional office for comment/approval. SSM advised Regional Office has given approval to carry out works in the first pond and then we will be able to access the cost to clean out remaining 3 ponds.

**4.2 Skate Park**

SSM contacted Ken Mills recently – now seeking alternative quotes from other contractors. SSM mentioned that Territory Iron may be prepared to assist with the Skate Park if needed.

**4.3 Library Air Conditioner**

Waiting on advice from National Trust to carry out upgrades at the library – once the old aircons are removed and wall space sealed the air conditioner should run more efficiently.

#### **4.4 Library printer/scanner**

The library is experiencing difficulties with the printer/scanner. VDSC is upgrading printers/scanners eventually. As Pine Creeks equipment is in better condition than some communities the SSM will speak to Rose Peckham about visiting Pine Ck to assist with connection problems.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE:**

5.1 Letter to Rosemary Aitkin re use of Shire Bus

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **6.1 Future Direction of Shires – Andrew Smith and Nathaniel Knapp**

Andrew and Nathaniel spoke on the new Governments review of Shire models. Purpose of the review is to collect information on services the shires deliver and a variety of issues faced by communities. A paper was tabled outlining 2 options – Regional Council option which is similar to what we have now but will focus on strengthening the local voice, board members may be paid sitting fees and delegate budgets. The Regional Authority option is a long term option where functions of Govt are transferred to the Local Authority. Andrew and Nathaniel will be in Pine Ck until Saturday and people can register their comments with them or on line at [www.yourcouncil.com](http://www.yourcouncil.com)

#### **6.2 Peter Hansen re bat problem**

Gaye advised the major bat issue has been addressed with tree lopping-phone app etc. – Bats do live here but the number of bats has been reduced to a good extent.

#### **6.3 Heritage Council – proposed Heritage Declaration**

The Heritage Council has identified remnants of the original NAR within Pine Creek for nomination tho the Heritage register. This will have its benefits as the Heritage Council can assist with interpretive signage etc. Pine Creek has always assisted with maintenance where possible of the indicated areas including the existing Water Gardens and happy to continue with its maintenance program.

#### **Motion**

That the Local Board support the Heritage Councils application

Moved – Leonie Ruig

Seconded – Peter Hansen

Carried unanimously

#### **6.4 Railway Resort - Liquor License change of condition**

##### **Motion**

That the Local Board has no objections to proposed changes to the Railway Resorts Liquor Licence

Moved Veronica Birrell

Seconded Kim Fountain

Abstained Leonie Ruig

Carried

#### **6.5 Shade for playground – vary grant purpose**

Pine Creek received a grant of \$12750 to erect shade over the skate park  
In accordance with work health regulations skate parks do not have shade covers due to possible obstruction and it is recommended to vary the grant to install it over the upgraded playground equipment

##### **Motion**

That the Pine Creek Local Board wish to vary the grant for the shade and have it installed over the playground equipment at the council grounds.

Moved Kim Fountain

Seconded Peter Hansen

Carried unanimously

### **7. Any Other Business**

#### **7.1 Blue Light Disco**

Funding has been lost for Blue Light Discos in the NT. The board suggested VDSC could support discos being run by locals through its Sports and Rec program.

#### **7.2 Rubbish in Parks**

Kim Fountain mentioned the state of the Heritage Park and other areas littered with rubbish and broken bottles. There is not a lot that can be done and we have no by-laws. Frank Mills advised he will be having preliminary discussions with Katherine Council re engaging a litter by laws officer.

#### **7.3 VDSC Arts Funding**

##### **Motion**

That the board request \$2000 of the VDSC annual arts funding goes towards the 2013 Goldrush Art acquisition prize

Moved Leonie Ruig

Seconded Veronica Birrell

Carried unanimously

**7.4 Train Shed**

Gaye mentioned the recent break in at the Railway Stn where children climbed under the arc mesh to get to the train. This should be dealt with and repaired properly as a matter of urgency.

**7.5 Community Hall Ceiling**

Gaye raised the matter of the hall ceiling – Frank advised the Shires WHS Coordinator is looking into it and preparing a recommendation to have it repaired

**7.6 Territory Iron**

Darren Gibcus from Territory Iron addressed the meeting and advised that previously Territory iron had to meet operational priorities under tight control but is now in a position to actively engage with the community and is prepared to contribute as well as encouraging the employment of residents. Ben Keys is primary contact for community programs and they are also very supportive of soft programs eg first aid courses, Harmony Day, Anzac day etc.

**Next Meeting:** TBA – noted that the next **formal** board meeting will take place after new financial year with the budget.

**MEETING CLOSED** at 6.40pm

CONFIRMED: ..... (SIGNATURE)

NAME: Gaye Lawrence (CHAIRPERSON)

DATE 25/ March 2013