



MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

MEETING OF KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK

Held Monday 7 October 2013 at Knox Civic Centre

## PRESENT:

Representatives of Faith Communities present:

(President)	Uniting Church, FTG
(Vice-president)	Janssen Spirituality Centre, Boronia
(Publicity Officer)	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
(Secretary)	St Simons Catholic Church, Rowville
	Egyptian Coptic Church
	Uniting Church, FTG
	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Jaya Manchikanti (part of meeting) Knox City Council, Community Development Officer - Diversity

## APOLOGIES:

	Islamic Society of Melbourne, Eastern Region (ISOMER)
	Blood 4 Harmony Program
(Treasurer)	Temple Society Australia

## GUESTS

Nil

## WELCOME AND OPENING BLESSING:

Pat opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

Pat provided the opening prayer in the form of a story about Buddha.

The draft agenda was confirmed.

### 1. ITEMS FROM KNOX COUNCIL

#### 1.1 Knox Multicultural Directory

Jaya described the Directory; Peter will respond on behalf of the Network.

#### 1.2 Joint KIN / KMAC Meeting

Jaya mentioned the intent of having a guest speaker at the meeting – Sue Herpst, Executive Officer, Migrant Information Centre. Network Members welcome the suggestion.

**2. MINUTES/ACTIONS FROM LAST NETWORK MEETING**2.1 *Minutes of meeting of 19 August 2013:*

Minutes moved for acceptance: Gwenda; Seconded: Lee. Approved.

2.2 *Items arising and not on agenda:*

1. Harry provided further information on the schools program running in the Maroondah Interfaith Network. This is a candidate for using the balance of the grant money from the 2012/2013 seminar events. This focuses on how faith helps the students in their life. It has about 4-5 speakers, who present a personal position. The event has been successful – noting it is with take-up so far by church-related schools. One invitation is pending from a state school, likely to be run in 2014. Lee suggested a meeting with Maroondah people involved in the program. Decision deferred until Mark's return.

2. Rules of incorporation: Peter has examined the model rules based on the 2012 Act in detail and will work with Mark to prepare a mark-up in time for the AGM. The AGM can be up to 5 months after the end of our financial year – so as late as May. The changes expected are not significant to the Network.

2.3 *Financial Matters:*

1. Mark (Treasurer) is travelling – a full financial update will be provided at the November meeting.

2. *Indemnity Insurance:* Peter (on behalf of Mark) outlined the position per Mark's email as of 28 August 2013, recommending that the indemnification required under the 2012 Act not be taken up by insurance.

**MOTION:** That the Network does not apply for any form of indemnity insurance. Moved: Peter; Seconded: Lee. Approved unanimously.

3. *Known Expenditure:* Peter requested permission to renew the domain registration for [www.knoxinterfaith.org.au](http://www.knoxinterfaith.org.au) at a cost of \$59 for 2 years – approved.

2.4 *Events attended:*

Gwenda reported on the one day JCMA event run instead of the Winter Conference. Lee and Harry reported on an event they attended on Sunday 6 October – religion and the media.

**3. PRESENTATION: WHY NOAH'S FLOOD WAS A MUST FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST**

- Maher made this presentation – the notes will be distributed separately to members present.

**4. 2013 PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENT**

4.1 Network members present commented very favourably on the event at both the Library and the Council.

4.2 Lee reported on comments provided after the event at Knox Council:

- Could the event be taken to schools?
- Some people would have liked to see brief notes below the photos outlining which community it related to and what the event or activity was.

4.3 The following ideas are captured from this and from previous meetings:

- Offer the exhibition to the Knox Historical Society.
- Offer the exhibition to communities which were photographed.
- Providing a copy of the CD to all faith communities in Knox, along with an invitation to join the Knox Inter-faith Network. The CD might be an auto-play version dubbed over with some audio – either voice or music (subject to copyright).

- Printing the photos in a self-published book – coffee table style format – for sale, e.g., using the application Blurb.
- Printed calendar with inter-faith dates by month opposite 12 of the photos.
- Possible use by VMC in their annual book.
- Putting the best photos into a digital photo frame which would then provide a portable asset for use at Knox Inter-faith Network events and where the Network is attending other inter-faith / multi-faith events.
- Selling copies of the photos.

Any of these uses will need to consider and resolve any rights management / digital rights management issues.

## **5. OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

- First Observe, then Serve – Maroondah Stake Relief Society Broadcast & Service Activity - an event at the Wantirna Stake Centre – Sat, 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11am-4pm.
- Maher reported on the next Harmony festival – 29-30 March 2014 at the Polish Community at Stud Park, Rowville. This has significant funding from both the State Government and the Knox Council.

## **6. PLANS FOR 2014**

### 6.1 Dates for meetings:

- 3 February – prepare a program for 2014 and use this to recruit new members
- 7 April – proposed as AGM
- 2 June
- 4 August
- 6 October
- November – likely to be the annual joint meeting with KMAC on a date to be advised

Note: Easter in 2014 is 20 April, Ramadan in 2014 runs 28 June – 27 July

### 6.2 Lee suggested presentations on the various faiths be run through a cycle again.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 25 November, 2013 – details to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 9:40pm.