

Coal River Working Party Meeting

4th June, 2012 1:00pm – 3:00pm

University Council Board Room, IDC Building, University Drive

Minutes

Start: 1.10 pm

1. Acknowledgement of Country:

2. Present:

Gionni Di Gravio (Chair), Jane Ison (Minute Taker), Peter Stevens, Ken Shilling, Maree Shilling, Lesley Gent, Amir Mogadam, Ron Barber, Brian Walsh, Teresa Chitty, Ann Hardy, Brian Roach, Russell Rigby, Sarah Cameron, Charles Martin, Keith Parsons, Doug Lithgow, Professor Howard Dick

Apologies:

Peter Sherlock, Emeritus Professor Maree Gleeson, John Tate, Cynthia Hunter, Tim Owen, Melanie Patfield, Robert McLardy, Professor Tim Roberts, Sue Effenburger, John Fryer, Dene Hawken, Nola Hawken, Sharon Grierson

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

Corrections were noted in May 2012 Minutes. Minutes to be amended for re-distribution. The revised minutes for May 2012 were adopted as a true and faithful representation and was motioned by Maree Shilling and seconded by Ron Barber.

4. Business arising from previous minutes:

Resolution 01-05/2012: Our invited Federal, State and local political representatives for Newcastle were unable to attend the June meeting. Given their busy schedules it was decided to continue to refine CRWP projects and goals, and explore future opportunities to engage political representatives to address the CRWP and outline what support could be provided to specific objectives such as nominations.

5. Discussion of 2012 Proposed Projects

Meeting Reports:

Draft Goal 5 Project 8 (Heritage for the Future – Amir Mogadam)

Initial communication with interested parties has suggested some modifications to be made to the project. The draft logo for the Project is “It’s All About Home”. The main focus would need to be on the benefits of preserving heritage in the local environment and limit the participants to 10 to 18 year olds – initially Years 8 and 9 in four schools. Reduce the project to a twenty-month duration where three months would be allowed for paperwork and approvals, followed by a distribution of questionnaires, a visual presentation/s, and series of workshops with a month for reflection. A media release would be made around the seventh month to publicize an activity undertaken by the participants and culminating in an exhibition at the end of a year. The second year of the project would begin with a workshop and be followed by another participant event. The program would conclude with another media release. \$2000 in awards for the participants would be an aim.

Draft Goal 2 Project 2: (King Edward Park Heritage Nomination – Ann Hardy)

Ann Hardy reported that Robert Evans is working on a possible publication for King Edward Park and that Carol Duncan is interested in doing a piece on the James Fletcher Hospital site.

Further Discussion:

Keith Southall and Ted Higgenbotham have been invited to present to the CRWP about their areas of expertise. It is hoped to film Ted’s presentation, which is a review of the existing NCC management plan and updates and corrects the 1997 plan. The resulting combined management plan and predictive model is expected to contain some convict precincts that will then be incorporated into the NCC plan. The potential exists to add to the plan with the aboriginal maps. Peter Stevens noted the value of the compilation of the joint future of the area relating to the traditional owners and the current owners – a Sense of Place.

Look at the draft projects with a view to making them more concise. Groups could meet prior to the next meeting.

6. General Business

Draft Goal 5 Project 3 (History Prize)

Brian Roach is putting his project on hold for the current year.

Draft Goal 2 Project 2: (National Estate/LEP) In a response to Keith Parsons's query Ann Hardy will check that what is on the National Estate is on the LEP. Doug Lithgow suggested the possibility of a workshop to develop ideas and understand the legal basis for the EPO for 2013.

Draft Goal 3 Project: (Scanning local newspapers) Because TROVE has targeted the NMH for scanning during 2012/2013, this project will be removed.

Draft Goal 5 Project 7: (3D mapping) Charles Martin has a 3D image of the Armstrong plan and Russell Rigby's 3D overlays very useful.

Russell Rigby's Investigation into the Aboriginal burial remains from the CRWP blog was viewed.

7. **Close: 3:05 p.m.**

8. **Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd July, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**