

3 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

3.1 Friends of Lospalos East Timor Special Committee – Annual General Meeting

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PURPOSE

To receive the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos East Timor Special Committee held 30 July, 2015 and to endorse the appointment of the Executive Committee as detailed in the report.

BACKGROUND

The relationship with Timor-Leste was first established in May 2000, when the Mornington Peninsula Shire approved a Friendship Relationship between the Shire and the sub-district of Lospalos in the Lautem district of East Timor. This occurred after a delegation of Council visited Lospalos that year.

Council, at its meeting of 18 October, 2004, established as a Section 86 Committee, the Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos East Timor Special Committee. The Committee consists of community volunteers, with Cr. Tim Rodgers appointed as the Council representative and Cr. Graham Pittock appointed as the substitute representative. The Committee is essentially a 'community to community' Committee with its focus being community capacity building in East Timor and with an additional focus on education.

Guiding principles that underpin the work of the Committee are respect and support for Timorese led decision making, sustainable and long term assistance and that the relationship is based on partnerships of mutual respect and collaboration.

In December 2014, Council approved the signing of a Municipal Agreement between Mornington Peninsula Shire and the Government of Timor Leste formerly linking Mornington Peninsula with the new Lautem Municipality in which Lospalos is located. The document is awaiting the opportunity to be signed when the appropriate Timorese official is visiting Melbourne.

DISCUSSION

The Instrument of Delegation under which the Committee operates requires that following the AGM of the Committee, a report be provided to the Shire. Attached to this report are the following documents:

- Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 30 July, 2015 (Attachment 1);
- Financial Report for the period ending 30 June, 2015 (Attachment 2); and
- Annual Chairperson's Report (Attachment 3).

3.1 Friends of Lospalos East Timor Special Committee – Annual General Meeting (Cont.)

Election of the Friends of Lospalos Executive Committee

Positions on the Committee were declared vacant at the AGM and nominations were called for. There were nine positions for Executive places allocated. The Executive were therefore declared elected and consist of:

- Chairperson – Cr. Tim Rodgers;
- Deputy Chairperson – Cr. Graham Pittock;
- Secretary – Ms. Debbie Allum;
- Treasurer – Ms. Linda Wimetel;
- Fundraising Convener – Ms. Cate Macmillan;
- General Positions – Mr. Geoff Carson, Mr. Wayne Ashdown, Ms. Xiaoli Ma and Mr. Ollie Wimetel.

The Section 86 Committee has requested that the Minutes of the AGM and associated documents be formally placed before Council pursuant to the Instrument of Delegation and the appointment of the Committee confirmed.

The AGM was also addressed by guest speaker Mr. Dan Nicholson, a Melbourne based lawyer who gave a presentation on the Timor Sea Justice Campaign. Mr. Nicholson co-founded the Timor Sea Justice Campaign, seeking to change Australian Government policy in respect of the maritime boundary negotiations with Timor Leste.

ISSUES

The past year has been one of the most active periods for Friends of Lospalos. Considerable expenditure (\$46,917) on community projects has occurred and these projects are outlined in the Chairperson's Report attached. As a result of this level of activity, Friends of Lospalos will need to consider its priorities in fundraising to ensure a sustainable level of support to Lospalos can be met.

The signing of the Municipal Agreement has not yet occurred due to the absence of an appropriate Minister from Timor Leste being scheduled as yet to visit Melbourne. It is anticipate that this should occur in the latter part of this year.

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a direct or indirect interest requiring disclosure.

CONCLUSION

The Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos East Timor Special Committee has fulfilled its obligation as a Special Committee appointed by Council under Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, by holding its AGM and forwarding minutes and associated documents to Council.

The Executive of the Committee has undergone a number of changes, with several Executive members retiring from the Committee and therefore not seeking re-election. The retiring members, Ms. Barb Godfrey, Ms. Tric Olsen, Mr. Peter Sibly, Ms. Barbara Lester and Ms. Jean Pilbrow should be congratulated for their commitment and hard work as volunteers on the Committee.

3.1 Friends of Lospalos East Timor Special Committee – Annual General Meeting (Cont.)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive and note the report titled ‘Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos East Timor Special Committee – Annual General Meeting, May 2015’.
2. That Council endorses the appointment of the Executive Committee as detailed in the report and repeated as follows:
 - Chairperson – Cr. Tim Rodgers;
 - Deputy Chairperson – Cr. Graham Pittock;
 - Secretary – Ms. Debbie Allum;
 - Treasurer – Ms. Linda Wimetel;
 - Fundraising Convener – Ms. Cate McMillan; and
 - General Positions – Mr. Geoff Carson, Ms. Xiaoli Ma, Mr. Ollie Wimetel and Mr. Wayne Ashdown.
3. That a letter of thanks under signature of the Mayor be provided to the retiring Members of the Committee.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr. Rodgers

Seconded: Cr. Fraser

That the recommendation be adopted.

Carried

[VIEW ATTACHMENT 1](#)

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[VIEW ATTACHMENT 3](#)

Friends of Lospalos
Annual General Meeting

Meeting Minutes
Thursday 30th July 2015

Welcome and Apologies

The AGM of the Friends of Lospalos was called to order at 6.30pm on Thursday 30th July 2015 in Mornington Peninsula Shire Office, Queen St, Mornington by Cr. Tim Rodgers.

