# BENEVOLENT ORGANISATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND INSIGHT (BODHI) MEETING FOLLOWING THE BODHI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 31 MAY 2020

12.30PM - 1.30PM AEST

# AS A CONSEQUENCE OF COVID-19 INTERSTATE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS THIS BODHI MEETING WAS CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETINGS

#### **KEY ISUES & OUTCOMES**

## 1. Present

- Dr Devin Bowles, BODHI President and AGM Chairperson
- Ms Lucia Arman, BODHI Vice President and AGM Minute Taker
- Professor Colin Butler, BODHI Treasurer and BODHI Founding Member
- Ms Maxine Ross, BODHI Secretary
- Dr Gilles Rohan, BODHI Committee Member
- Dr Ajay Niranjane, BODHI Committee Member
- Ms Emilia della Torre, BODHI Committee Member
- Mr Kulottam Chakma, BODHI donor
- Dr Bryan West, Fortress Learning and BODHI donor
- Dr John Gray, BODHI donor

#### 2. Items for discussion

- Dr Devin Bowles called for discussion items.
- Items put forward included:
  - Regular Meetings
  - BODHI Publicity and Promotion
  - The New Normal (communication strategy) and increasing BODHI activity
  - Dr Brian West's visit to Moanoghar (Chittagong Hill Tracts, Moanoghar)

#### 3. Visit to Moanoghar

- Dr Brian West gave an overview of his visit to Moanaghar and the work undertaken in the Moanoghar school.
- BODHI expressed their appreciation for Dr West's talk and for his attendance at the BODHI AGM and again at this meeting.

# 4. New Normal and Increasing BODHI activity.

- Dr Ajay Niranjane, Ambedkar International Mission (AIM), and Dr Brian West from Fortress Learning stated they were amenable for their donations to be used in other BODHI project areas such as infrastructure projects given both are non-tax deductable donors.
- Professor Colin Butler outlined that any money spent on BODHI projects that aimed to improve the economic viability and health of communities needed to have a systems approach applied to them.
- All agreed that BODHI have 3 or 4 set meetings per year in lieu of email conversations and decision making.
- BODHI quarterly meetings to be held via Zoom and for an hour each time.
- Quarterly meetings to be held on a Sunday at 7.30pm.
- Dr Bowles advised all agenda items, for each quarterly meeting, to be sent to him 3
  weeks in advance of each meeting. Thereafter Dr Bowles would finalise the agenda and
  email to all BODHI Committee members two weeks prior to the set meeting date.
- Ms Maxine Ross agreed to provide Professor Butler with ongoing support in his role as the person responsible for BODHI communications; and including assisting to have mail chimp capacity operated and generated by Maxine.

### 5. Date of first BODHI quarterly meeting

- Date of first BODHI quarterly meeting is for Sunday 12 July 2020 at 7.30pm
- All agenda items to be forwarded to Dr Bowles by 21 June 2020.
- Ms Emilia della Torre to invite Dr Jane Stephens, Green Tara Trust to attend this meeting (if possible) to discuss the Gender Subcommittee joint BODHI and Green Tara Trust project proposal. Any question in relation to the proposed project to be provided in advance to members of the Gender Subcommittee for their consideration and response.

#### 6. Informal Meeting Closed