



Hanmer Springs Business Association Minutes

Monday 1st of April 2019

6:30 pm, Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools

1. **Present:** Michael Malthus, Dave Wilson, Annie Truman, Christine Hall, Catherine Batterson, Janice Clyma, Brendon Cameron, Tsarina Dellow, Graham Abbott, Anne Frankland, Mary Holloway.
2. **Apologies:** -
3. **In Attendance:** Kirsty Cooksey, Pauline Bennett, Clive Lind, Guy Graham, Dave Falstead, Dave Doake, Paul Baigent.
4. **Minutes:** Confirmation of minutes from previous committee meeting – 4th of March 2019.

Michael/Catherine – carried

5. **Presentations**

- Dave Falstead – NZ Police – presentation regarding CCTV system. Five CCTV cameras have been installed around the village, two of which are infrared cameras specifically targeting vehicle number plates. There is also a camera on the Waiau Ferry Bridge into town. All of the cameras are linked to the police station. Ken Eckles was able to supply and install the cameras at cost, making the project affordable (\$10,830 plus GST – HSBA contribution \$5,000). Ken is keen to help other small towns in the Hurunui and is currently in discussion with Waikari, Hawarden, Amberley, and Culverden. Ken has provided the system at cost as he is keen to contribute to small communities. Dave still has a 'wish list' of a few more CCTV cameras to install to make the camera network more complete. He is in the process of applying for funding for those cameras.
- Pauline Bennett – Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust – presentation on the history and track maintenance of the Hanmer Forest (full presentation attached). Discussed the lack of legal public access to the forest (lost when government sold the forest in 2000) and the new sculptures in the forest; brochure with map in the process of being printed. The trust needs donations to help fund the brochures (there is a give a little page or can donate via Trust's website). They have also produced signage warning people about falcons in the forest.
 - Using images of sculpture for street banners – part of the success of the sculptures is the surprise element when people come across them in the forest. HHFT happy for HSBA to use the image of the dog sculpture, but not the other sculptures.
 - HHFT would like help from local businesses/HSBA with funding the new brochures or other aspects of the upkeep of the new sculptures. Annie offered to put a donation box in the 4 Square to help with funding the new brochures.
 - Annie suggested the HSBA donate to the HHFT. Michael suggested putting the HHFT donation into the upcoming budget for the next financial year.
- Guy Graham – Enterprise North Canterbury – presentation regarding training opportunities.
 - Guy suggested the Advanced Facebook course which can also be done online.
 - Dave Wilson keen on courses to become certified builders.
 - Courses currently available: managing others, better team player, conflict resolution, talk

- with the experts (e.g. lawyers, marketing, business mentors) for 40 minute discussion.
- Annie suggested getting representatives from trades, accommodation providers, retail to discuss which courses would be the best to go forward with - Dave Wilson, Anne Frankland, Dave Doake to discuss.
- Paul Baigent – accommodation provider issues – Concerns: numbers/bottom line is down, poor summer, bad winter. They have had discussions with Hurunui Tourism Board regarding poor numbers. Accommodation providers are looking at providing some funds (voluntarily) to do extra promotion in conjunction with Tourism Board. Plan to do digital marketing campaign just for Hanmer Springs, once funds can be found. Accommodation providers are asking the HSBA to contribute as well. Looking for a pledge of \$10,000 from accommodation providers and other businesses in Hanmer by Friday.
 - The HSBA will pledge to contribute as a once only offer a sum of up to \$5,000 conditional with the other two parties contributing (HTB \$10,000 and HSAPG \$5000). This undertaking will be done through the marketing team of the HTB for the sole benefit to the town of Hanmer Springs, separate from the Hurunui as a whole.

Michael/Annie - carried

6. Rolling Actions:

Agenda Items	Actions
Road Resurfacing	Secretary to send out survey to members asking their opinion on the road resurfacing issues.
Communication – Street Flags	Annie and Brendon to put together some image ideas.
Committee Meeting Venues	Discuss at May committee meeting.

