

Polio Advisory Committee Minutes

Friday 27th March 2009

Present

Jill Burn, Margaret Cooper, Geoff Dean, Michael Judson (Chairman), Mary-ann Liethof, Christine McAuslan (Minute taker), Jo McKenna, and Peter Willcocks.

Apologies

Liz Telford, Linda Morton and Gordon McKinnon

Confirmation of 27 February 2009 Minutes

Moved Peter Willcocks, seconded Margaret Cooper. All in favour

Agenda Items

Glimpses of Polio Book Project Update

- A few stories have been received as possible inclusions to the publication.
- Possibility of including 'How to write your story' as a session for 2009 Polio Day.
- Mary-ann has received one quote for 2,000 copies. Quote of \$11,880 provided a mock-up A5 book of 208 pages with 16 coloured pages allocated.
- Professional editing will be in addition to printer quotes.
- Need to tag \$s from Special Purpose Post Polio Fund towards 'Glimpses' costs as this publication falls under 'use for education' allocation.
- The possibility of including cartoons was suggested but it is more likely that photos will provide the illustrated component of the publication.
- Historical chapter could be written by 'ourselves' or by a professional.
- Jill will check the 'Victorian Community History Awards' grant to see any potential application to this project.
- Aim is to launch 'Glimpses' at Polio Day 2010.
- Next 'Glimpses' meeting to be organised for after the 26th June deadline for stories to be submitted.

Consent form template to MAL

- Consent form for inclusion of material was provided by Margaret, modified and printed in Polio Perspectives.
- Consent for website inclusion not the same as for publication. Formal consent required for publication.

Approach DHS for book funding ideas

- Jo approached DHS contact in regard to recommendations. Contact was not able to help or make suggestions for others who may assist.
- Jo also approached a printer who suggested when other quotes were available he would 'see what he could do'.

Talk to 'Scribe' contact regarding book publishing

Email from Liz:

This email is the reply from Nic, an editor working for Scribe Publishing, when asked about editing for our book.

This is the book/author I was telling you about. If someone like her took it on as a topic, it could be a really interesting combination of research and personal story: <http://www.shatteredlives.com.au/> Otherwise, they should look at the Society of Editors, Victoria registry, which lists all registered editors and their area of specialisation: http://www.socedvic.org/find/FLR_0809.pdf

The book Shattered Lives seems worth looking at. The idea of blending story and history seems to fit the direction we were discussing. I'll see if I can get a copy of it. I have started to work through the freelance editors, and it's a big task. Might need a couple of us to do it. Also wondered about contacting Wakefield Press?

Darebin & Moreland Council to fund promotion for Polio Day/Wellness Forum

- Liz approached her contact at Darebin Council, Dean Griggs, Manager Family Youth and Community Support, re any assistance with Polio Day.
- An initial approach by Liz to Moreland Council resulted in a \$500 donation for Polio Day. Mary-ann read out the letter formally approaching Jenny Merkus, Director Social Development, Moreland Council to be signed by Michael.
- Both councils intimated that current immigration trends in their communities include an influx of migrants from the Horn of Africa region.
- Possibility of arranging a meeting with both council's Community Health Services and Polio Services Victoria re 'young' polio and immigrant issues.
- Polio Day set for Monday 12 October at Darebin Community Arts & Entertainment Centre.

Budget for Special Purpose Post Polio Fund

Proposed budget as submitted to PAC accepted. Moved Geoff, seconded Jill. All in favour.

Review of previous action plan

PAC Nominations

- Liz Telford has re-nominated.
- Re-nomination has yet to be received from Gordon McKinnon.
- No other nominations have been received, leaving one vacancy as Margaret Cooper will stand down due to the fulfillment of her term as a PAC member.
- An independent member will need to be co-opted and current PAC members have been asked to think about possible interested parties.

Status Alcoa Foundation – Community Worker Award

A draft letter has been written by Michael with input from Margaret. Peter Willcocks has also written a letter (2 submissions are required for the award). Michael will forward submission by due date.

Department of Health and Ageing: Chronic Disease Self-Management/Lifestyle and Risk Modification Grants / Polio Australia

This submission for \$200,000 required a great deal of intense work by both Mary-ann and Gillian Thomas (Post-Polio Network (NSW) Inc.) on behalf of Polio Australia. This included creating a project plan, objectives, key strategies, activities etc. As Polio Australia has no administrative/financial history as yet, Post-Polio Network (NSW) Inc. has applied as the primary organisation, working in partnership with Polio Australia. Results of application to be announced late May 2009.

Shades of Grey DVD

Peter noted there had been 455 hits for the DVD in the last two weeks on You Tube. Where to go with it:

- Links could be included to other relevant videos
- Good tool for doctors
- Promote at Warm Springs conference
- Create ability to register and comment
- Identify key words to tag
- Mary-ann thanked Peter for the hours and hours of work and tireless efforts he has contributed regarding the DVD and its loading on to You Tube, and “if it wasn’t for Peter it wouldn’t have happened”. The PAC endorsed this thanks.
- Jo’s contact at Rotary has suggested having a link to Rotary International on the You Tube site. Peter will follow up on this.

Draft ‘Survey’ for younger people

This hasn’t been progressed. Will revisit after a joint meeting with Darebin and Moreland Councils has been held which will inform the need/content for potential survey.

ABC Website (and Google adverts)

Jill reported that the ‘noticeboard’ is event specific.

Google adverts- in one month approx. 3,905 hits with 2159 searching ‘polio’, 184 ‘post polio’, 418 ‘poliomyelitis, and 569 searching post polio syndrome (PPS)

Correspondence

Jane Henderson sent a farewell and thank you card to the PAC.

Reports

Polio Community Officer

Mary-ann had nothing further to add.

General Business

Margaret raised the following issues:

- PPS Attendant Care brochure needs contact update and the photocopy text of this brochure is ‘too grey’ (making it more difficult to read).
- Mobility allowance - proof of volunteering. PAC volunteer recipients need to notify Mary-ann and she will provide letter acknowledging volunteer hours.
- Medical Cooling Concession - there has been an issue with a utility service provider regarding cancellation of MCCs and the consequent need to reapply for the concession. Margaret to compile a letter regarding this for distribution throughout the network.
- Geoff noted that he had received information regarding a Research Design Statistics Support Service for researchers based in the Gippsland area.

Action to be followed up

- Check 'Victorian Community History Awards' grant criteria for "Glimpses" JB
- Follow up with Darebin Council re Polio Day LT
- Arrange meeting with Darebin and Moreland Councils with PSV MAL
- Submit Alcoa Foundation – Community Worker Award MJ
- Compile letter re Medical Cooling Concession MC
- You Tube 'Shades of Grey' add link to Rotary International PW
- Revisit PPS Attendant Care brochure for updating MAL

Date of next meeting: 12.00pm for 12.30pm - Friday 29th May 2009 (Note no April meeting to be held due to Mary-ann's attendance at Warm Springs USA conference).