

BARNES BAY CHAPEL AND CEMETERY ASSN.

95 Church Road, Barnes Bay, Bruny Island, Tasmania 7150

MINUTES OF MEETING held Saturday 12 June 2021

Meeting opened: 11:50am

Present: Dianne Jodlowska (in the chair), Alan Bottomley (Secretary), Ralph Bottomley, Perri Bottomley, Ella Martyn, Adam Diprose, Tony Kennedy, Carolyn Martyn, Yvonne Bottomley, Tanzi Lewis, David Goodrick, Kathy Duncombe, Justin Jones, Petra Kennedy, Ian Overell. (15 people).

Apologies: David Young, Jill Allie, Steve Allie, Garth Denne, Pam Denne, Annie Correy, Jake Jodlowski, Christine Churchill, Zanna Jodlowska.

Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes were circulated by email and spare printed copies were handed out at the meeting by Dianne.

Moved Perri Bottomley, **Seconded** Ralph Bottomley, that the Minutes be accepted. **Carried.**

Business Arising:-

Natural Burials: Bec Lyons, who is a Death Doula, has been invited to address our next meeting. It was noted that 96% of people go through a Funeral Home to get buried but this is not actually necessary.

Grave Digging: Justin Jones said that Victor Fenton (?) of Lunawanna can be engaged to dig graves.

New Toilet: Shane Spaulding has been engaged to progress the toilet. Shane received advice that the Kingborough Council will require a full plan of the Chapel building before any application to build a toilet will be considered. This seems a little unreasonable considering that the toilet will be external to the building.

Nevertheless Shane will produce a plan through his own draughtsman.

It was reported that David Grace (a member of the Kingborough Council) would arrange for council fees to be waived for our toilet application.

Edge Strips for the front steps have been obtained and will be installed (by Alan) following the meeting.

Cost of Burial: Siobhan Gaskell has been advised that the cost will be \$1,000. (Her family was not an original donor for the purchase of the Chapel.)

Burial Fees: It was decided that the fees as currently advised on our website will remain the same for the time being. These fees can be revised in the future if necessary, however if a person reserves a plot, or a place in the Columbarium, then the fee applying at the time will not be subject to any increases until the final amount is paid. (But people should be encouraged to pay the full amount up front).

It was noted that our burial fee (\$1,000) is very similar to that charged by the Kingborough Council (\$1,032) for the cemeteries that it manages. See the following link:

<https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/recreation-facilities/cemeteries/council-cemeteries/>

It was also suggested that perhaps our fees should be higher for non-Bruny people wanting to be buried in our cemetery. However at this stage there is no sign of this happening.

Separate Account for Plot Reservation Receipts? Our Treasurer advises against this as it would be an unnecessary complication.

Correspondence In/Out: Carolyn Martyn, in her role as Cemetery Manager of the *Shelter Cove Cemetery*, has received a letter from Mike Mogridge, Dept of Premier and Cabinet. Although this letter was not sent to our association it is nevertheless very relevant to us. See below under *Tasmanian Cemeteries Register*.

Financial Report (Summary only, see attachment for details):

Opening balance as at 1 July 2020: **\$12,443.84**
Expenses: (Insurances, Electricity): \$ 1,798.26
Income (Donations, Market stalls etc): \$ 3,472.86
Closing Balance as at 3 June 2021: **\$14,118.44**

Moved: Ella Martyn, **Seconded** Carolyn Martyn, that the report be accepted. **Carried.**

New Business:

Donation Box: Garth Denne has completed a nice donation box for us but was not present to present it.

Mail Delivery: Carolyn has supplied a suitable letter box to receive mail deliveries to the Chapel and Justin Jones has undertaken to install it next week. (Many thanks to Carolyn and Justin).

Markets: Our Chapel had a stall at the Easter Carnival at Alonnah. It was a very hot day, over 30 degrees!, and very windy. The strong winds caused the stall to be packed up a bit early.

Income from market stalls for the financial year so far has amounted to **\$1,201.60**, an excellent result! We will have another stall at the next market which will be on 13 June 2021 at Adventure Bay. Many thanks to those who usually staff the stalls - mainly, Carolyn, Di, Yvonne, Perri and Jillian.

Tasmanian Cemeteries Register: It has come to our attention, via a letter to Carolyn Martyn, that the new Register of Tasmanian Cemeteries has our cemetery listed as CLOSED.! As this is certainly not correct it was resolved that we would write to the relevant government department to correct the status of our cemetery. Alan will draft a letter to: LGD@dpac.tas.gov.au

New Members: We welcome *Petra Kennedy* and *Ian Overell* to our Chapel Friends and Members.

Next Meeting: The exact date will depend on when the Doula can attend, but sometime in September 2021

Meeting Closed: 12:45 pm.

Alan Bottomley,
Secretary, Barnes Bay Chapel and Cemetery Assn.