

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1 JUNE 2024 5:00pm

Pearl Beach Progress Memorial Hall

Attendees – Victoria Crawford (Chair), Donna Higgins (Secretary), Gary Phillips, Alison Phillips, Cathy Lancaster, Jeanne Albrecht, Paul Barclaire, Arthur Brandwood, Margaret Brown, Vic Clarke, Andrew Cordwell, Ian Crawford, Peter Doddrell, Barbara Grantham, Vicki Powell, John Haymes, Gaby Porter, Mary Knaggs, Bev Lapacek, Lynne Lillico, Barry Marks, Carolyn Marks, Robyn Barrett, Phil Barrett, Malcolm McDonald, Peter Romey, Margot Ryan, Aileen Samios, Jan Steinbeck, John Steinbeck, Luke Stevenson, Chris Rhodes, Adrian Thurlow, Gabby Compton, Judy McFarlane, Annette Blinco, Bill Blinco, Keith Wood, Stephanie Wood, Tanya Masters, Chris Rhodes, John Palmer, Bronwen Young, Peter Connor, Sabine Kirschke, Marijke Greenway,

Apologies – Ann Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Malcolm Davison, Vickii Davison, Jenny Sillet, Chris Masters, Peter Richardson, Vic Brown, Helen Thurlow, Jane Clarke, Robert Lillico, Dorothy McDonald, Tom Glynn, Marjory Hathaway, Di Swalwell, Bruce Swalwell, Kerry Caloyannidis

Acknowledgement to Country

The President gave an acknowledgment of country

Item No.	Business Item
1	Welcome to New Members Ann Gan –Friend Membership

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2	Executive Committee Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After several queries about PBPA needing a president, the Executive committee appointed Victoria Crawford, who has effectively been acting in the role, as President until the AGM. • Victoria Crawford has spoken to the auditor to organise an audit as early as possible. If the audit is completed by early August, the AGM can be held late August.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurer aims to present the next financial year’s budget to the July meeting for approval. • Executive meeting dates are now scheduled to take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4pm. • A Style Guide project for PBPA signs and notices that was started last year has now resumed. Margaret Westcott and Peter Doddrell are working on producing guidelines for those preparing brochures and signs. The aim is to bring uniformity to PBPA publications. This scope includes the logo, colour, size and sign placement. • The Executive committee has requested all PBPA notices to be posted on the PBPA Facebook page before being distributed to other Facebook pages in the community. • A community survey was last carried out in 2018/19. The goal had been to follow up the survey results with a community meeting, to determine the way forward for the Association. Unfortunately, Covid occurred, derailing these plans. A new survey will soon be prepared and distributed, and will eventually be followed by a community meeting to determine the way forward.
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3	<p>Minutes of previous meeting 4 May 2024 Following an amendment to clarify that the grant for the Pearl Beach Lagoon was a grant received by CCC, not PBPA, the minutes were approved. with a show of hands.</p> <p>Proposed: Aiden Thurlow Seconded: Peter Romey</p> <p>Business arising</p> <p>-Now that the Community Support Centre has been completed, a team is needed to operate the emergency equipment. Paul Toohey, who has seen the project from tirelessly writing grant applications through to completion has now left Pearl Beach, but will return to provide the training. Chris Scott, Chris Rhodes, and Duncan Bridel have volunteered to train, with Chris Scott as the team leader.</p> <p>-The President has responded to the two ex-executive members who sent a letter listing 16 examples of bad and illegal behaviour The President recommended that the best way forward was for the relevant parties to come together for a meeting with a mediator from outside Pearl Beach. This recommendation has been rejected.</p>

