

ASSLH Sydney Branch Executive Minutes 10 February 2010

Meeting opened at 6.45pm at the Town Hall Hotel, Newtown

Attendance: Sue Tracey, Nick Dyrenfurth, Damien Stapleton, Danny Blackman

Apologies: Sarah Gregson

Adoption of minutes of previous meeting. Accepted

Matters Arising from minutes

AGM

As Harry Knowles was not available on 3 March the Sydney Branch AGM now to be held on 24 March at 6.00pm. Proposed to be held in the Gaelic Club if available. (Damien to check if the club is available) Danny will distribute flyers at the Club. Dyrenfurth/Blackman Carried.

Centenary of the Titanic

Sarah to check with Maritime Museum if they are proposing to celebrate it and if we can be part of any celebration.

Hummer

Nick reported there were a few changes to the content of the final version. The contents would now be:

Obits: Jim Hagan (from SMH) Anatol Kagan (Damian Stapleton)

East Villawood Progress Society Des Moore

Global Financial Crisis and the Labour Movement Luke Foley

Social Democrats and the Culture Wars Nick Dyrenfurth

Australian Graduate on the Titanic Sarah Gregson

Sarah had asked that there be discussion as to whether Hummer should be published on line and not done in hard copy. Discussion arose as how the State Library is managing the requirement for publishers to lodge a copy of material published in NSW when it is only in electronic form. It is not expensive to produce and the editing would still have to be done. The State Library should have a complete set of the Hummers by next week when Vol 2 Issue 2 is sent to them by Bev Symonds. Additionally there are a few members who do not use email and so can only access Hummer in hard copy.

The executive noted that Hummer was digitised and put up on the old ASSLH website, but it was not Google searchable on that site. In 2009 the new website was put up for ASSLH and the migration of Hummer is yet to be completed. It will be Google searchable. When the migration is completed all the Hummers will be available on line on the Sydney Branch site.

Motions

Sydney Branch will continue to produce Hummer as a hard copy publication and also make it available on line. Danny will check with the State Library about what deposit requirements there are for electronic publications.

S Tracey/ D Blackman Carried

The completion of the Hummer migration to the new website to be completed by Carl Power under contract to the Sydney Branch at a rate of \$35 per hour. It is envisaged it will cost \$500-\$1000.

S Tracey/D Stapleton Carried

Correspondence

- Recorder from Melbourne Branch ASSHLH
- Brisbane Branch ASSHLH
- Historic Houses Trust Magazine
- Email from Terry Irving asking Sydney Branch to sponsor an event in History Week arising from their book, *Radical Sydney –Places, Portraits and Unruly Episodes* which fits with the theme for History Week 2010 – *Faces in the Street*
- Email from Zoe Reynolds re proposed Hungary Mile historic walk. Wants Sydney Branch to confirm the list of historic milestones which was apparently submitted by this branch at sometime. MUA also advised that the commemoration of 65 Anniversary is being celebrated by the Australia Indonesia Association.

Matters Arising from Correspondence

Sydney Branch to sponsor Terry Irving and Rowan Cahill's *Radical Sydney –Places, Portraits and Unruly Episodes* an event in History Week 2010. (Sue to contact Terry and the History Council)

Damian Stapleton/ Nick Dyrenfurth.Carried

Rowan Cahill to be asked if he can assist with the list of historic milestones for the Hungary Mile historic walk. (If he can't perhaps he can suggest who might. (Sue to contact Rowan)

Sydney Branch will distribute details about the celebration of the 65 Anniversary to the Branch members and the MUA to be informed accordingly.

Danny Blackman/Damian Stapleton Carried.

Sydney Branch Meetings for 2010

24 March 2010 6pm AGM followed with a talk on *The AWU in the 1940s & 1950s* by Harry Knowles

23 June 2010 *The Centenary of the Election of the McGowen Government – Michael Hogan* to be asked (Nick to ask Michael) This could possibly be held in conjunction with the NSW Branch. (Sue to check)

? September 2010 Terry Irving and Rowan Cahill's *Radical Sydney –Places, Portraits and Unruly Episodes* an event in History Week 2010. (Sue to contact Terry and the History Council) Terry has suggested it be held at Unions NSW.

Danny suggested that the Trade Union Choir could sing at Sydney Branch functions for a fee of \$100. The executive members present thought that was a good idea, particularly for the History Week meeting.

Meeting closed at 8pm