7. Correspondence:

a. Inwards:

- Email from Richard Frankland congratulating Christine on migrant visa submission.

b. Outwards:

- Nothing sent.

8. Treasurers Report:

- Spent \$9,200 more than earnt.
- Reduced membership.
- Training and meeting nibbles, biggest costs for the year.
- \$17,354 still in the account.
- Tsarina would like the sub-committees to email ideas and costs to create a budget.
- Treasurer's report accepted.

Michael/Janice - carried

HSBA Treasurer's Report for March			
		Accounts to Be Tabled	
20/4/19		Xero	\$ 31.63
20/4/19		Treasurer	\$ 170.00
20/4/19		Secretary	\$ 170.00
		Total	\$ 371.63
		Bank Account Balances	
29/3/19		BNZ Cheque 000	\$ 11,794.46
29/3/19		BNZ Savings	\$ 25.74
30/3/19		BNZ Investment 01005	\$ 5,534.35
		Total	\$ 17,354.55

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Communication

- Banners – Brendon to put up Anzac banners up shortly. Annie keen to create a flag for the fete showing the logo and the website. Also, banners advertising the rugby event mid year. None of the banners will have the date on them so that they can be reused each year.
- Flag sets include - festive, Anzac, celebrate Hanmer, fete, rugby event. The cost is \$75 per banner and there are 14 street banners, total cost per set \$1,050.

b. Membership

- There are currently 55 members.
- Annie suggested having a social event at The Kiosk at the pools. Tsarina and Annie to organize event.

c. Advocacy

- Hurunui Council were in Hanmer to discuss freedom camping. There is still an opportunity to put submissions in to the council. Graham and Michael will review submission from 2018 and look into updating it.
- Mary – community board meeting - Conical Hill pathway upgrade, stormwater upgrade needed before winter.

d. Training

- Nothing to report.

e. Community Engagement

- Nothing to report.

f. Sustainability

- Nothing to report.

10. General Business

- Catherine – fete has council approval for Friday the 1st of November. Advertising and stall holder

registration to start shortly.

Next Meeting is Monday 6th of May 2019 at the Heritage Hotel at 6:30pm

Meeting Closed at 9:15 pm

The Hanmer Forest and the Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust Presentation

I would like to talk about the history of the Hanmer Forest and about the HHFT.

I am here to spread more awareness about the forest which is a major asset to Hanmer Springs.

I will then mention the sculptures.

History of the Hanmer Forest (required as hard to understand the present without knowing the past)

Most of the land around Hanmer Springs which is in forest now was in public ownership from 1860 to 2000.

First by the Nelson Provincial Council who set aside a Thermal Reserve of 1000 ha around the thermal pools.

In 1902 the land was passed to the Forestry branch of the NZ Lands and Survey. The forestry branch formed the State Forest Service and began establishing exotic tree planting around Hanmer Springs. It included experimental species and a large nursery. It became one of the earliest state forests in NZ and had the earliest large scale plantings of exotic trees in NZ.

In 1970 the State Forest Service set aside and gazetted 203 ha as a Recreation Area (the present Heritage Forest) with the Recreation Area's primary use being recreation rather than production.

In 1978 the Hanmer State Forest and the Grantham State Forest were combined to form the Hanmer Forest Park. It had its own advisory board and was set up the same way as the Whakarewarewa State Forest Park near Rotorua.

Since then there have been a number of changes. The State Forest Service became the NZ Forest Service which then split into the Dept of Conservation and the Forestry Corporation. The latter then split its forests into State Owned Enterprises (SOE's), including Timberlands NZ, and its forests into Crown Forestry Leases (CFL's). It then sold the CFL's around Hanmer Springs to Carter Holt.

In 2000 the land under the trees went to Ngai Tahu as part of the Settlement of Waitangi.

The forest land thus passed from public to private ownership.

