



The Links

THE LINKS SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 19.3.2026

MINUTES

Present: Carolyn Ingram; Debbie Higginson; Teri Moxham; Jill Bridgen; Mike Mainwaring and Greg Lawton from LRC

Apologies: Christine Deaner; Alan Chow.

Treasurer's Report: Currently \$2885.07 in our account + \$136.35 COH (more cash to be presented. New Bank account to be opened at Coastline Cr Union after Easter when all parties should be available.

Items for Discussion:

1. **Bus Schedule (revise)** TM to re-type and send to LRC for update on website
Review Bus Schedule next meeting Thursday April 30th
2. **Meeting RM + Liquidators + Residents** Advised that meeting scheduled for Thursday April 2nd at 11.00am (with BBQ following)
3. **New Clubhouse – Grand Opening etc ??** TBA – possibly end June/early July. Possibly coincide with new Financial Year. Do we (Social C'tee) plan an "Event" for the opening? Or will New Owners/Receivers – ask Res Mgr.
4. **New events:**
Theme nights – Country; Bollywood; Casino Royale/Great Gatsby; Octoberfest
Fund raisers:
Knit n Natter – to donate to local Charity Funds rec'd from Morning Tea.
Choir – hold concert in New Clubhouse to raise funds for Social Club – to check with RM

Movie Nights – every 2nd Monday/mth – next one on Monday 13th April – Song Sung Blue – Gold coin donation with funds to the Social Club Also discussion on Mthly Movie Day – 2nd Tues ea mth (14.4) Carolyn Ingram to co-ordinate

Mthly B'day Celebration + Mthly Welcome – new Residents

To be held on the Last Friday of the month to celebrate at Clubhouse drinkies

Potential Additional Venues/Trips:

Venues:

- Hot Myrtle Restaurant – Grassy Head – **TM to f/up**
- Maria River Distillery – Crescent Head – **CD has f/up**
- Bago Maze & Winery -**CD has f/up + TM to contact them**
- Long Point Winery & Gallery – **TBA**
- Military Museum Bowraville – **DH to follow up**
- Auto Museum & Cartoon Gallery – Coffs – **To re-Schedule**
- Go Karts Port Mac + Coffs Harbour - **TBA**

Away Trips:

Possible to discuss in the future - Norfolk Island ; Orange; Stanthorpe; Armidale-Tenterfield; Garden Club members

Shows etc:

ELO – 27/6/26 – full

Georgie Girl – 6/5/26 – Full New Matinee Show on 6/6/26 – Pay MM \$30pp

Hope we can get bus for both trips as on a w'end. Possibly "Port Buses"

Race Days – MM to email calendar and details of Races/Venues as they become available to GL who will put on the website for us.

5. **Easter: BYO – Open to all Residents – possibly share plates - TBA**
6. **Anzac Day: As per Australia Day – BBQ 12-2pm (to allow those who wish to attend the Service in town to arrive). Possibly supply ANZAC cookies as well as the usual BBQ fare. Social C'tee to decorate BBQ area from 10.30am**

Further Discussion

1. RM to advise LRC when absent who will then advise Residents
2. Need more Staff plus assistant Res Mgr when Clubhouse/Community complete
3. Discussion of a Mthly BBQ for all Residents or perhaps a "Football" BBQ – watch the game at Clubhouse followed by BBQ

4. Re-imburement for John Trottman **It was agreed to NOT reimburse JT as he was pleased to make a DONATION. However it was also suggested and agreed that a LETTER of RECOGNITION should be sent to JT from LRC**
5. Re-imburement for Theme (Hawaiian) Party People ? **Do they want to do more?**
6. Garden Club - **Once green spaces are advised and allocated. Discussion around community gardens or just community herb gardens etc etc Location? Start a Garden C'tee to run the gardens and/or Garden Club. Possible trips away for Garden Club members.**
7. Serenity Garden: **TM has had discussions with previous owner and current Resort Manager to include a "Serenity Garden" as part of our "Green Spaces" It will need to be in a quiet part of the Community. Offer to donate ferns, palms and other plants. Perhaps a water feature with seating etc etc. Ref to LRC**
7. Fundraisers: **Further ideas for fund raising – possibly a Combined "Garage Sale and Clothes Market Day" where Residents can pay say \$5 per item and unused or surplus items can be offered. (NB: this has been very successful in the past with over \$2000 being raised at these events).**
8. IMPROV Water and Electricity Bills: **Some confusion on procedures at present with RM advising NOT to pay current bills and IMPROV saying that we SHOULD pay our accounts. TBA . Further information from RM and LRC**
9. Bookings & Updates: **Greg Carter to back up Greg Lawton on Website/bookings in absence**
10. Flagpole for New Clubhouse: **Positive feedback has been received from the RM on this item and further information is required. Perhaps at the meeting with the Liquidators and Management on 2nd April.**
11. Suggestion Box to be provided for Residents' ideas on Events/Trips/etc
12. New Resident Welcome Pack (from Social C'tee/LRC): **Lengthy discussion on a Welcome Pack for New Residents. We are not aware of who is coming in and nothing is being done for these new Residents to welcome them and to help them settle in. RM to advise Social C'tee of these details**

A WELCOME PACK to be given to all New Residents which should include information about the homes, the systems within The Links, the LRC and the LSC, local area information, emergency and medical/dental details etc etc

It should contain a number of Separate Folders with relevant information as well as a "Letter of Welcome" from the LRC/LSC

Some ideas for inclusions are as follows:

- **Welcome Letter**
- **LRC Details**
- **Website Details**
- **LSC Details**
- **Phone List of Residents**
- **What's On at The Links doc**
- **Bus Schedule doc**
- **Facebook details**
- **All codes etc (gates/amenities)**
- **New Resident Welcome – last Friday of Mth**
- **Weekly Friday night drinkies/social**
- **List of local Tradies, Awning people, Shutter people**
- **Garbage collection details**
- **List of Medical facilities (Rec to book in early)**
- **Places to Visit**
- **Local Restaurants**
- **Etc etc etc (please advise of further info to give them)**

Meeting Closed: 4.45pm

Next Meeting: Links Social Committee (LSC) meetings to be held MONTHLY on the Last Thursday of the month (following the LRC meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month – allowing for Minutes from LRC to be received prior to LSC meetings).

Next LSC Meeting scheduled for Thursday April 30th at 3pm at Clubhouse.