



PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH

Branch Meeting Minutes

March 21st 2006 5:15 pm.

Meeting venue: Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.

Present: Clive Rosewarne, Peter Tait, John Boffa, Cheryl North,

Phone: Helen Nikolas (Darwin), Rosalie Schultz

Apologies: Emma Kowal, Kerin O'Dea, Warwick Beevers

Agenda:

1. Business Arising
2. Branch President's Rpt.
3. Branch Treasurer's Rpt.
4. Other Business

Minutes:

1. Business Arising (still outstanding)
 - a. Branch Prizes. *Finalised. Will begin lead- in publicity in late April (after Easter) Open for entries from June 12 until August 4. Winners announced on August 25*
 - b. Webpage *Meeting agreed that there should be links to all member organisations of PHAA NT (with their permission) as well as to many 'local' sites that may be of interest* **Action: Executive members to raise any other organisations at a meeting for agreement and then obtain permission from them and forward to Clive.**
Approval to have links to PHAA NT website has been given by AMSANT, CA Division of primary Health Care, Katherine West Health Board, CA Remote Health Development Services., GP & PHC NT, Any other member organisations who would like to be linked please let us know...
 - c. Closure of Irrkerlantye Learning Centre. *As agreed at last meeting a letter was sent to the Minister for Education, in support of Irrkerlantye remaining open, and cc to Irrkerlantye. A message of thanks came from Irrkerlantye for our support. The letter was also sent to Letters to the Editor in the Centralian Advocate.*
 - d. People's Congress Report *A Report by Stephanie Bell who attended (with assistance from PHAA NT) is to be arranged later in the year.* **Action: John Boffa**
2. Branch President's Rpt.

Clive raised concerns about the impact of the Presidents work load while he is not 'office based' and the difficulties of 'fitting tasks in' He is considering stepping down but has asked if another executive member might be willing to share the Secretarial workload plus attending the Branch president's phone-linkups.

3. Treasurer's Rpt.

We are moderately financial. We have \$5,142.00. A large proportion of this is already committed for prizes for PHAA NT Awards.

4. Other Business

- a. Lunch Time PD at ASH *It was noted that several PHAA members have presented at the lunch time meetings at ASH in recent months. Peter Tait spoke on Health & Climate Change, Rosalie Schultz spoke on Bird Flu, ...*
The meetings are held at 12:15 every Wednesday & Friday and are open to all Health Dept employees (except for first Wednesday of each month which is for Doctors only)
Any one who is interested on presenting at ASH on a topic on behalf of PHAANT please contact the executive? Is there a similar programs on in Darwin?
- b. Letter of Support PHAA NT provided a letter of support to Cool MOB. They are applying for funding from ASTC Grants.
Any others who would like letters of support written for similar projects please let us know. We can assist and promote PHAA NT at the same time
- g. Regulation of Food Advertising to Children Discussion Paper Received. A Forum is to be held on this topic in Adelaide at end of March
Discussion ensued as to whom such notices should be passed on to.
If members have a special interest in other SIGs (besides ATSI Health as most NT members are also ATSI Health SIG members) For example Helen is the NT Health promotion SIG contact and Boffa is the ATSI SIG contact for the relevant National SIG Convenors. If other NT members play (or would be willing to play) a similar role, then information that comes from the national office can be directed to the most appropriate people and you could also feed information up to the NT monthly meetings. If you are interested in one of these roles please contact Clive
- h. Social Determinants of Health Action Group launched by PHAA NSW in October 2005 various documents forwarded and tabled.
- i. Promoting PHAA NT Peter Tait, and many other members are involved in a number of "health related" groups outside of their specific employment. Peter raised the issue
Executive would be interested to know what groups you are involved in and whether it is possible to be a PHAA NT representative at said meetings....?

Date of next meeting. Tuesday April 11th 5:15pm – in Alice Springs at Congress.
Or phone in on 1800 505 427 follow the voice prompts and enter the passcode: 6279#
(make sure you press the hash key after 6279) you will then automatically enter the meeting