Precis of Minutes

First Meeting 10.10.50. — Office of the minister for Lands. Loftus Street, Sydney.

Meeting opened by the Hon. J.B. Renshaw, M.L.A. Minister for Lands.

Elected positions of Trust:-

Chairman: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Sydney Ald. the Honourable E.G. O'Dea M.C.

Secretary: Mr. J. Lyscombe.

Apologies: Bishop Hilliard & Ald. A.J. Cahill.

Present: Messrs. J.B. Renshaw M.L.A. E.G. O'Dea M.L.C. Aldermen A. Greenup M.L.A. A.E. Dunn, K.E. Dwyer, P.W. Geadrie, A.R. Jones, J.O. Rowe, J. Lyscombe.

Resolved:- Appreciation of work of minister for Lands Mr. J.B. Renshaw M.L.A. & predecessor Hon. W.F. Sheahan M.A.

Minutes of first meeting to be forwarded to Mitchell Library.

Requested by Mr. Geadrie for following work to be carried out:-

(a) Repair or renewal of existing paling fence.

(b) construction of soft wide fire-break inside the fence.

Mr. Geadrie mentioned proposals for next meeting.

(a) drainage from Federation Street.

(b) placing of permanent marks in the Cemetery so that the location of graves could be facilitated.

(c) erection of dividing wall between Cemetery and Rest Park portion.

Second Meeting 26.10.50 held in L.M.'s Room, T.H. Sydney.

The Chairman introduced Mr. E.S.R. Garth Director of Parks who he had invited to attend in order that any beautification to be carried out would be executed under his supervision.

Mr. Garth was appointed honorary adviser to the Trust.

Correspondence received from Wild Life Preservation Society of Australia re planting of native trees, ~~shrubs~~ shrubs etc, from Board of Fire Commissioners expressing readiness to carry out a "burning off" programme within Cemetery grounds. The estimated cost of cutting a fire break by Council is £200.

Letter from Minister of Lands stating that Minister for Public Works unable to undertake job of clearing Rest Park area.

Resolved that Minister call tenders from private contractors and ~~if~~ if no satisfactory quotations receive the Council be approached to carry out work at Departments expense.

Resolved (3) permanent location marks of graves be obtained from Department of Lands.

Resolved the Council be requested to make £5000 available at P. & R. Dept. for expenditure in 1951 and £1,000 for expenditure by Trust repairs, maintenance stationery etc.

Resolved a plan of land approx 300' x 300' near Federation Road be prepared by the C.E. for beautification and the Department of Lands be asked to remove (6) graves. ~~and~~ also supply plans of any previous proposals to the Trust, and the view of the Minister re dividing wall.

Resolved "Batty's water fountain" removed from Newtown bridge be located in Rest Park and that entrance pillars of old cemetery be used in new layout.

Resolved that removal, alterations and/or repairs of fences be left in hands of Mr. Garth.

Resolved copies of proceeding be forwarded to the Council & Church Authorities and that the Council be formally asked for the loan of Mr Garth & Mr Luscombe to assist the Trust.

Resolved photographs be taken ~~by~~ for record purposes and next meeting be held in old cemetery.

Resolved survey be made of the Rest Park area.
Resolved the Council be requested to acquire property in Australia St, on west boundary of Park and that an account for £ 3/17/- be submitted to Council to be paid to C of E. Property Trust for paling fence repairs

Third Meeting 16.11.50

Inspection of site carried out and meeting then held in Rectory of St. Stephen's Church.
Business:- (a) Cutting of fire break was proceeding
(b) Council ~~~~ approved provision of funds requested.
(c) Mr Milton Kent appointed to take photographs.
The meeting Resolved the following:-
(1) Photograph of first Trustees of the Rest Park.
(2) Development of Lennox Street area in addition to the Federation Road area.
(3) Commemorative tree and plaque to set in Cemetery to members of the former C. C. of S.
(4) Palms etc. of Australia Street frontage.
(5) Clearance of site of proposed new Parish Hall for St. Stephen's.
(6) Framing of By-Laws.
(7) Provision of seal of Trust.

Fourth meeting, 7/12/50 in St Stephen's Church Rectory
Before meeting, a tree was planted in Lennox St. area of Rest Park by Chairman.
Business: (a) Clearance for Parish Hall to ready at the same time as Lennox St Site.
(b) Progress was being carried out into By-Laws and design of Seal.
The meeting resolved the following:-
(1) Planting of six (6) Poplar ~~trees~~ commemorative trees.
(2) Government to be requested to approve Council removing headstones etc. from Lennox St. at Govt's. expense
(3) Type of wall to surround cemetery.
(4) Suggestion that an Avenue of Trees in the Federation