	<p>Some of the issues listed are not the responsibility of PBPA and one is a police matter. This will now be discussed further at the next Executive meeting.</p>
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4	<p>Financial Report A summary Financial Report was emailed to members on May 25. There were no questions regarding this report.</p> <p>Moved: Victoria Crawford Seconded: Bev Lapacek</p> <p>Report accepted by a show of hands.</p> <p>Victoria Crawford stated she was very appreciative of assistance recently provided by the previous Treasurer, Amanda Winley, explaining the MYOB system.</p> <p>Due to increasing costs in ongoing expenses, an increase in membership fees is required.</p> <p>Motion 1 This meeting approves an increase in annual fees from \$20 to \$25.</p> <p>Moved by Treasurer: Victoria Crawford Seconded: Bev Lapacek</p> <p>The motion was passed unanimously.</p>

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5	<p>Complaints <u>Video conferencing</u></p> <p>Victoria Crawford referred to the Remote Access Policy sent out with the General Meeting mail which is also available on the PBPA Website. It requires members who wish to attend the General Meetings remotely to pre-register, as this enables a smoother joining experience. Nigel Tisdale, who previously ran the online access also required pre-registration.</p> <p>Some complaints have been received and were discussed at the meeting. Comments from members included</p> <p>- "A minimum of three members pre registering before the online facility is available is "very generous"</p>

- "Hearing clearly is always going to be an issue in a big hall"
- "Should be available for older people who can't leave home"
- "A biased view if we make a decision based on the people in the room"
- "Until we get proper equipment, it is not viable."

This issue will be discussed further at the next Executive meeting and the next General Meeting.

Written Communication

The following motion was proposed by three members who were concerned about the type of communications being sent to members of the executive committee and the Association.

Andrew Cordwell spoke to the motion, stressing that when people are giving feedback to the Association / Executive, that the tone of the communication is important.

Motion 2

All discriminating and/or harassing written communication to the Pearl Beach Progress Association or the Executive Committee, including correspondence received by Executive Committee member/s via their personal point of contact, are to be tabled and read at the next General Meeting of the Association.

Moved by Andrew Caldwell Seconded by Adrian Thurlow

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Motion carried.

Recording General Meeting without advising the Meeting

The member was asked for a written response and a discussion with the President occurred. The member agreed that the meeting should have been advised, that the recording has not been shared, and it will be destroyed at the end of this meeting.

A member suggested that a disclaimer be announced at the commencement of each meeting that the meeting is not to be recorded. This was well received.

Signs

CCC received a complaint that the signs placed at the main intersection of Pearl Beach Drive and Diamond Road were distracting to drivers and potentially dangerous.

	<p>Victoria Crawford spoke with the Council Ranger, who stated that from Council’s point of view, there were no problems. Victoria also explained that PBPA is developing a Style Guide which include a guide for sign placement.</p>
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6	<p>Sub-committees</p> <p>a.- Hall Management – Victoria Crawford</p> <p>Now that the new insulated and painted ceiling is complete, the previously discussed floor resurfacing and wall painting will take place. Gary Phillips has six floor quotes and is in the process of inspecting sites where the different surface treatments have been applied. This process will assist in selecting the most appropriate quote.</p> <p>Painting quotes have also been sought; however, it has not yet been determined if the wall preparation and painting will be carried out by professionals or volunteers.</p> <p>Motion 3</p> <p>This meeting approves the release of \$12,000 to be used for the sanding, repair and finishing of the floor in accordance with the hall sub-committee’s recommendation.</p> <p>Moved by Treasurer Victoria Crawford Seconded Caroline Marks The motion was passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion 4</p> <p>This meeting approves the release of \$10,000 to be used for the preparation and painting of the internal fabric of the hall, in accordance with the hall sub-committee’s recommendation.</p> <p>Moved by Treasurer Victoria Crawford Seconded by Margaret Westcott The motion was passed unanimously.</p> <p>b.- Events and Fundraising – Robyn Barrett</p> <p><u>Recent events</u></p> <p>Music weekend Junior Concert and Scholarship Concert Thank you to the sponsors below.</p> <p>Irvine Piano Scholarship \$1,000. Encouragement award Pearly's Pearl Beach Scholarship \$1,000. Rising Star Scholarship \$500 - Meryl Duke in memory of Peter Duke. People's Choice Award \$500 - Russell Grove in memory of Frances Grove. Community Achievement Award \$500 - Malcolm & Vickii Davison; Pauline & Paul Toohey; Aafke & Klaas Woldring; Robert & Lynne Lillico, and Jill Easterbrook in memory of John Hill.</p>