Present

Cr Tim Rodgers, Patricia & Michael Rayner, John & Judy Berrends, Bernadette Young, Jean Pilbrow, Debbie Allum, Peter Nicholson, Ollie & Linda Wimetel, Judy Beresford, Wayne Ashdown, Geoff Carson, Dan Nicholson.

Apologies

Dr David Price, Judith Couacaud Graley MP, Dr David Gibb, Ann McVey, Bruce van den Berg, Cindy Last, Jenny Macaffer, Faye Trengrove, Georgie & Thalia Stubbs, Marita & John Lukies, Barb Godfrey, Tric Olsen, David & Patricia Ball, Barbara Lester, Cate McMillan. Kay Barrow, Geraldine Prescott.

Confirmation of Minutes AGM 2014

Moved Linda Wimetel

Seconded Jean Pilbrow

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were carried

Chairperson's Report

Recognition and congratulations to Kirsty Sword who received Queen's Birthday Honour this year.

See full report attached.

Moved Linda Wimetel

Seconded Jean Pilbrow

The chairperson's report of the 2015 AGM was carried

Treasurer's Report Tabled

Total Income \$18,285.15

Total Expenses \$54,123.25

Total Project Costs \$46,917.25

Remaining Balance \$26,040.87

Note that this year financial report includes 15 months so that in future the budget will be run on a financial year basis.

Moved Geoff Carson

Seconded Debbie Allum

The treasurer's report of the 2015 AGM was carried

General Business

None noted

Appointment of Members to the Friends of Lospalos Committee for 2015/2016

All executive committee members stood down and nominations were called for. The following executive committee members were elected for 2015/2016:-

Chairperson – Cr. Tim Rodgers

Deputy Chairperson – Cr. Graham Pittock

Secretary – Debbie Allum

Treasurer – Linda Wimetel

Fundraising Convener – Cate Macmillan

General Committee Members – Geoff Carson, Ollie Wimetel, Ziaoli Ma, Wayne Ashdown.

Welcome Guest Speaker – Dan Nicholson, Timor Sea Justice Campaign.

Dan's key message is '*East Timor is only asking for its entitlement according to international law – no more, no less.*'

1. Why Timor Sea matters

- sovereignty
- escaping poverty – Australia has profited more financially from Greater Sunrise than provided in aid
- Australian government is not reflecting views and values of Australian people

2. History and Geography

- Australian Government formally recognized the illegal occupation of East Timor by Indonesia
- On the eve of Timor's independence, Australia withdrew its recognition of the maritime boundary jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal of the Laws of the Sea.

3. Revenue Sharing

- **Bayu-Undan** (3 oilfields worth \$3billion over their life split ET 90%/Aust. 10%)

- ***Laminaria, Corallina*** (developed by Australia although claimed by ET. \$2.2 Billion over life – all tax revenue & royalties to Australia)
- ***Greater Sunrise*** (Gas. Previously 18% ET/82% Aust. Renegotiated in 2006 50% each. Not yet commenced)

4. *Where Timor Sea is at now*

- Greater Sunrise not developed within agreement of 7 years. Dispute over how and where it will be piped.
- Australian government allegedly bugged ET government offices during the negotiations.
- Reinvigorating Timor Sea Justice Campaign and seeking support.

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Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7.55pm by Cr. Tim Rodgers. Refreshments were served.

Minutes submitted by: Debbie Allum

Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos								
Financial Report for the period 1/4/14 to 30/6/15								
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		Fundraising Trust	Handcrafts Trust	Coffee Trust	CBA 1.	CBA 2.	Cash Float	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
Op bal 1/4/14		\$ 30,863.08	\$ 11,435.86	\$ 4,587.42	\$ 6,247.78	\$ 8,704.83	\$ 50.00	\$ 61,888.97
Income	Memberships, donations and fundraising	3,573.34			460.00			4,033.34
	Bank Interest				0.21	351.28		351.49
	Ritchies Com Benefit Card				292.97			292.97
	AVI Donations				289.75			289.75
	Sales-handcrafts		455.00					455.00
	Sales- external coffee			2,809.00				2,809.00
	Sales-internal coffee			4,053.60				4,053.60
	MP Shire Grant				6,000.00			6,000.00
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	Transfer of funds between accounts							
	Transfer Project Funds to CBA1				36,520.67	- 36,520.67		-
								-
	Transfer from Shire Coffee CBA 2.			- 4,000.00		4,000.00		
	Transfer from Shire Fundraising to CBA1	- 30,000.00				30,000.00		-
	Transfer from Shire Handcrafts to CBA 2		- 10,000.00			10,000.00		-
Total		-\$ 26,426.66	-\$ 9,545.00	\$ 2,862.60	\$ 43,563.60	\$ 7,830.61	\$ -	\$ 18,285.15
Expenses	Sec/Committee Expenses				297.00			297.00
	Bank Charges/ Int transfer fees				154.00			154.00
	Purchases - Coffee			5,060.00				5,060.00
	Purchases - Klamar CD's				200.00			200.00
	Reimbursements				895.00			895.00
	VLGA Membership				110.00			110.00
	Reimbursment for Tais Purchase				500.00			500.00
	Projects							-
	Lospalos Delegation Melbourne Conference Exp				5,917.36			5,917.36
	Committee Melbourne Conference Exp				925.50			925.50
	Marist Bros Teacher Training Sponsorships				4,000.00			4,000.00
	Commission Laptop Purchase				563.00			563.00
	Arti Publiku (US\$2585)				2,874.14			2,874.14
	Vida Arte Galeria (US\$3350)				3,781.04			3,781.04
	Haliku (US\$635)				716.70			716.70
	Commission Budget (US\$1000) Internet Access and Course (US\$1450) Total US\$2450				2,990.72			2,990.72
	6 months salary for local position (US\$1800) English Language Course (US\$6175) bank fees (US\$25) Total US\$8000				9,675.86			9,675.86
	Focal Point Salary (6 months)				2,439.02			2,439.02
	Basketball Court Reno Lulira School				13,033.91			13,033.91
	Sub Total of Projects Expenditure	-	-	-		-	-	46,917.25
Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,060.00	\$ 49,073.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,133.25
CI bal 30/6/15		\$ 4,436.42	\$ 1,890.86	\$ 2,390.02	\$ 738.13	\$ 16,535.44	\$ 50.00	\$ 26,040.87

