

Minutes GAT Meeting

Date: 8:30pm, Wednesday, 12th Oct 2022

1. Welcome

2. Attendance

2.1 Present

Campbell Whyte, Louise Chapman, Elizabeth Marruffo, Sangeetha Durgam

2.1 Apologies

Sonia Hatzis, Elizabeth Marruffo, Robyn Bishop, Diem Hoang, Caroline Edwards, Martina Bordoni, Jimmy Brown, Andrew McClland, Teri Loe Mau

3. HASS Excursion Funds Request

3.1 Details of Request

Diane Calliagaro has put forward a request for funds to cover the cost of all year 9 GAT students to attend a HASS excursion. The cost for the excursion is \$492 for the bus and \$272 for the tickets for a total of \$764.00.

“Hi Louise,

I have tentatively scheduled the excursion for Week 5, Monday 7th November (pending approval from GAT committee and Leadership).

The excursion is at Dept of Fisheries in Hillarys and will consist of the following:

Learn why fisheries scientists dissect fish and how extracting the ear bones of bony fish provides information that is used to assess the health of fish stocks. Students will work in pairs to carry out their own fish dissection, examining both the internal and external features of their fish.

In this activity, students will learn how and why scientists age fish. Following a fish dissection demonstration, students will use prepared materials and microscopes to determine the ages from a sample of fish otoliths. They will then

record and graph the collected data and gain an understanding of how this information assists in the sustainable management of our fisheries.

The excursion will enhance the students' learning experience for Year 9 Geography curriculum (biomes and food security). The cost is \$8 per student, plus the cost of the bus. The activities last for a total of 2 hours at the Dept of Fisheries. This also has cross-curricular activities for Science as well.

Thanks for all your assistance. Please let me know if I need to fill out a form or what other information is required.

Kind regards,
Diane”

3.2 Vote

A vote was held and all present approved the spend.

3.3 Processing Payment

Louise will forward the request to the processing officer, Colleen Wells for approval.

3.4 Future Funds

It was raised that for 2023 it would be good to have in place a formal application process for teachers to be able to apply for funding.