	<p>Sunday Classical Piano recital by Dr Terrence Hays was outstanding.</p> <p>Biggest Morning Tea organised by Bev Lapacek raised \$3,400 for Cancer Council.</p> <p><u>Monthly events at the Hall</u></p> <p>Pearl Beach Lunch Club 1st Monday of month at 12. Cinema Club 1st and 3rd Wed of month 2.30-5.00pm</p> <p><u>Long Weekend Events</u></p> <p>Garage sale, Cake Stall, BBQ, Raffle Saturday 8th June Troubadours Concert Sunday 9th June 2.30pm</p> <p><u>Dates for the Diary</u></p> <p>Christmas in July Community Lunch 20th July The History of British Rock Saturday 12 October 2.30pm at the Arboretum A Progressive Dinner like the one held during Covid has been suggested. A request was made for a volunteer to organise this.</p> <p>c.- <u>Publicity</u></p> <p>Lynne Lillico listed a variety of publications that provide free publicity. She also reminded members to check details of events on the PBPA website.</p> <p>d.- <u>Environment</u> -Mary Knaggs 28th July 2024 is National Tree Day To celebrate this, the Arboretum is holding a Community Competition for children 8-16 years. There are three sections - artwork, photography and poetry inspired by Trees. Entries close 25th July.</p>
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7	<p>Working Parties</p> <p>a. <u>Guidelines working party-Code of Conduct</u>-Victoria Crawford</p> <p>Motion 5 This meeting approves the adoption of the draft Code of Conduct sent out with the papers for this meeting. Moved by Hall Convenor Victoria Crawford Seconded by Tania Masters The motion was passed unanimously.</p>

	<p>b. Council liaison – Peter Richardson A comprehensive list of issues and the CCC response or current status can be found on the slides from this meeting.</p> <p>Ausgrid - Ausgrid is planning to replace life expired electricity poles on Pearl Parade between Tourmaline and Amethyst on Daytime 2nd July 2024 from 8:00am through to 4:00pm Night time 15th July 2024 from 8:00pm through to 4:00am</p> <p>Residents are reminded to report infrastructure matters to roads@pearlbeachprogress.org.au</p>
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8	<p>Community Group Updates</p> <p><u>The Singers</u> – community singing event in the Hall in August <u>The Plodders</u> – enjoyed a great trip to Bulahdelah for 5 nights. The next monthly plod will be in August. <u>Bushcare</u> – 1st Saturday of the month 9-11 <u>Dune care</u> – 2nd Saturday of the month 9-11 <u>The Rural Fire Brigade</u> - reported that the low fire risk season was a time the RFS concentrate on training for new and ongoing members. It is also the time for householders to check smoke detector batteries and fire blankets. The PB RFS is also hopeful of an additional vehicle in the near future. <u>Tennis/Bowls</u> – The fastest growing sport in the world, Pickle Ball, will soon be introduced in PB. Four Pickle Ball courts fit on one tennis court. New equipment will be needed before this can proceed, so fund raising will also be needed. <u>The Arboretum</u> – meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month 9-11am. A grant of \$55,000 from the State government will go towards the cost of the veranda extension. A grant of \$8,000 has also been received from Bendigo bank. The extension is due to be completed by 18 August, when a special opening BBQ will be held. Other projects in the pipeline include: Rebuilding the boardwalk, improving the entrances and tracks and providing wheel chair access. Donations to the Arboretum are Tax Deductible. The Arboretum also successfully applied for a grant for \$25,000 from CCC for an Artist in Residence. This will be a feature of the Pearl Beach Ephemeral Art Trail in 2025.</p>

Meeting Closed: at 6.25pm

Next Meeting: 6 July 2024 at 5pm