



PAPUA NEW GUINEA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, Inc.

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Incorporating the former Rabaul & Montevideo Maru Society

COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday 5 September 2022 via Zoom

Agenda Item	Action
<p>Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm</p> <p>1. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>Attendees: Phil Ainsworth, Murrough Benson, John Egerton, Gaynor Kaad, Cheryl Marvel, Chris Pearsall, Roy Ranney, Chris Warrillow, Andrea Williams</p> <p>Apologies: Kalolaine Faine</p>	
<p>2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 22 MAY AND CARRIED OVER TO 21 JUNE 2022</p> <p>Copies of the minutes were emailed to all committee members with the agenda. It was moved by Cheryl Marvel and seconded by Andrea Williams that <i>the minutes of the meetings held on 22 May and 21 June be taken as read</i>. All in favour. CARRIED.</p>	
<p>3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION</p>	
<p><i>Item a - Sydney Christmas lunch and guest speaker:</i> Cheryl confirmed that a deposit has been paid and everything has been organised with North Ryde Golf Club but help will be needed on the day. Chris noted that Glenda Giles, a retired district education officer from Wewak, who will be assisting in the management and oversight the scholarship, is travelling to NZ at a later date so is unable to speak at the lunch. Chris suggested an alternative speaker would be the PNG High Commissioner in Canberra, who could perhaps talk about education in PNG, and with him we should also invite the new Consul-General in Sydney. Cheryl thought it would be better to have someone from the Sepik area so we could promote the scholarship fund. The committee agreed and Chris will contact Glenda to see if she could nominate a suitable speaker for the lunch. If not, he will contact the High Commissioner.</p>	<p>Chris to contact Glenda re speaker</p>

<p><i>Item b - PNGAA scholarship fund:</i> Chris reported that Glenda recommended Anguganak Junior High School in a remote part of the West Sepik Province providing grade 9 and grade 10 education within the national government system (although a Catholic school). Glenda visits the area from time to time and will liaise with the headmistress to select one boy and one girl who will be commencing grade 9 in 2023. They will select students with good citizenship qualities and sufficient academic ability. Glenda will monitor the progress of the students, supply photos and encourage them to write to us. Andrea noted that these could be published in PNG Kundu. We would also receive copies of their school reports mid-year and at the end of the year. Scholarship funds of \$3,000 per year for each student (including tuition and board) would be paid to the school bank account, not directly to the student. There was some discussion regarding the choice of a Catholic school ignited by Cheryl but it was agreed that we needed a starting point and, if successful, we could look at a range of schools later.</p> <p>Chris said that the way the fund would be managed with Glenda on site would comply with the Association's corporate governance obligations. It was moved by John Egerton and seconded by Andrea Williams that <i>we proceed as planned with the Scholarship Fund</i>. All in favour. CARRIED.</p>	
<p><i>Item c - fund-raising event for the scholarship fund:</i> Chris noted that the Association's consolidated funds would provide for the first two students. Andrea said that Heru Pinkasova, an opera singer based in Brisbane, and Steven Gagau's son have offered to perform and the Sydney Wontoks would be happy to help with this event.</p> <p>Chris will contact Heru and Sydney Wontoks to arrange a date in March 2023, then Cheryl/Andrea will organise with Hornsby RSL.</p> <p>Andrea noted that a PNG-inspired quilt has been donated by Jill Worsley to be auctioned at the Christmas lunch.</p> <p>As the scholarship fund will be highlighted in the December Kundu, Roy is to update the website with a separate page for the scholarship fund and include an easy-to-use button or facility so members can instantly donate.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Chris to contact Heru for a date</p> <p>Cheryl/Andrea to book Hornsby RSL</p> <p>Roy to update website</p>

<p><i>Item d - housing the PNGAA collection:</i> It was agreed by all that the PNGAA collection in the Fryer cannot be moved until there is a proper home for it and, as sites at Middle Head and Concord were no longer options, various suggestions were made. Chris favoured the Whitlam Institute given its focus on PNG and being part of the University of Western Sydney. Andrea said that finding a place comes down to money and suggested it would be an opportune time to put pressure on the government for a Pacific Centre, and that many young people in both Australia and PNG were really not aware of 'our time' in PNG and how it fits within the Pacific and Australia. Cheryl favoured the ANU which has an established Pacific studies program but Andrea thought funding for that had been cut. It was recognised that a joint venture partnership arrangement with an organisation like a university was needed. It was agreed that Chris contact Dr Fiona Pavey, an archivist at University of Western Sydney, to get advice about how to best utilise the collection and the potential for them to digitise and otherwise make it easily accessible.</p> <p>It was agreed that to encourage donations to the collection, especially as many members are ageing and perhaps looking for a repository for records of their time in PNG, Cheryl prepare some content for Roy to put in a mail chimp to members.</p>	<p>Chris to contact Dr Pavey</p> <p>Cheryl and Roy to liaise re a mail chimp to members encouraging collection donations</p>
<p><i>Item e - activities for 2003:</i></p> <p>i. <i>AGM</i> - Andrea reminded the committee about notices, etc to be sent to members re the 2023 AGM and election of the management committee. A letter to members, nomination form and position descriptions used in 2021 and provided by Andrea are to be updated by Gaynor, then emailed to Roy for the PNGAA website. Roy is to send a link to John for inclusion in the December Kundu.</p>	<p>Before 19 September:</p> <p>Gaynor - update documents re election of committee.</p> <p>Roy - provide links on website and to John</p>
<p><i>Item f - request by Hans von Chrismar for book launch of Papua New Guinea Life Stories:</i> after some discussion about general policy on promoting books, it was decided that Gaynor let Hans know that we may contact him if we have a speaker event next year and suggest he send a copy to Cheryl as a donation to the PNGAA collection.</p>	<p>Gaynor</p>
<p><i>Item g - new patron/s:</i> no suggestions forthcoming.</p>	
<p>4. OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>i. <i>PNG Kundu:</i> John noted that the deadline for the December issue is 19 September and as nominations for the committee need to be received by 31 January 2023, information to members must be in the December issue. The cut off for the March issue is 23 January which is important with if there are more nominations than positions and we need to go to a ballot.</p> <p>ii. <i>Vacant positions:</i> Events Co-ordinator and Treasurer are needed and Roy was asked to include this in his mail chimp to members re collection donations noted in Item d.</p>	<p>John to include info in Dec Kundu</p> <p>Mail chimp by Roy</p>

NEXT MEETING: date to be confirmed.	
Meeting closed at 8.40 pm	