



## **NT Branch Meeting, 2 August 2011, Congress 21 Gap Rd Meeting Room Final**

**Opened:** 1720

**Present:** Warwick Beaver, Rosalie Schultz, Peter Tait, - present; Clive Rosewarne and Michael Fonda by telephone.

**Apologies:** Liz Moore, Bruce Simmons

### **Previous Minutes**

May 3 and May 31 minutes adequate record of the meeting - accepted

July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting: agreed a sufficient record of the inquorate meeting and discussion.

### **Business arising**

#### ***Really caring for kids campaign:***

***Really caring for kids campaign IIa, Amendments to Notifiable Diseases Act, Section 10.***

Offer of guideline has been made. Rosalie and Peter to write to Barb P and say PHAA accepts the idea of a guideline and it should come out asap + a statement in parliament by the Minister of intent to reform Act would be useful to support the guideline.

There seems to be a last quarter falloff in STI diagnoses in under15s: is this an effect of the legislation or another effect?

Warwick to contact Jiun Yeh Su at Clinic 34 to look at rates in the testing data.

***Really caring for kids campaign IIb, Care and Protection of Children Act***

AMSANT is coordinating Really caring for kids Coalition response to the review. PHAA has signed on to the letter questioning the failure to notify in time for an effective review process and the Terms of Reference.

A Coalition meeting was possibly scheduled for today: no one is sure if it happened.

Rosalie to email Liz at AMSANT.

#### ***Socially and Ecologically Sustainable NT Population:***

Carried over again.

## ***Nuclear issues:***

### NT Waste Dump –

**Muckaty Senate Vote:** still going on. See discussion following.

**Information on nuclear medicine** – Peter Karamoskos in Darwin on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept for the Grand Round at RDH. Plus an evening public event to inform public / debunk the myth.

Agreed the need to get more organisations and BIG names signed on to the statement. CRANA, RACP (oncology and nuclear med).

Then re-publicise the statement: Age contact. Dave Sweeney's contacts. Use ANFA to relaunch the Statement.

Clive thinks that it is too late to stop the vote going ahead in the Senate given the bipartisan nature of support. So do we focus effort onto having the inquiry into Australia's nuclear medicine needs. ANSTO is not supporting an inquiry so this may also be a non-starter.

Rosalie will follow up on AHPA signing on to the statement.

Rosalie to follow up with Fiona Stanley if Michael Wright is wanting help. Clive to ask Michael W.

Michael F to ask Peter K about RACP signing on.

### ANFA Annual Meeting

on September 10 and 11 at 7 Mile: Clive attending to give session on radiation and health. See other items this section.

Collaboration with ALEC to make a **Resource on uranium mining** for Aboriginal communities: good interactive program on *iTalk*; English and Arrernte and Walpiri. How to deal with mining companies on their land. Trial at ANFA meeting.

### Smoke alarms:

legislation going thru NT Parliament in October – November. PHAA revised policy to be approved at AGM, then will go up on website.

***Alcohol issues:*** no report.

## ***Road safety:***

### Stuart Highway

Rosalie has discovered statistics on crash sites around Alice Springs and at speed limits for the major rural NT towns. More fatalities occur along the Stuart Hwy in Alice.

ASTC not responsible for the Stuart Hwy. NTG controls the Stuart Hwy. But is unlikely to override the ASTC on this issue. So buck passing continues. Further the current speed limits probably reflect national standards and would not be likely to have much effect.

So do we propose pedestrian crossing lights at the Hoppy's shop crossing, North Stuart Hwy?

Decided to no pursue this any further for now.

50kph in suburbia roads campaign

Clive hasn't had time to pursue this. Will revisit.

### ***Succession planning:***

Agreed: need to plan and set date for AGM.

No decision reached.

### ***Water Resource Strategy NT:***

Rosalie drafted and sent around a submission. Comments were received back and were noted by the meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** \$191.001 income; \$2410.07 outgoing, balance \$2917.09.

### **New business**

***Member survey?*** 2 questions proposed. Some suggestions: are members happy with the current operational arrangements? What role do members see PHAA having in supporting their local issues.

To develop further out of session.

### ***August 26<sup>th</sup> ASH Grand Rounds***

PHAA has a slot booked for this.

Plan: Ask Boffa to present on grog. Or Peter wind directions from Angela Pamela.

**Meeting Closed:** 1840

**Next meeting:** Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>; 21 Gap Road and phone; at 17:15.

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