

Lenswood and Forest Range Community Association

1st Annual General Meeting held on 25th August 2011 at the Forest Range Hall

1. Welcome

The interim president, John Tons, opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed 50 people in attendance.

He gave a presentation on how the idea for a community association began when a sub committee of the Lenswood Memorial Park Inc. was elected to raise funds. The committee organised a community day at the Park followed by a Quiz Night. It was felt that there was a need to have activities in the district to bring the community together and help provide funds to maintain our halls.

An association would be able to apply for grants and would be a voice for the community on issues that may arise.

2. Establishment of a Community Association

The president called for a motion to set up a community association. Moved Gary Beeton, seconded Andrew Mann, "That we set up a community association." *Carried*

3. Constitution

The president explained that the interim committee had met and put together a constitution. The constitution was based on a template provided by the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs. The template required the name of the association. This was proposed as "The Lenswood and Forest Range Community Association."

The template required the " Objects or purposes of the association." These were proposed as, "To preserve and promote the interests of the Lenswood and Forest Range Community."

He said the aim was to preserve all the good things that we have and that promoting the interests of the community covered anything we may like to do in the future.

He called for a motion to adopt the constitution.

Sally Hayes moved, Roger Norton seconded, "That we adopt the constitution." *Carried*

4. Membership Fees

The president reported that the interim committee had discussed membership fees and that they had recommended a fee of \$10.00 per member.

Roger Norton moved, Sally Hayes seconded, "That membership fees be \$10.00 per member." *Carried*

5. Committee

The election of committee members took place and the following volunteered:

Sally Hayes
Gary Beaton
John Tons
Evelyn Hay
Andrew Mann
Roger Norton
Sam Perna
Claire Harris
Alison Mason
Peter Stafford
Chris Collins

6. General Business

1. John Tons proposed a busy bee to tidy the bottom room of the Forest Range Hall on 10th September.
2. Andrew Mann reported that plans were underway to organise a “Games Night” to raise funds for the Association.
3. Bill Gale a councillor from the Adelaide Hills Council informed the meeting that grants were currently available from the Council.

7. “Forest Range to Flanders”

The president introduced Chris Collins to launch his book, “Forest Range to Flanders.”

Chris said this was the first of others books he wants to write about First World War soldiers from local Hill’s communities.

The book is for sale and all proceeds go to the Lobethal RSL.

He said that 59 men enlisted from the district. Of those, 28 were wounded and 14 were killed.

He went on to talk about the type of men that enlisted, the circumstances they came from, the hardships they endured in battle and the life they came back to for those that returned.

8. History of the District

The president introduced Kelvyn Vickers to speak about the history of Forest Range and Lenswood.

Kelvyn talked about his parents and the life they led as fruit growers.

He talked to a presentation of photos mostly from the Lenswood Cold Stores’ collection, featuring pioneering families, early orchard scenes, early buildings and community events.

9. Close

The president closed the meeting at 9.00pm and invited people to continue sharing history stories over supper.