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Snug Room, King O'Malley's, Civic

MINUTES

1. Introduction

- **Welcome:** Meeting opened 5:30 pm
- **Present:** Duncan Wright, Meg Walker, Bella Shaw, Eboni Westbury, Iona Claringbold, Pamela Ricardi, Richard Morrison, Joel Mason, Angus Harden and Chris Kenna.
- **Apologies:** Iain Johnston, Oliver Macgregor, Guillaume Molle and Glenn van der Kolk.
- **Previous Minutes:** Minutes of previous committee meeting on 24 April 2019 submitted as being accurate: proposed by Duncan Wright, seconded by all – carried.

2. Treasurer's Report:

- Bank balances
 - Cheque account: \$9,377
 - Term deposit: \$ 11,698
- Payment approvals sought
 - \$125.00 reimbursement to Angus Harden being for the payment he made on behalf of CAS for the CAS promotional banner.
 - \$400.00 payment of Paul House's invoice being for his Ngambri-Ngunnawal Welcome to Country Didgeridoo Performance for CAS Symposium.
- Notes
 - CAS participation in organising the ACT Region Heritage Symposium is ongoing. The Event will occur over two days being 23 and 24 Aug 2019. The first day is for Government practitioners in Heritage Urban Landscape (HUL). The public event will be held on 24 Aug at ANU. Please refer to the link for more details for the Saturday event (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/act-region-heritage-symposium-2019/>)

3. Update on events:

- Duncan Wright congratulated everyone that took part in organising CAS's successful events for the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival and National Archaeology Week. In particular, thanks to Richard Morrison and Iain Johnston for organising the Contemporary Archaeology Symposium, Mary Hutchinson and Peter Dowling for organising the Heritage

Walk and Victoria Pearce for giving the Conservation 101 talk. The symposium led to more than 100 new member registrations and the walk was fully booked out! Meg Walker suggested the possibility of having a summary of the events recorded.

- **ACTION:** Richard Morrison to email a modified version of the summary he provided to ASHA to Pamela Ricardi.
 - **ACTION:** Oliver McGregor to write a summary for the newsletter.
 - The Mulvaney Games are likely to be hosted by ANU Sports. Archaeology consultants that have been approached by ABACUS are not interested in hosting but happy to participate in the event. Advertising material will be ready to distribute soon in order to start promoting the event.
 - **ACTION:** Joel Mason to send advertising material to Duncan Wright for review.
 - School history students events – Chris Kenna advised that talks seem to be a better option (rather than have students on site visits). Iona Claringbold and Isabella Shaw are scheduled to give a talk at a school on 11 June 2019. There are at least three other expressions of interest for these types of talks.
 - Meg Walker requested that all material created for these talks to be saved on Dropbox.
 - Chris Kenna proposed that school students may also be able to visit the ANU for future talks (e.g. at the Classics Museum).
 - Duncan Wright proposed that this work promoting local archaeology to students be a new focus for CAS. This was seconded by all – carried.
 - Richard Morrison discussed the proposed 'Richlands' project/field school for CAS/ANU. The site has interesting features and is of local significance. The project would involve a historical archaeological survey, providing an update on Michael Pearson's work undertaken in the 1990s. There are potential Aboriginal sites in the area too.
 - Duncan Wright stated that it would not be possible to carry out such a project this year, but it may be possible next year. CAS will need to consider this and discuss again at a later stage.
 - **ACTION:** Joel Mason will contact the site owner to gather more information on the site and possible project.
- 4. Membership update:** Eboni Westbury reported that CAS is gaining on average approx. 1 member per week and that people are regularly contacting CAS via the online contact form. Meg Walker mentioned that a price increase will likely need to be added to the annual membership fee to cover online registration running costs. However, this will need to be discussed and decided on at the next AGM. Joel Mason asked whether there is any way of finding out member demographics (in order to better advertise events).
- 5. Careers Workshop:** This item was not covered due to limited time this meeting. Item to be carried over at next meeting.

- 6. Life Member Certificates and recognition of those certificates:** This item was not covered due to limited time this meeting. Item to be carried over at next meeting.
- 7. CAS as an Associate Member of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies:**
 - CAS seems to be a member of this society but it is unclear what the benefits are.
 - **ACTION:** Meg Walker to research into potential benefits in order to see if this membership is worth maintaining.
- 8. Google calendar of upcoming events:** This item was not covered due to limited time this meeting. Item to be carried over at next meeting.
- 9. Webpage - What we can do for you page (schools etc):** This item was not covered due to limited time this meeting. Item to be carried over at next meeting.
- 10. Ozpac/CAS Facebook page – amalgamate to save doubling up:** This item was posed by Meg Walker, seconded by all - carried.
- 11. Any other business:** No other items raised.

Meeting Closed: 6:05 pm.