Local reaction to these changes

In 1987 an informal advisory group was formed called the Friends of the Forest. Their main aim was the preservation of public access to the forests and to retain public ownership of the land (particularly of the 203 ha Heritage Forest area). It tried to lobby including presenting two petitions to the Government – one in 1987 and the other in 2000. They were unsuccessful and instead the Hurunui District Council were given \$30,000 for the maintenance of the track network in the Heritage Forest. The Council needed somewhere to put the grant and there was also a need for a more formal advocacy group so in 2001 the Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust was formed.

The Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust

Formed in 2001, the Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust's constitutional purpose is to benefit the community through:

- preserving and managing the public values of the Heritage Forest block,
- promoting the preservation of the public values of the wider Hanmer Forest, and
- preserving and managing the public values of the adjacent public land.

The Trust maintains the biking and walking tracks in the Heritage forest as well as spending extra funds on track upgrades elsewhere in the Hanmer forest.

It receives a grant from the HDC and another from the Community Board. They go towards the basic maintenance and of other costs like public liability insurance. Any extra income from fundraising and other grants like your donations go to things like on the tracks north of Jollies Pass Road, extra maintenance, tree trimming, seating, brochures, signs and of course the sculptures.

The Trust is also part of the Track Network Group which include the stakeholders of the Hurunui District Council, Dept of Conservation, Ngai tahu and Matariki. The TNG is important for the flow of information and for planning.

The seven Trust members are voluntary and there are accounts done each year which are publicly available.

Memorandum of Understanding

In 2008 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the HDC, Matariki Forests and the HHFT agreeing that the public has an ongoing right of access to the Heritage Forest, that the forest is available for outdoor recreation and recognising it is a significant recreational asset. In exchange the HDC is required to meet the cost of maintaining the tracks with the HHFT acting as the Council agent for this.

However, the MOU can be terminated without reason by giving three months' notice.

Public Access

Legal public access to the Hanmer Heritage Forest was lost when the Government sold the public land to Ngai tahu in 2000. There is presently no statutory provision for public access to the Hanmer Heritage Forest although the Hurunui District Plan and the Council's MOU with Matariki Forests and the HHFT recognise the importance of maintaining this access.

From Ngai tahu's perspective, private land can accommodate both commercial activities and provide public benefits. It supports the tracks in the Heritage Forest being maintained in the safe and appropriate state necessary for public access.

There is also no statutory provision to maintain public access if there was a change of ownership or use of the forest.

The sculptures

The sculpture idea came to the HHFT from seeing art in forests in Europe. They are purely for the fun element and the artist, Andrew Lyons, has done an amazing job of recreating the art from tiny pictures. You can imagine the difficult logistics of getting this art from his studio onto the trees and the multi skills of the Trust members, my husband Laurie and contractors was very much appreciated – and fun to do.

We are overwhelmed with the success of the project and that it is getting people out there enjoying the forests.

The Trust is very indebted to Matariki and Ngai tahu for allowing us the freedom to do the project.

The project, and it's success, has presented the Trust with extra costs like the need for regular oiling of expensive CD50 oil to preserve the wood. There is also a need for extra track maintenance.

We have been asked by businesses and individuals for information to give to people. So we are producing a sculpture rack card which will be distributed free to you. This will cost us \$1500 to produce.

The Trust is looking for monetary support from the Hanmer businesses to assist us with producing this rack card and also for all the advocacy work and track maintenance we do.

Conclusion

As you are aware the forest's network of walking tracks and mountain bike trails are extremely important to our tourism. We all benefit from the Hanmer forest, we want to keep being able to access it and to have the tracks, structures and signage at a standard that is enjoyable to all users.

Contact for donating is through the Give a Little HHFT page or by contacting the Trust through its website www.hanmerforest.co.nz. You can also donate to the Trust member who will be delivering the rack cards when they are printed.

The Business Assoc also has a system where the Trust receives donations when businesses pay their subscription. We received \$280 in your past year and it is very much appreciated, thank you.

From Pauline Bennett
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President of the HHFT
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