



MINUTES OF MEETING FOR Cairns COUCH Ltd
(COMMITTEE FOR THE ONCOLOGY UNIT AT CAIRNS HOSPITAL)

Quality Hotel Sheridan Plaza
Tuesday 17th July 2007
1800

Apologies

Lloyd Smith

Tracy Plotner

Mal Fraser

Mary Hughes

Colleen Wright

Warren Entsch

Tom Hedley

Alan King

Warren Pitt

Desley Boyle

Tony Baker

John O'Brien

Marma Rasmussen

Jim Turnour

Paul Hockey

Steve Wettenhall

Lou Picconne

Tom Hedley

Sandy Astill

Bob McGill opened the meeting at 6:10 pm and welcomed everyone and made mention of why everyone was here. Bob thanked Jenny Coates and Stuart Munro from The Quality Inn, Sheridan Plaza who were kind enough to organise our meeting room arrangements.

Bob introduced Charles Woodward, Chairman of COUCH. Charles spoke about the reasons COUCH was formed. He also mentioned that since COUCH was formed almost 1 year ago, it has grown bigger and bigger. COUCH does want to help solve the problem not just complain about it. We want to improve the local facilities. We also want to work with the Hospital Foundation and the Queensland Cancer Council as well as all other organisations. We see COUCH filling gaps in the system. We are keen to and are working in conjunction with various organisations. COUCH also wants to see the establishment of a Respite Centre.

Charles asked Liz Plummer to speak to the meeting. Liz once again sincerely thanked everyone for coming this evening. Liz has completed her 22nd session with chemotherapy and she advised the group that she has learned a lot. Liz personally thanked Charles and Pip for taking on the enormous challenge that they have taken on. Liz advised the group that when Charles and Pip first took up the challenge she received over 100 telephone calls from people. She was very surprised and concerned about the hardships people had to endure. Liz stressed the need to come together as a community. Liz spoke from the heart and many times had everyone laughing or at times near to tears. She is leaving for Brisbane early tomorrow morning for further treatment.

Charles introduced Glenys Duncombe and Glenys spoke to the group about the loss of her young daughter. Again, Glenys shared with the meeting what it was like to lose a child to cancer.

Kevin Byrne, Mayor of the City of Cairns spoke to the meeting and gave his strong support to COUCH.



Dr Ken Chapman, Chairman, FNQ Hospital Foundation addressed the meeting.

Dr Andrew Shearer, Haematologist addressed the meeting.

Bob McGill sincerely thanked all the speakers.

Bob asked the meeting if there were any donations to be presented.

Apex Cairns came forward with a cheque for \$11,573.45. Mr Jim Wallace from BigCat Cruises came forward with \$10,000. Charles Woodward donated \$10,000 from the CaPTA Group of Companies.

Mr Dusty Prickett came forward with a personal cheque for \$500.00. Several other people in the meeting also presented money.

On behalf of COUCH, Bob thanked individuals, businesses, corporations and community associations who kindly supported this very worthy cause.

The meeting closed at 1930 and supper was provided by BidVest.