Notes for Outreach Committee Meeting 27 February 2010

Commenced 11.05 am

Present:
Julia, Peter J, Raymond (GWSAC), Chris, Andy, Tony S, Michael

Welcomed Chris and Raymond

Points of Discussion

- Wollongong Workshop 29th May 2010 (approved by Region last year)
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- Hunter Workshop Date to be advised
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- Muswellbrook workshop not viable, owing to proximity of the Hunter Area workshop being run later (Outreach will be in attendance at that workshop). Some assistance will be offered to help the meetings there, (this will be clarified by PI & Outreach), but they may be better supported by Hunter.
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- We had some discussion on the opening paragraph of the missing in action letter, and consensus was that it was ok.

- We had discussion as to whether these letters even needed to be ratified by the Region. In later discussion, while Julia was giving our report, it was clarified by the Regional Chair that in fact they do need to be ratified.

- Discussion on Pen Pals and distance sponsoring. Michael to produce a flyer asking for participants. Also, Michael to produce a second fly to go in the Outreach mailout.
- The flyers, when finished, will need to be mounted on our web page
- A date has been set for these tasks being 8th March 2010

- Peter J bought up the fact that Pen Pals and distance sponsoring could be offered to those NA members in Gaol.

- These "Loner Flyers" could be included in H&I Welcome Packs

- Further discussion on "Meetings by Request" Policy. Tony put forward the view that it is not the Policy Committees job to write these guides. We need to do what we can and then ask for help when we need to.

- Discussion on the possibility of Nathaniel joining one of our teleconferences to guide us with developing our policy

- It was suggested that we ask for feed back from members that have actually tried Meetings on Request.

- We need to look at what resources those people on the MBR list need. Eg guidelines, Meetings Lists etc

- Julia to send out possible policy ideas for committee members to review. This is so we can

get policy nailed down

- Discussion on Outreach Newsletter. Julia handed out “Handbook For Newsletters”

- In future, the minutes of the Outreach Committee meetings are to be sent by the secretary to Tony S, so he can mount them on our web page.

Next Meeting 8 March 2010