

**Furneaux (Emita) Hall Special Committee
General Meeting
Unconfirmed Minutes**

Date: Tuesday 12th March 2019
Venue: "Greenglades", Fairhaven Rd, Emita
Commencing: 7:25pm

Present: Marc Cobham (outgoing Chair), Rachel Summers (incoming Chair), Mel Telfer (acting Secretary), Sammi Gowthorp (Council Community Development), Michael Sherriff, Helen Carnell, Kate Mooney.

Apologies: Sophie Pitchford, Aimee Wheatley, Dolly Wheatley.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes 18th September 2018:

Amendments: none
Moved: Helen Carnell
Seconded: Kate Mooney
Carried: yes

Correspondance:

1. **From Annie Pickering:** a letter of thanks from FIDHS for the loan of our portable tennis nets and other sporting equipment.
2. **From David Dunn:** a letter of thanks from the Table Tennis Group for providing equipment. Each week there are 4-10 attendees, and up to 3 tables in use. Participants are from Emita, Memana & Killiecrankie, and have noted the physical & social benefits of table tennis, and the importance of Emita Hall as a gathering space for the northern half of Flinders Island.

General Business:

1. **Communication with Council:**

Items in minutes requiring action by Council staff need to be highlighted in the email submission to Front Office to ensure the relevant staff are notified. CommDev Officer can also follow up as appropriate.

2. **Maintenance issues:**

Toilet access: would be great to have toilets accessible from outside at all times (many families using the new playground). Need to be able to lock internal doors between toilets and hall. Recommend either new locking handles on internal doors, or bolts to secure from the inside. Cleaning needs to be regular.

3. **Hall upgrades:**

Committee contributions: \$3000 cash (Emita Sports & Recreation Inc.), \$5000 in kind

Kitchen fitout: in late 2018 Peter Janssen offered to donate/ assist with costs for kitchen cabinetry. Sammi to follow up.

Benchtops: Community Shed is making wooden benchtops for serveries in bar & kitchen (4 in total). Many thanks from Hall Committee to the Shed.

Bar sink: wasn't included on the plans. Builder & plumber have absorbed extra costs to add a handbasin in the bar. Many thanks from Hall Committee to Shane Wain & Derek Wills.

Bar fitout: not included in Council or TCF grant budget. Committee to look into shelving and storage solutions.

Painting: renovation cladding is going to be cement sheet which will need painting. Need to check whether committee is supplying paint and labour for inside AND outside. Our original understanding was inside only.

An option for the outside is to have sections painted with blackboard paint for menus. The builder anticipates that the space will be ready for painting at the end of April.

4. Insurance:

Council has Community Liability pack. Not-for-profit groups and private parties are covered for hall hire, except for paid contractors at such events (eg caterers, bands). Sports participants generally not covered, but spectators are. Ideally we need a better solution to cover basic activities like table tennis, yoga etc.

5. Terms of Reference:

The Furneaux (Emita) Hall Special Committee Terms of Reference were defined and adopted. Rachel Summers to formalise these.

Moved: Marc Cobham

Seconded: Mick Sherriff

Carried: yes

Next meeting: June 2019, TBA

Meeting closed: 9:33pm

TABLE TENNIS at EMITA HALL

The table tennis group gets together once a week all year round (Wednesday at 7pm) at Emita Hall for about four years, except for the times that the hall has been shut down.

Between four and ten people usually attend (up to three tables); local players supplemented by visitors, especially in summer.

In addition to providing a bit of exercise, the social benefit of table tennis is undeniable. It provides an opportunity for people to get out of the house and do something different one night a week. For example, the late Chris Chen became an enthusiastic, regular player when living alone and his humour and enthusiasm are greatly missed.

The standard of play improved after some coaching by an international table tennis legend. However, the focus of the group has remained to have fun so there are no formal fixtures, although competition is at times intense.

People have attended from Emita, Memana, Lackrana and Killiecrankie. This demographic indicates the importance of the Emita Hall as a community base for the northern part of the island.

We look forward to the Emita Hall reopening soon so that table tennis can resume.

David Dunn
(co-coordinator)

