

3.5 Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos Annual General Meeting 2016

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to receive the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos Timor Leste (previously known as East Timor) Special Committee, held on 8 September, 2016 and to endorse the appointment of the Executive Committee as detailed in the report.

BACKGROUND

The Shire, together with the Mornington Peninsula community, has had a special friendship relationship with Lospalos, Timor Leste since 2000.

Council, at its meeting held in October, 2004, established as a Section 86 Committee, the Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos East Timor Special Committee.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by all parties in 2008.

In 2015 the Timor Leste Government through Local Government Victoria (LGV) invited key local government authorities with friendship relationships to formalise its assistance and advice as Timor Leste moves to the establish local government in its districts. The Municipal Agreement was signed in January 2016 by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

The current Committee consists of community volunteers, with Cr. Hugh Fraser appointed as the Council representative and Cr. Sam Hearn appointed as the substitute representative.

The Friends of Lospalos Committee is essentially a 'Community to Community' Committee with its focus being on fundraising for much needed community development projects recommended by the Lospalos community leadership.

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

- The minutes of the AGM held on 8 September, 2016 (Attachment 1);
- The Chairman's Report (Attachment 2); and
- The Financial Report to the AGM for the year ending 30 June, 2016 (Attachment 3).

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

DISCUSSION

Positions on the Committee are declared vacant at the AGM and nominations called for. There were 10 positions for Executive places allocated. The Executive were declared elected and consisted of the following.

- Chairperson – Mr. Tim Rodgers;
- Deputy Chairperson – Mr. Graham Pittock;
- Secretary – Ms. Debbie Allum;
- Treasurer – Ms. Linda Wimetel;
- Fundraising Convenor – Ms. Cate Macmillan; and
- General Committee Members – Mr. Geoff Carson, Mr. Wayne Ashdown, Ms. Nic Kirkman, Ms. Xiaoli Ma and Mr. Ollie Wimetel.

There are also two positions for Councillor Representatives to be determined by Council. Current representatives are Cr. Hugh Fraser and substitute representative Cr. Sam Hearn.

The Committee is requesting that Council endorses the appointment of the Executive members outlined above.

ISSUES

Friends of Lospalos have a membership of some 260 local people and almost a thousand following its Facebook page. It works tirelessly each year to achieve fundraising to enable it to support projects based in Lospalos using a principled approach recognising key principles of community development practice such as:

- Respect and support for Timorese led decision making;
- Sustainable long term assistance;
- Relationships are based on partnerships of mutual respect and collaboration; and
- A community led development approach.

Fundraising in the past year has seen a number of projects completed and as noted in the Chairperson's report:

- The official opening of the refurbished basketball/volleyball court at Lulira school;
- Computer equipment for the Red Cross Youth group Computer Hub project;
- Adults Advanced English Language course of 40 weeks duration for adults and civil servants;
- Teacher training sponsorships for two young people to achieve their degree in Primary School Teaching; and
- A new project underway is the building of a small bridge for a village cut off from the main road each wet season by flood waters so that children can get to school and goods can be taken to market etc.

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While the bridge project has been fully funded by one anonymous donation of \$8,000, project proposals can be delayed by the need to raise sufficient funds. Without the support of the Mornington Peninsula community, well known for its generosity and sense of justice and humanitarianism, these projects would not be able to be achieved.

OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

There are two Council Officers who have been nominated as both an officer bearer (Treasurer) and on the general committee. Both the Community Liaison Officer and the Community Access Planner are current employees in Social Planning and Community Development Team.

CONCLUSION

The Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos Timor Leste 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.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receives and notes the report titled Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos Annual General Meeting.
2. That Council endorses the appointment of the Executive Committee as follows:
 - Chairperson – Mr. Tim Rodgers;
 - Deputy Chairperson – Mr. Graham Pittock;
 - Secretary – Ms. Debbie Allum;
 - Treasurer – Mrs. Linda Wimetel;
 - Fundraising Convenor – Ms. Cate Macmillan; and
 - General Committee Members – Mr. Geoff Carson, Mr. Wayne Ashdown, Ms. Nic Kirkman, Ms. Xiaoli Ma and Mr. Ollie Wimetel.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr. Fraser

Seconded: Cr. Clark

1. **That Council receives and notes the report titled Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos Annual General Meeting.**
2. **That Council endorses the appointment of the Executive Committee as follows:**
 - **Chairperson – Mr. Tim Rodgers;**
 - **Deputy Chairperson – Mr. Graham Pittock;**
 - **Secretary – Ms. Debbie Allum;**
 - **Treasurer – Mrs. Linda Wimetel;**

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- Fundraising Convenor – Ms. Cate Macmillan; and
 - General Committee Members – Mr. Geoff Carson, Mr. Wayne Ashdown, Ms. Nic Kirkman, Ms. Xiaoli Ma and Mr. Ollie Wimetal.
3. That Council thanks the Friends of Lospalos, its Executive Committee and Council officers for their excellent work for the people of Timor Leste.

Carried

[VIEW ATTACHMENT 1](#)

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Friends of Lospalos AGM

Friends of Lospalos Annual General Meeting 8th Sept 2016, 6.30pm
Mornington Peninsula Shire Offices Mornington

1. Welcome and Apologies

The AGM of the Friends of Lospalos was called to order at 6.45pm on Thursday 8th September 2016 in the Mornington Peninsula Shire Office, Queen St. Mornington by Debbie Allum, Secretary, on behalf of Chairperson, Cr Tim Rogers

Present

David and Patricia Ball, Nic Kirkman, Jean Pilbrow, Xiaoli Ma, Ollie and Linda Wimetal, Debbie Allum

Apologies

Cr Tim Rogers, Mayor Graham Pittock, Trish Olsen, Barb Godfrey, Wayne Ashdown, Cate Macmillan

2. Confirmation of Minutes AGM 2015

Moved Debbie Allum

Seconded Ollie Wimetal

3. Chairperson's Report

See full report attached

Moved Jean Pilbrow

Seconded Linda Wimetal

The chairperson's report of the 2016 AGM was carried.

