St Augustine's Parish Council meeting minutes

Location:	Hartigan Centre
Date:	29th July 2020
Time:	7:30
Attendees:	Lourdes O'Keefe, Fr Mick Burke, Sarah Johnston, Peter Cleary, Bryan Coleborne, Michael Green, Annabelle O'Connell, Michael Van Wanrooy, Bob Nash, Genevieve Colbert
Apologies:	Nil

Agenda items

- Confirmation of previous minutes
    - All ok.
- Matters arising from the Minutes:
    - Developing a charter for our Parish Council
        - Sarah thanked Michael VW particularly for his assistance in completing the DRAFT charter tabled for discussion.
        - Discussion resulted in the following:
            - An addition to section **3. What commitment does a PPC member undertake?**
                - meeting for one or more additional days per year as needed, for development of parish planning and spirituality.
            - Alteration/addition to section **4. Membership**
                - Each PPC member will take on responsibility for one of the following portfolios: Ecumenism, Education, Liturgy, Maintenance, Social/Hospitality, Social Justice, Welfare, Youth.
                - PPC members must stand down for at least one term in between serving on the council.
    - Aboriginal Plaque
        - From Bryan's report, Fr Mick raised the issue that he isn't sure that St Augustine's Church (ie. Lovat Chapel) was the site of the Coming of the Bogong Moths Ceremonial Ground; it was definitely a corroboree area and used as a meeting place between various nations.

- Whilst Bryan reported the information as correct to his knowledge, the above concern was raised in terms of needing to be very sensitive and careful that we are moving forward in the right manner, including getting all information correct.
- In light of the site being a place of significance to both Indigenous people and Christians, and also the site where King Jacky met with Fr Lovat, Bob suggested organising to have the NATSICC plaque permanently placed somewhere near the grotto. We all thought this was a great idea. Fr Mick also suggested we have an Aboriginal art mural painted around the wall in that area – fabulous idea. Love it. Let's do it.
- Further discussion needed as to how to advance this idea and to address the other questions raised in Bryan's Ecumenism report.

- Concern for the Murrumbateman community
  - Genevieve raised concern that the Murrumbateman community will be lost if somewhere suitable for physically distant Mass in the village isn't found soon.
  - The PPC would like to acknowledge this must be an especially difficult time for the Murrumbateman community, as the lack of a suitable space means that some are unable to attend Mass at all for the foreseeable future.
  - At this time, we are unable to hold Mass anywhere in Murrumbateman that can be adherent to current health and safety regulations, but once the restrictions are lifted, the resumption of Mass in Murrumbateman is a priority.
  - Once a month provision of Liturgy of the Word and other prayer services via Zoom to perhaps be resumed, pending interest and willingness of Zoom champion organisers to organise.

- Discussion of matters arising from submitted reports:
  - See below.

- AOB:
  - Lourdes made a point of thanking Bob for all his recent work in the Lovat Chapel kitchen. You ARE amazing Bob. It's in the minutes so it's official.

- **Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday 9th Sep 2020, 7.30pm**

Discussion points/Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Ecumenism: -Significant discussion held on the matter of the NATSICC plaque, as per notes above.	Bryan		
Education: No report tabled; no programs/gatherings due	Genevieve		

to COVID19 restrictions.			
Liturgy: -Thanks to Peter C for inclusion of Murrumbateman Ministers on Sunday mornings.	Peter		
Maintenance: -All pending activities/events for the Lovat Chapel have been cancelled. - No further discussion on submitted report.	Bob		
Mt Carmel School: -No further discussion on submitted report.	Michael Green		
Social: No report tabled. No activities/gatherings due to COVID19 restrictions.	Lourdes		
Social Justice. No further discussion on submitted report. **ACTION:** PPC members to think and pray about the best way to promote and organise training and information regarding Parish Safeguarding Volunteer once we can gather in large groups again.	Sarah Everyone		Ongoing
Welfare: No further discussion on submitted report.	Michael Van Wanrooy		
Youth: No further discussion on submitted report.	Annabelle		