

Polio Advisory Committee Minutes

Friday 30th October 2009

Present

Jill Burn (Chair), Geoff Dean, Michael Judson, Mary-ann Liethof (Information Officer (Polio)), Christine McAuslan (Minute Taker), Gordon McKinnon, Liz Telford, Peter Willcocks, and Michael Williams (Manager, Community Services)

Apologies

Martin Grillo, Jo McKenna

Confirmation of 25 September 2009 Minutes

Moved Peter Willcocks, seconded Geoff Dean. All in favour.

Agenda Items

Welcome to Michael Williams – new Manager, Community Services

Michael's introduction to the PAC included information regarding the terms of PAC membership, a breakdown of the types of membership (independent, rural members, groups members). PAC members also gave Michael an insight into polio, the late effects of polio, and the polio community. Michael welcomed this information with interest, acknowledging this was an area that was new to him.

Polio Day Review

Feedback on the day from PAC members included: "Had a lot of fun", "Went very well" and "Well done Mary-ann". The day was deemed by PAC members as probably the most successful Polio Day. It was also pointed out that the open forum on 'Pain Management' with Drs Andrew Sinclair and Steve de Graaff included some issues around the placement of chairs making it difficult to leave the session, and problems with the level of noise coming from the boccia games in the adjoining room. Mary-ann reported a profit of \$1,210.00 thanks to funding grants from Darebin, Yarra and Moreland City Councils.

Update from polio book meeting (26/10)

The book sub-committee consisting of Margaret Cooper, Jill Burn, Jo McKenna and Mary-ann met on Monday 26th October together with Fran Henke. The layout for the book was agreed and it was decided that Jo-An Partridge would write the history chapter and Fran Henke will do the editing of the book. Both will contribute their time at no cost, although there was discussion that if grant funding could be found, payment should be considered.

1.30 - 2.00pm – City of Yarra: Community Consultation

David Brandt, Community Representative, Disability Advisory Committee presented to the PAC. The DAC is currently consulting with City of Yarra residents and those who access the area for work etc, on the City of Yarra Disability Action Plan.

David and the PAC discussed general disability related matters such as the policy to move parking for those with a disability to side streets to make way for dedicated bicycle lanes (as has been touted by the Yarra Council for the allocated parking outside Independence Australia), accessible public toilets, a general move to apparently move to include signage on road surfaces rather than signage on poles, safety issues regarding the use of scooters, e.g. licensing, assessment.

David gave some background information on the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) which is held on the first Tuesday of the month from 4.00 to 6.00pm at the Senior Citizens' Centre next to the Collingwood Town Hall, and invited PAC members to visit a DAC meeting to see what is happening.

Review of Previous Action Plan

PAC November / End of Year Lunch Meeting

- PAC members received an invitation for the November /end of year meeting to be held at Carousel Café, 22 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park Lake.
- Mary-ann needs to be notified of attendance one week prior to meeting and Michael will follow up with Martin Grillo as to his attendance.

Correspondence

A local Gold Coast newspaper approached Mornington Peninsula group member Graham Johnson (who lives on the Gold Coast for several months of the year) for an interview. An article, titled "Polio Sufferer" was consequently published and included reference to the new organisation of 'Polio Australia' but unfortunately contact details were not included for any follow up by readers.

Reports

Polio Community Officer

Nothing further to report.

General Business

Nil

Action to be followed up

Notify Mary-Ann as to attendance at November meeting

PAC

Date of next meeting: 11.00am - Friday 27th November 2009 Carousel Café, 22 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park Lake