

Mount Gambier Cemetery Trust



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24th February 2014

MEMBERS,

NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of the Mount Gambier Cemetery Trust will be held at Carinya Gardens Cemetery Reception Area, Grant Avenue, Mount Gambier, on **FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2014 at 12.15 P.M.**

An agenda for the meeting is attached.

A light lunch will be provided.

Cheryl McCOMBE
TRUST SECRETARY

Notice

MOUNT GAMBIER CEMETERY TRUST

Meeting to be held at Carinya Gardens Cemetery Reception Area, Grant Avenue, Mount Gambier, on Friday 28th February 2014 at 12.15 p.m.

AGENDA

PRESENT: Rev B Ashworth (Presiding Member)
Crs I Von Stanke, M White and B Collins
Mr T Bolton

APOLOGY/IES: moved the apology/ies received from
be accepted.
seconded

COUNCIL MEMBERS
AS OBSERVERS:

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

MINUTES: moved the minutes of the previous meeting held
on 29th November 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

seconded

QUESTIONS: (a) With Notice - nil submitted.
(b) Without Notice -

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Income and Expenditure as at 31st January 2014 – Ref. AF11/1371

Goal: Governance
Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance.

moved the financial statement as at 31st January 2014 be received.

seconded

2. MOUNT GAMBIER CEMETERY TRUST – Trust Representatives – Ref. AF11/1371

Goal: Governance
Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance.

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The Secretary reported:

- (a) Cr Byron Harfield has resigned from Council, and is therefore no longer one of Council's representative to the Trust;
- (b) Council on 18th February 2014, resolved that Cr Merv White be appointed a Council representative to the Trust;
- (c) the term of office of all Trustees expires on 31st October 2014.

moved:

- (a) the report be received;
- (b) the Trust record it's appreciation to Byron Harfield for his service to the Mount Gambier Cemetery Trust;
- (c) the Trust welcome the appointment of Cr Merv White to the Mount Gambier Cemetery Trust.

seconded

3. MERCURY EMISSIONS FROM CREMATORIA – Circular 8.3 from Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) – Ref. AF11/551

Goal: *Environment*

Strategic Objective: *Support initiatives that value and preserve our unique environment and contribute to environmental sustainability.*

The Secretary reported:

- (a) the LGA is investigating whether there is sufficient support across the sector to lobby the State and Federal Governments for changes to legislation requiring crematoria to install best control facilities to minimise the release of mercury and any other injurious contaminants in to the atmosphere;
- (b) the Minamata Convention of Mercury has ninety six (96) signatories including Australia, and has been ratified one (USA). The Convention will come into force when 50 signatory countries have ratified it, which is expected to be within the next three to five years;
- (c) after initial discussions, Council's Director-Operational Services has provided a preliminary response to the LGA, viz:

"This is a new topic for Council and the information provided gives very little scientific data on which to move forward. I believe all Councils will want to do the "right thing" and embrace best practice but at this time more data is required to firstly quantify the extent of the emissions, comparison of such emissions with other sources of similar emissions and an understanding of

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the technology required to reduce emissions and also what we then do with the mercury that is "captured".

It seems a bit premature to be looking for a legislative solution at this early stage when other options may be available (eg Code of Practice). I am not sure how many cremators operate in SA but I would think the numbers may be relatively low??

City of Mount Gambier would be seeking more background data and research to address the above and then seek to review its position.

Thank you for the opportunity for the early discussion. Happy to discuss in person at any time".

- (d) as this Convention has implications for all crematoria in Australia and not only South Australia, it is suggested that the Australasian Cemeteries and Crematoria Association (ACCA) should probably take the lead on this issue so that any implementation would be coordinated at a national level with the input of all crematoria operators.

moved:

- (a) the report be received;
- (b) the Trust endorse the response to the LGA by the Director-Operational Services;
- (c) the Australasian Cemeteries and Crematoria Association (ACCA) be requested to provide advice on the matter.

seconded

4. NEXT MEETING

moved the next meeting of the Trust be held on Friday 2nd May 2014 at 12.15 p.m.

seconded

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2013.

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PRESIDING MEMBER

The meeting closed at p.m.
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Mount Gambier Cemetery Trust
Financial Statement
31 January 2014

