



PAPUA NEW GUINEA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, Inc.

Incorporated in New South Wales - ABN 35 027 362 171
Incorporating the former Rabaul & Montevideo Maru Society

COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 21 June 2022 via Zoom

Agenda Item	Action
Meeting commenced at 7.04pm 1. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES Attendees: Murrough Benson, John Egerton, Gaynor Kaad, Cheryl Marvel, Chris Pearsall, Roy Ranney, Chris Warrillow, Andrea Williams Apologies: Norma Dewick, Max Uechtritz	
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2022 Copies of the minutes were emailed to all committee members by Gaynor on 27 May 2022. As the meeting was terminated early due to problems with Zoom, and the 21 June meeting was a continuation of the 22 May meeting, Chris suggested that the minutes for both be confirmed at the next meeting.	
3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION	
<i>Item a - corporate membership:</i> this had been covered at the AGM and nothing new was added to the discussion.	
<i>Item b - a home for a Pacific Centre:</i> Canada Bay Council are attempting to lease the coffee shop at the Kokoda Memorial Walkway site and will come back to us if unsuccessful.	
<i>Item c - potential alliance with Whitlam Institute:</i> this had been covered at the AGM and nothing new was added to the discussion.	
<i>Item d - PNGAA Scholarship Fund and Rotary Club of Dubbo:</i> Chris has been contacted by a PNGAA member/Dubbo Rotarian regarding surplus funds from Rotary International donations which could possibly be used to kick start our scholarship fund. Other Rotary clubs could be approached, especially through any PNGAA members who have an association with Rotary. Ross Johnson's name was mentioned and Andrea said she knew of another member who could be approached.	Committee to consider any contacts who may be Rotarians for next meeting.

<p><i>Item e - PNGAA Scholarship Fund and proposed musical evening:</i> Chris understands that Papuan-Australian opera soprano Hera Pinkasova is keen to participate. Other performers will be required; date and venue undecided. Chris noted that the Hornsby RSL has a 400 seat auditorium. Gaynor said that she will soon be attending an opera highlights evening at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts located in Pitt St, Sydney with a much smaller theatre for hire at discounted rates for charitable functions and she will make enquiries.</p>	<p>Chris P to contact Hera Pinkasova.</p> <p>Gaynor to check SMSA as possible venue.</p>
<p><i>Item f - activities for 2022:</i></p> <p>i. <i>Montevideo Maru 80th anniversary</i> - Andrea gave an update on arrangements for the three Montevideo Maru events (dinner, last post and commemorative service) to be held in Canberra on 1 July, noting that there has been a good response from members and invited dignitaries; Liz Thurston will bring flowers from Sydney; 2 wreaths have been organised.</p> <p>ii. <i>Rotary International's West Sepik Dental Project</i> - it was noted that the date of the Newcastle event to raise funds for this Project has changed from 13 July to 5 October due to lack of interest. It had been publicised by Suellen Holland at the AGM and a notice appeared in the Events Diary of the June issue of <i>PNG Kundu</i>. To encourage attendance, it was suggested that Roy put out a Mail Chimp to further publicise the event.</p> <p>iii. <i>Venue for Christmas luncheon</i> - Cheryl was very positive about her visit to North Ryde Golf Club and confirmed that the Club will provide a cake. A guest speaker needs to be invited and it was suggested that someone familiar with the Pacific and its challenges, looking back and looking forward, would be very appropriate. Chris said that Jonathan Pryke's successor at the Lowy Institute (Director, Pacific Islands Program) might be a good choice.</p>	<p>ii. Roy to speak with Suellen and send a Mail Chimp to members.</p> <p>iii. Chris P to contact Lowy Institute; committee to think about speakers prior to next meeting.</p>
<p><i>Item g - new patron/s:</i> Meg Taylor had been sounded out but had a less an enthusiastic response. General discussion about possible patron.</p>	<p>Committee to suggest names at next meeting.</p>
<p>4. OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>i. <i>PNG Kundu:</i> John noted that the deadline for the September issue is 11 July. Input has been pretty good with some book reviews but there is a dearth of speaking events, many of which have been well attended in the past. Andrea suggested that perhaps Rebecca Hopper and Julianne Ross Allcorn might organise an art event on the Central Coast. Nothing definite about contacting them.</p> <p>ii. <i>PNGAA CDs re PNG WWII events:</i> Chris Warrillow expressed concern about what should be done with the dozens of CDs he holds in Melbourne. The general feeling was that those members who were interested have already purchased a CD. Chris W suggested that maybe they could be distributed to RSL clubs or used as promotional gifts. Chris P said he would collect the CDs when he next visits Melbourne.</p> <p>iii. <i>New PO box:</i> There was some confusion about a new post office box. However, it was decided that as Murrough receives most of the mail, the PO box should remain at Kilcoy.</p>	<p>ii. Chris P to collect CDs from Chris W.</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING: date to be confirmed.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed at 7.48pm.</p>	

