

**Polio Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**24 February 2006**  
ParaQuad, 208 Wellington Street, Collingwood

**In Attendance**

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Helen Bryant, Beth Clisby, Margaret Cooper, Marilyn Grimme, Mary-ann Liethof, Jo McKenna, Gordon McKinnon (Chair), Jill Pickering, Mary Reid, Janny Ryan (Minutes), Barbara Watson

**Apologies**

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Cliff Wise (notified before meeting but not passed on until afterwards)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting (27 November 2005)**

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All fine.

**Agenda Items**

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- Marg, Mary and Helen met with HDG Consultants re Home First Program but didn't feel confident they'd achieved much. Tried to put across the message that people over 65 have fewer options (16-65 considered 'active years'). Now people with disabilities are competing with non-disabled older people. Report to be released 12 May. Consultants are meeting with 9 regions in Vic.
- Contact with Ingrid Kariuki, Team Leader, Multi Purpose Taxi Program, Vic Taxi & Tow Truck Directorate – PAC members decided to invite her to April meeting to discuss current issues.
- 2007 Polio Day Options – Melbourne Zoo too expensive, YWCA Elizabeth Street looks promising. Fewer speakers this year, emphasis on socialising and nutrition, diet and exercise for Polio survivors. Organising committee comprising Barbara, Beth, Jo & Mary-ann to meet June onwards.

**Review of Previous Action Plan**

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- PAC Guidelines: Board Ratification – to be tabled at next ParaQuad meeting
- Priorities 2006/2007 Post Polio Special Fund budget – Polio Day subsidy, Home First, PSV and Victorian Aids & Equipment Program lobbying, brochure for service providers, Polio Network website – to be redesigned (a link to ParaQuad's site). Working party to discuss content.
- Promotion of Polio video/DVD to municipal and medical libraries and Div's of GP's is proceeding.
- Contact Premier's office re Rodney Angwin – Mary will liaise with Cliff to see if any statutes exist specifically protecting the rights of 'polios'.

**Correspondence**

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- Follow up letter to Rose Buchanan MP – Mary-ann is chasing up, Minister Garbutt's impending departure from cabinet may have some impact.
- Follow up letter to Denis Naphthine MP – no response yet to Gordon's letter.
- Letter from Sherryl Garbutt MP to Alistair Harkness MP and copied to Fran Henke – advised that “due to the increase in the number of clients serviced by PSV, DHS has also committed to reviewing with PSV the current allocation of resources.”

## **Reports**

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- **ParaQuad Board – Helen.** Board does not meet in January so no report. However, consultants have been employed to raise political awareness around disability funding in leadup to election. Consultants will talk with local groups and organise strategic messages.
- **Polio Community Officer** – Contacting all support groups, Warnambool and Swan Hill still to be organized. Off to Hamilton 15/3, *Polio Perspectives* due out and will include PAC election material.

## **General Business**

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- Important to maintain links with PQ board.

## **Action To Be Followed Up**

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- Invite Ingrid Kariuki from Multi Purpose Taxi Program to April meeting MA
- Speak to Peter Turner re ratifying PAC Guidelines at PQ board meeting MA
- Speak to Peter Turner re Polio website Helen
- Consider website content Marg, Beth, Jill & MA
- Draft brochure content for service providers Marg & Marilyn
- Investigate Rodney Angwin case Mary

**Next meeting – Friday 31 March 2006 at ParaQuad, Collingwood  
Meeting begins at noon and includes a light lunch.**