4. Treasurers Report

Balance at beginning \$26,040.87

Total Income \$14,510.35

Total Expenditure \$24,826.35

Balance at end \$15,724.87

Moved Debbie Allum

Seconded Xiaoli Ma

The treasurer's report of the 2016 AGM was carried

5. General Business/Business Arising

Discussion regarding current needs in Lospalos, including feedback from Jean Pilbrow, who had recently arrived back from East Timor. Jean was able to provide valuable information regarding Fredy Sampaio's excellent work, the need for glasses by Dr Monica Liddle at the Immanuel Clinic, and the value of Luci Outdoor solar lanterns in Lospalos.

6. Election of Office Bearers

All executive committee members stood down and nominations were called for. The following executive committee were elected for 2016/17:-

Chairperson – Cr Tim Rogers

Deputy Chairperson – Mayor Graham Pittock

Treasurer – Linda Wimetall

Secretary – Debbie Allum

Fundraising Convener – Cate Macmillan

General Committee Members – Geoff Carson, Wayne Ashdown, Nic Kirkman, Xiaoli Ma, Ollie Wimetall

7. Plans for the future and invitation to participate

The current situation is that there is a significant increase in requests for funding and the Friends of Lospalos network need to identify methods of fundraising, including inspiring non committee members to participate in fundraising, and widen the community of people with education and opportunity.

8. Conclusion

The meeting was concluded at 8pm by Debbie Allum. Refreshments were served.

Minutes submitted by Ollie Wimetall

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Chairperson's Report
AGM Sept 2016

Introduction

- The work of Focal Point Worker, Fredy Sampaio, who is supporting the community of Lospalos and the volunteer Commission to identify and prioritise projects, has generated a significant increase in requests to the Friends of Lospalos Network for funds. His excellent work has resulted in increased communication within the Friendship Network, which is driving the need for significantly increased fundraising from our committee.

Projects Supported

- Red Cross Computer Hub equipment
- Basketball/volleyball court – completed and opened in January by Mayor Graham Pittock and myself
- English language course for adults which was so successful that another submission was made for an advanced course, which was also funded
- Baucau Teachers College – sponsorship of two students to become Primary school teachers
- A bridge to enable the community of Moto Lori I to access the Lospalos community during heavy rains – this project has been funded and building commences shortly

Significant Achievements

- In partnership with Dan Nicholson, Timor Sea Justice Campaign, and Cr Hugh Fraser we presented a motion to council that was passed, that calls on the Australian Government to resubmit to the maritime boundary jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice and the International tribunal on the Law of the Sea, leading other councils to follow suit.
- Mayor Graham Pittock and I signed the Municipal Agreement with Vice Minister Cabral, in January 2016.
- Lindy Yates exhibition, Standing in the Gap, was launched at Mornington Shire Building on August 6th. The launch was opened by Rae Kingsbury, Honorary Consulate to East Timor, with a history of the Friendship Networks and a challenge to us to contribute to future change. Her husband, Professor Damien Kingsbury presented history and update on the Timor Sea resource division with Australia, which generated significant interest and questions. Lindy Yates presented her artwork depicting 12 outstanding women who have influenced development in East Timor.

Cr Tim Rogers

Chairperson

Presented to the AGM by Debbie Allum, Secretary

Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos								
Financial Report for the period 1/7/16 to 30/9/16								
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		Fundraising Trust	Handcrafts Trust	Coffee Trust	CBA 1.	CBA 2.	Cash Float	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
Op bal 1/7/16		\$ 5,415.42	\$ 1,421.86	\$ 2,372.42	\$ 2,187.40	\$ 4,277.77	\$ 50.00	\$ 15,724.87
Income	Memberships, donations and fundraising	400.00			8,060.00			8,460.00
	Bank Interest				0.06			0.06
	Ritchies Com Benefit Card				39.28			39.28
	MPS Shire Grant							-
	Sales-handcrafts		140.00					140.00
	Sales- external coffee			506.00				506.00
	Sales-internal coffee			951.20				951.20
	Prospect Wines Fundraising				1,417.15			1,417.15
	Transfer of funds between accounts							-
	transfer from CBA2 to CBA1							-
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Total	Income	\$ 400.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,457.20	\$ 9,516.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,513.69
Expenses	Sec Expenses							-
	Bank Charges/ Int transfer fees							-
	Purchases - Coffee			650.00				650.00
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	Projects							
	Marist Bro's Student Sponsorships Additional Funds				800.00			800.00
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	Sub Total of Projects Expenditure	-	-	-	800.00	-	-	800.00
Total	Expenditure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00
Cl bal 30/9/16		\$ 5,815.42	\$ 1,561.86	\$ 3,179.62	\$ 10,903.89	\$ 4,277.77	\$ 50.00	\$ 25,788.56
NOTE	October payments to include \$5132usd for bridge project, \$1800usd for focal point salary X6 months, int bank fee \$20usd total transferred \$6952usd or \$9660.15 aud							
	Annual grant MPS \$6000 income							