Friends of Lospalos Annual General Meeting 30 July 2015

Chairpersons Report

Welcome and Indigenous Acknowledgement

Acknowledgements and Thanks

Committee –

This year we say good bye to some of our most hardworking and long standing members;

Tric Olsen, Barb Godfrey, Peter Sibly, Barbara Lester and Jean Pilbrow. They have made an outstanding contribution to the committee and we thank them for all the hard work and efforts they have contributed to Friends of Lospalos.

I would also like to thank our many members, donors and supporters, in particular Wild Timor Coffee Co for their contribution to our fundraising activities and the Shire for their assistance through-out the year.

Highlights

- Lospalos Delegation Melbourne Conference and visit to Mornington Peninsula.

We hosted the District Administrator of Lautem and the Sub District Administrator of Lospalos to attend the conference and spend a week visiting the Mornington Peninsula. Members also attended the conference and hosted the visitors in their homes. Other activities included a Civic Reception at Council and attendance at a public council meeting where a report on the Friends Of Lospalos was presented to Council. Visits to see council services, sewerage and water treatment plant, agricultural farms and gardens, waste disposal and recycling and tourism providers and national parks were also arranged.

- Marist Bros Teacher Training Sponsorships

Continue to fund scholarships for Lospalos youth to attend Marist Teachers College in Baucau to obtain their degree in Primary Teaching. Currently supporting four students, two first year and two 3rd Year students, all expenses are covered by direct payment to the College.

- Commission Laptop Purchase

A laptop was provided to assist the work of the Commission and enable communication and reporting between the Commission and Friends of Lospalos in Australia.

- Arti Publiku

A submission was received to support the event Arti Publiku in Dili. Funding provided enabled participants from Lospalos attend the event and participate in performance and workshops showcasing arts and cultural expertise of Lospalos region.

- Vida Arte Galeria

This project enabled a group of young people from Lospalos, working with Many Hands International to attend the Arti Publiku event in Dili.

- Haliku Breast Cancer Brochures

A direct donation was received to support the printing of information brochures used by the Haliku group to conduct awareness raising activities in Lospalos. Cost US \$635

- Commission Budget

Provision of an operating budget to cover the costs associated with Commission meetings and activities. Cost US \$1000.

- Internet Access and Training

This project was to have internet access established in the Sub District Office for a year and to cover costs for civil servants training in internet use.

- Liason/Focal Point Position in Lospalos

We now have a local person employed in Lospalos who is our key contact person and is the assistant to the Commission. His salary is paid at US \$300 per month. Recruitment, selection and ongoing supervision is the responsibility of the Commission and Sr Domingos, office space provided by Sub District office.

- English Language Course

The English language course for adult learners was held in the District Office and enabled a comprehensive 20 week training course to be delivered to civil servants and other adult learners keen to develop their English language skills.

- Rehabilitation of Lulira School basketball/volleyball court. Cost US \$9,500. This is our most recent project which has been in negotiation for quite some time. We understand work is about to commence.

Challenges and The year ahead

- We will continue to receive Commission approved proposals to assist the Lospalos community and seek to fundraise to meet their priorities.
- Signing of the Municipal Agreement has been approved by Council and is awaiting the opportunity to be signed when the appropriate Timorese official is visiting Melbourne.
- We continue to support the Focal Point Position which has been very effective.
- Teacher training sponsorships for current students.
- Finalisation of the Strategic plan and consultation with the Commission. This may include a possible visit to Lospalos to complete consultation on the Strategic Plan and to prioritise future activities and support.

Thanks to all of you for the continuing interest and support in the work of the Friends of Lospalos

Cr Tim Rodgers - Chairperson