<u>GENERAL ACCOUNT (Westpac)</u>		<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Balance as at	01 July 2013	\$ 970.10 CR	\$ 970.10 CR	970.10 CR
Plus Receipts:				
Burial Fees		123,072.78	150,208.33	257,500.00
Chapel Fees		15,363.64	14,466.67	24,800.00
Cremation Fees		99,441.83	111,183.33	190,600.00
Plaques/Memorials Revenue		72,401.58	77,525.00	132,900.00
Reservation/Lease Fees		30,689.98	19,250.00	33,000.00
Sundry Income		-	2,158.33	3,700.00
Vault/Monument Fees (Lake Terrace)		5,281.82	466.67	800.00
Interest-Bank Account		-	-	-
Interest-Reserve Account		6,014.08	2,333.33	4,000.00
Appropriation from Reserve Account		-	-	-
		<u>352,265.71</u>	<u>377,591.67</u>	<u>647,300.00</u>
		\$ 353,235.81 CR	\$ 378,561.77 CR	\$ 648,270.10 CR
Plus 2013 Profit transferred				
Less Payments:				
Wages		97,815.14	104,883.33	179,800.00
Long Service Leave		-	3,091.67	5,300.00
Superannuation		9,928.90	3,966.67	6,800.00
W/Comp-Insurance Premium		6,757.51	4,025.00	6,900.00
Administration-General		6,898.36	11,841.67	20,300.00
Cemetery Operating/Maintenance		67,986.64	47,425.00	81,300.00
Crematorium Operating/Maintenance		15,181.66	12,833.33	22,000.00
Discount Allowed		11,343.68	-	-
Grave Excavation		8,001.00	8,808.33	15,100.00
Insurance-General		13,035.00	7,466.67	12,800.00
Plaques/Memorials Expenditure		27,982.50	34,125.00	58,500.00
Training Expenses		2,170.55	-	-
Lake Terrace - Sundry Works		-	-	-
Lake Terrace - Vaults		-	-	-
Mowing Strips/Plaques		3,198.00	5,833.33	10,000.00
New Area Development		-	-	-
Loan Repayment (Office) - Council Internal Loan 16		-	10,033.33	17,200.00
Appropriation to Reserve-Interest		6,014.08	2,683.33	4,600.00
Appropriation to Reserve-Surplus Funds		-	-	-
Cemetery Capital Works - AIM Control		-	-	-
Capital - Entrance Gates/Associated Works		-	-	-
Capital - Roadworks/Resurfacing		-	-	-
Capital - Rotunda		-	-	-
Capital - Cremator Refurbishment		-	107,916.67	185,000.00
Capital - Office Extension		-	-	-
Capital - Chapel/Seating		-	-	-
Capital - Waterfall Area 2		-	2,916.67	5,000.00
Capital - Waterfall Area 3		1,509.09	5,833.33	10,000.00
Work Shed		-	23,333.33	40,000.00
		<u>277,822.11</u>	<u>397,016.67</u>	<u>680,600.00</u>
		\$ 75,413.70 CR	\$ (18,454.90) DR	\$ (32,329.90) DR

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance as per Bank Statement		\$	970.10	CR
Plus Cash on Hand				
Plus	Debtor - City of Mount Gambier (Deposit not yet Credited)		74,443.60	
	Appropriation from Reserve		-	
	Debtors Accrued & Due		-	
	Accrued Interest		-	
Less	Creditor - City of Mount Gambier		-	
	Appropriation to Reserve - Surplus			
		\$	75,413.70	CR

RESERVE FUND (Local Government Finance Authority)

Balance as at	01 July 2013	\$ 466,275.61	CR
Plus	Interest	6,014.08	
	Appropriation from General Account		
Less	Appropriation to General Account		
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		\$ 472,289.69	CR

Reserve Fund -
Invested 'At Call' with Local Government Finance Authority
Current 'At Call' rate is 2.5%


Prepared by:

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Finance Manager


Reviewed by:

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Administration Officer

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Feedback sought from Councils on emissions from crematoria - Circular 8.3

To	Chief Executive Officer Environment Staff Environmental Health Staff Policy and Strategic Planning Staff	Date	18 February 2014
Contact	Adam Gray Email: adam.gray@lga.sa.gov.au		
Response Required	No	Respond By	21 March 2014
Summary	The LGA is seeking feedback from Councils on the potential to increase regulatory standards to minimise harmful emissions from crematoria. Feedback is due by 21 March 2014.		

At the 2013 LGA Annual General Meeting members endorsed the following resolution;

That the Annual General Meeting requests the Local Government Association to investigate whether there is sufficient support across the sector to lobby the State and Federal Governments for changes to legislation requiring crematoria to install best control facilities to minimise the release of mercury and any other injurious contaminants into the atmosphere.

To support this motion the Cities of Unley and Mitcham provided the following information;


The Cities of Mitcham and Unley, as joint owners of Centennial Park Cemetery Trust, have a vested interest in ensuring the health and welfare of the community is safeguarded with regard to the release of mercury from the crematorium into the atmosphere. Mercury emissions from crematoria arise from dental amalgam in tooth fillings. Mercury emissions from this source are expected to increase in the next decade. Currently no crematoria in Australia have installed mercury abatement equipment.

The recognition of the danger of mercury release into the environment has resulted in the signing of the first global, legally binding treaty, the Minamata Convention on Mercury, in January 2013 by 147 governments. The treaty is expected to come into effect in three to five years. All councils, and particularly those operating crematoria are urged to support legislative change which would require crematoria to install best control facilities to minimize the release of mercury.

In response to this motion the LGA is seeking feedback from Councils to identify whether there is sufficient support for the LGA to pursue legislative/regulatory or policy change to increase the environmental emissions standards associated with crematoria.

Councils are encouraged to provide feedback to Adam Gray, Director Environment at the LGA via email adam.gray@lga.sa.gov.au by COB Friday 21 March 2014

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