

Williams Pride in Your Town Committee
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 10th November 2009 @Williams Community Resource Centre

Meeting commenced at 10am

1. *Present*

Marie Hardacre (President), John & Olive Overheu, Robyn Fowler, Wendy McDonald, James Lenehan (Shire Gardener), Kath Cowcher, Ruby Milne, Betty Cowcher, Daphne Gillett

2. *Apologies*

Cr Natalie Major (Councillor representative)

3. *Business Arising*

- 3.1 Caltex – Shire continuing investigating funding sources for TransWA bus-stop
- 3.2 Tennis Courts – new synthetic surface is being laid on top 3 courts commencing this week. Club is upgrading fencing and amenities.
- 3.3 Citrus trees – Marie collected mandarins and donated them to the school
- 3.4 Trotting Club – Club is planning busy bee prior to first trot meeting (6 December)
- 3.5 Lions Park – to be discussed in General Business
- 3.6 TT judging – to be discussed in General Business
- 3.7 Cemetery – to be discussed in General Business
- 3.8 Kerbside recycling – Shire has in hand. New bins to be ordered soon.
- 3.9 Recycled bags – have been a great initiative of this committee and have been selling very well. General Store has sold at least ½ of the total bags sold. Telecentre have indicated that they are going to do New Resident Welcome Packs and use the bags. Great idea.
- 3.10 Involvement of School Children in TT program – Heidi to continue to liaise with school to involve children in community based projects where possible.
- 3.11 Certificates of Appreciation – a morning tea was held on 25th August. All recipients were very honoured.

4. *Minutes of 18th August 2009*

It was moved that the minutes of the Williams Pride in Your Town committee held Tuesday 18th August 2009 be accepted as a true and correct record

Robyn Fowler / John Overheu

5. *General Business*

- 5.1 TT judging – Heidi gave a brief report on the TT judging process and the Regional Awards ceremony attended by representatives from the Shire and Committee. Unfortunately Williams did not win any category or other awards. They did receive a Certificate of Appreciation for

entering the competition. Heidi showed the committee the power point presentation that was prepared for the Regional Awards. The committee congratulated Heidi on a job well done – very impressive presentation.

- 5.2 TT competition 2010 – At a recent Council meeting, discussion took place about the benefits of Williams entering the TT competition on an annual basis. It was resolved that given the significant amount of staff resources that went into preparing the submission etc, that there were no real direct benefits to Williams entering the competition regularly. We have entered for a number of years simultaneously and have done well, however it was resolved to not enter again in 2010. The committee discussed this, and agreed with Council’s decision, however resolved that the work of the committee in making recommendations to the shire about possible projects would continue. All agreed.
- 5.3 Williams Lions Park – much discussion took place about the state of the Lions Park (given that its future is uncertain due to the realignment of the Albany Highway) given the significant usage by the travelling public. Suggestions for improvement included:
- Shade shelter / gazebo – especially for wet/windy days
 - Tables – especially adjacent to the river, these are in need of replacement (Council to be requested to consider replacing)
 - Dog excrement disposal bags – it was noted that people exercise their dogs in this area and that perhaps signage could be put in place recommending exercising dogs (and therefore doing their business) along the river walkway rather than around the tables.
 - Shade sail over playground – there is no shade over the children’s play area and there possibly should be. Shire to investigate shade sails.
 - Water feature – James suggested that a water feature with shallow pond area could be introduced in the Lions Park as a feature. To be discussed with Council.
- 5.4 Entrance to Williams Recreation Ground – James noted that since the trees have been removed from the tennis courts the area is looking a little bedraggled. He suggested that perhaps two garden beds adjacent to the entrance could be implemented to “brighten” the area. Heidi to prepare a report for Council.
- 5.5 Planter boxes in main street – these are great. Thanks to the Shire for organizing.
- 5.6 Cemetery clean-ups – Williams has been done recently (great). Old Williams has been done recently. Marling is in need of attention (desperately). In addition to clean-ups, the proposed upgrade of the Williams cemetery (replacement of trees, gazebo etc) needs to be attended to. Heidi to discuss with Ryan and Council. Funding is to be pursued for some items (gazebo).
- 5.7 Landcorp subdivision – John reiterated the need for the public open space to be developed as per the plans for the subdivision, as it is a considerable eyesore at one of the entrances to town. Heidi noted that the development of the POS is the responsibility of the developer and not the Shire. The Shire would possibly have to take on responsibility of the area, but at completion and not now. Where a fire hazard exists, the Shire has written to the owners of the properties requesting immediate attention. All requests pertinent to the area need to be forwarded to the developer (Landcorp) or the real estate agent. The Shire is well aware of the state of the development, however is limited with what it can do to address the ongoing problems.

In closing, Marie thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication over the past year. Thanks to Heidi for all her hard work. Thanks to James for coming to his first meeting and sharing some great ideas. The committee look forward to 2010 and implementing more projects and ideas to improving Williams.

Next meeting

It was suggested that the next meeting be held in conjunction with the AGM in March 2010. Date to be advised.

Meeting closed at 10:50am