**Minutes of the HGPA Management Committee meeting**

**held at Hamilton on 20/1/16**

**PRESENT**

Steven De Lyall, Lee Fong, John Goswell, Megan Hamilton, Marie-Ann Hockings, Fiona Van Leeuwen, Colin Pearce, David Smith, Michael Swanson.

**APOLOGIES**

Richard Terry

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

* The design of the poster about impending billing changes has been completed and copies will soon be provided to members for display in their surgeries.
* The pros and cons of the incorporation of the Association were further discussed. It was decided to postpone a decision until a later date and Colin will research the issue further.
* John has identified nine independent GP associations around the country and will contact AGPN with a view to us forming an informal alliance.
* Lee noted that there have been numerous visits to our website. It was decided to create an email address accessible on the website for the public to use to communicate with us.

**NEW MATTERS**

* EOI for positions on the Clinical Councils of the HNECCPHN ant the HNELHD close this week. Fiona has a guaranteed position on the PHN Council and other members have expressed interest.
* An approach has been received from NIB Health Funds as to how they could “…interact with HGPA over the next twelve months…to take active steps to better engage with primary care across the Hunter and more widely across the country”. This was discussed at length and David will discuss aspects of this with them.
* The question of charging membership fees was discussed and it was decided to revisit this issue at the time of the AGM in June. In the meantime it was agreed that it is important that the benefits of membership and the work of the HGPA be promoted.
* Lee reported that the MBS review progresses but that there has yet to be any feed back about PHC items.

**THE NEXT MEETING will be held on Wednesday 17/2/16. Colin will confirm the venue.**