

Hunter Heritage Network
Annual General Meeting 2010-2011
5th December, 2011

Present: Gionni Di Gravio (chair), Ann Hardy, Doug Lithgow, Melanie Patfield, Brian Roach.

Apologies: Tim Adams, Stephen Booker, Sarah Cameron, John Carr, Clair James, Mary-Jean Sutton.

1. President's Report

The president's report was read and tabled by Gionni Di Gravio. It was moved by Brian Roach and seconded by Doug Lithgow.

2. Financial Statement

The statement of Income and Expenditure Report was tabled for adoption by Gionni Di Gravio. It was moved by Ann Hardy and seconded by Doug Lithgow.

3. Election of Office Bearers

- Election of Sarah Cameron as President.
- Election of Tim Adams as Vice President.
- Election of Melanie Patfield as Secretary.
- Treasurer's role remains vacant.
- Election of Sarah Cameron as Public Officer.
- Election of ordinary board members: Ann Hardy, Stephen Booker, Mary Loder, Mary-Jean Sutton, Gionni Di Gravio and Brian Roach.

4. General Business

The Hunter Heritage Network needs to be the advocate of heritage within the Hunter. The Network is in the process of updating its mission, vision and strategy to give credence to the strength of the Network in the hope of gaining new members and extending the reach of the Network and forming new linkages. The events planned for 2012 will help to achieve the mission of the Network. The Network needs to be there to support each other; therefore under the strategy section of the website, there needs to be links to each of the organisations in the Network.

Analysis of Heritage Legislation - the Network could talk to David Shoebridge about this matter. The Network could analyze the Act, make recommendations on what could be improved upon and make a submission on behalf of the group. A seminar meeting involving the legal centre and the National Trust will need to occur before the end of June, 2012.

There is an opportunity for the Network to support an ICAM seminar which could bring architectural students and academics to Newcastle and the Hunter Region. Another alternative is a cemetery walk within local cemeteries, investigating cemetery architecture etc. A variety of groups could contribute such as funeral directors, sandstone makers etc.

In 2012 the Network could look at sponsoring a student scholarship for history/heritage. Local councils could also put in monetary funds to support the scholarship with the possibility of local heritage groups donating as well. Minimum \$5000 scholarship, the Uni and the Foundation would support the establishment of a scholarship. The scholarship ties in with the heritage competition as proposed by Brian Roach in the CRWP. Bronwyn Law and her business links could be involved as they have the money to back it.

In the future, the network needs to focus on issues that affect the entire Hunter Region.

The website needs a list of organisations involved with the Network and the contact details, website and email addresses etc. This needs to be done by March, before the next seminar.

5. Date of next AGM - 7th December, 2012