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Friends of Black Mountain Oral History Project Progress Report

Introduction

Molonglo Conservation Group (MCG) received approval in May 2021 for a grant from the Braysher Management Fund to do the Friends of Black Mountain Oral History Project. Molonglo Conservation Group administers financial aspects of this project. The grant for the Oral History project replaced that for the MCG Rosenbergs Monitor project.

Braysher Management Fund agreed to provide the grant in two payments, the initial payment to start the project, and the second payment being the balance of the grant after the progress report part way through the project. With the progress that has been made with the Oral History project, the payment of the balance of the grant is requested.

Progress

Dr Mary Hutchison, Honorary Associate Professor, Centre for Heritage and Museum Studies, Australian National University, is conducting the interviews. Seven of the nine interviews have been held and recordings of the interviews, timed summaries and relevant additional material are being provided, these include interviews with:

Wally Bell
Rosemary Blemings
Dr Ted Edwards
Jean Egan
Ian Fraser
Kim Pullen
Dr Rosemary Purdie,

Invoices for these interviews have been received and have been paid, except for the most recent invoice which is awaiting the funds. The last two interviews are scheduled, and arrangements have been made for technical assistance for file conversion and editing for the internet.

Interview recordings are being made available on USB device to each of the interviewees.

A seminar about this Black Mountain Oral History Project was held on Wednesday, 22 June 2022. It was led by Dr Mary Hutchison and Julie Hotchin, and some of the people who had been interviewed talked about the benefits of this project. A test model of the interviews being accessible on the

website was also demonstrated. About 30 people attended this event, and we received very positive feedback about this oral history.

Arrangements will also be made with:

- a. ACT Heritage Library in order to transfer the Oral History recordings and related material;
and
- b. Braysher Management Fund for a presentation.

Finance

Dr Hutchison has provided invoices for the above listed completed interviews, and invoices for the forthcoming interviews will be presented. Invoices for the technical expertise for the file conversion for internet use will also be presented.

The grant from the Braysher Management fund was \$8,250 (incl GST) (\$7,500 (excl GST) +\$750 GST).

FoBM has received \$4,964.00 via MCG.

It is now requested that the balance of the grant \$2,536 (excl GST) to be provided to MCG in order to pay the forthcoming invoices.



The relevant bank details are:

BSB: 032-724

Account No: 364033

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If you would like further information, we are happy to provide it.

	
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