

OBERON COUNCIL

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PRESENT: Councillor Bob O’Bernier (in the Chair); Councillor Keith Sullivan (Mayor); Wayne Cooper; Jill Evans; Pam Dellow; Christine Parker; Eric Whalan; David McMurray; Director of Corporate Services, John Chapman and Visitor Information Centre Manager, Jennifer Youman.

OBSERVERS: The General Manager, Leanne Mash; Dr. Andrew Godden and Community Liaison Officer, Kathy Beesley.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted for the non-attendance of John Brotchie (J Evans/P Dellow)

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2011 were read and accepted. (W Cooper/J Evans)

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

OBERON SHOW SOCIETY – ADVERTISING – OBERON AND VILLAGES SUMMER FESTIVAL

Following a verbal report from the event co-coordinator, Wayne Cooper, the matter was discussed by the committee.

The General Manager undertook to forward an appropriate reply, advising the Oberon Show Society that the matter has been considered by the Events Committee and thanking the Society for their comments.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

The General Manager advised the committee that a staff reported is being submitted to Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 19 April 2011 recommending the formation a working group for the 2012 International Women’s Day event. No objection to this proposal was raised by the committee.

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KANAGARA CLASSIC ENDURANCE BIKE ON 16 OCTOBER 2011

- Jennifer Youman reported that arrangements are in hand for the event
- There will be a limit of 300 entrants
- A web site now operating
- The event will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday and centered around the Common after the ride
- This event will also be part of the Oberon and Villages Spring Garden Festival
- Informal rides will cover a number of attractions to the south and north of Oberon, visit the Heritage Rail, BMX track, Oberon Dam and other various trails
- Volunteers are required to assist

COMBINED CHURCHES EASTER CELEBRATIONS

- Andrew Godden advised that plans are going well
- Anzac and Easter theme
- Proposed activities to take place in the Spark Electrical forecourt
- Family Service Celebration starting at 11am on Good Friday
- Community/family celebration
- Will be promoted in the Oberon Review and flyers
- If weather undesirable then will transfer to the Catholic School Hall

2011/2012 OBERON AND VILLAGES SPRING GARDEN FESTIVAL

The event will incorporate the Kanagara to Katoomba classic endurance bike ride on 16 October 2011

- Rotary Club of Oberon to co-ordinate Open Gardens program
- Photography Competition – Essential Energy will sponsor this competition – Theme “Iconic Photos from Oberon and Villages”
 - First prize \$1000
 - Second prize \$500
 - Third prize \$250
 - Juniors First \$110
 - Second \$80
 - Third \$50

Photos will be used in future marketing activities. Winners to be announced the first weekend of the Summer Festival. Closing date to be determined in conjunction with the opening of the Festival.

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- General Manager to confirm dates for Opening weekends of the Festival with Rotary and Anglican Church. Red Cross Art Show – long weekend October 1 and 2, to be held in the Tarana Fire Shed
- Golf Day – long weekend October
- Funding of \$2000 has traditionally been provided by Council annually to support the coordination of the Open Gardens program for publishing and advertising.

Recommendation to Council:

1. That the General Manager to be authorised to determine dates for opening weekend of the Garden Festival in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Oberon and the Anglican Church.
(W Cooper/ C Parker)
2. That Council's 2011/2012 budget provide for continued funding to support the Open Gardens event that will be co-ordinated by Rotary Club of Oberon in 2011/12.
(J Evans/E Whalan)

OTHER BUSINESS

- A Volunteers Program has been introduced at the Visitor Information Centre
- Kowmung – potentially July 10 2pm, subject to confirmation - Classical Music at Tarana Fire Shed.
- Oberon Noodling Patch at the Visitor Information Centre- named “Beginners Luck” – Official Opening 3pm 20 April 2011 – sausage sizzle and fossicking demonstrations
- The 2012 Steam and Vintage Fair will be held on 11-12 February 2012. The organizers have commenced an arrangement with Jenolan Caves for joint promotion where tourists can travel to the caves then onto Oberon and visit the Steam and Vintage Fair, to be held in conjunction with the Oberon and Villages Summer Festival
- Christian Life Centre - Youth Leaders Seminar 21 May 2011 – open to all Central West residents
- 12 June 2011 - Combined Church Service – Guest speaker Dr. David Parker
- 9 December 2011 - Combined Churches “Christmas in the Street” possibly carols and pageant
- Church Web site - weekly messages - 30,000 visitors to this site in 12 months – www.oberonclc.com
- St Joseph's School Library opening Wednesday 6 April 2011 at 2.00pm
- Youth Week Event - “Flicks in the Sticks” 3.30pm 8 April 2011 to be held at the Oberon Showground Hall – open to all the community

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NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 June 2011 at 5.30pm at the Council Chambers.

Meeting closed at 6.20pm.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 2011.

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