

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 5 December 2020 at 5.00 pm

Attendees at the Hall – Russell Grove (in the chair), Greg McPhee, Vic Clarke, Lynne Lillico, Bev Kingston, Paul Barclaire, Victoria & Ian Crawford, Sandy Sherwood, Louise Rowling, Malcolm McDonald, Scott Hohne, Vic & Heather Brown, Jane Clarke, John Hill

Attendees Online – Rebecca Jacobs, Carolyn Everett.

Apologies – Libby Nelson, Malcolm Davison, Pauline Toohey, Bev Lapacek, Peter Romey, Mary Knaggs, Adrian & Helen Thurlow, Diane Orton, Aafke & Klaas Woldring, Duncan & Jackie Bridel, Carolyn & Barry Marks, Robert Lillico, Linda McPhee, Dorothy McDonald.

Business Item
<p>Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country Russell Grove welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the GURINGAI people as the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and paid our respect to their Elders-past, present and emerging.</p>
<p>Minutes of previous General Meeting – 7 November 2020</p> <p>Noted - Russell Grove noted that a request to update the minutes of 7 November 2020 with more details had been received from Mary Knaggs. However the minutes are intended to be Summary minutes and do not record every detail of discussion, the updates were therefore not accepted.</p> <p>Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting of 7 November 2020 as published be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed – Vic Brown, Seconded – Paul Barclaire</p>
<p>Finance – Financial Reports The P&L for October 2020 and the Balance Sheet as at 30 October 2020 were presented by Vic Clarke since the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Copies of the October monthly P&L and Balance Sheet were distributed to the meeting.</p> <p>Resolved – That the financial reports for October 2020 be accepted. Proposed – Lynne Lillico, Seconded – Greg McPhee</p>
<p>Building Committee – Hall Deck Upgrade Greg McPhee updated the meeting regards progress with the Hall Deck Upgrade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are still waiting for the Construction Certificate to be issued by Central Coast Council before work can commence. • The builder is anyway not available until January 2021, when hopefully work will be able to start.
<p>Building Committee – Front Steps Quotes for the changes to front steps are still being sought, but response has been slow at this time of year.</p>

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<p>Hall Committee</p> <p>Paul Barclaire reported on the Working Bee that took place on Monday 30 November 2020 when work was done on the front garden and the outside of the hall was washed. The gutters are planned to be cleared within the next 2 weeks by a contractor.</p>
<p>Pearl Beach Safety Advisory Group – PBSAG</p> <p>Paul Toohey was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report of PBSAG activities. Greg McPhee summarised the report with respect to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbour Alert – Street Contacts are updating their neighbours regards Bushfire Awareness and the Neighbour Alert messaging database is being updated. • Raffles on 26 Sep, 10 Oct and 28 Nov 2020 raised funds for ongoing equipment costs, further fundraising is planned over the summer. • Beach Safety – investigating installation of an Emergency Beacon to be primarily funded by NSW Govt. • Defibrillator and First Aid courses – were run in November, over 30 people attended, thanked Richard Stewart for organising. • Community Support Centre – the association was unsuccessful in the NSW Govt. grant application to fund Solar & Battery power, such that the hall could be used in emergency situations. • Poor mobile reception – request for information regarding poor reception. <p>A questions was raised from the floor regards the use of Jet Skis and people fishing from the beach near swimmers. Action – PBSAG to follow-up regards rules and report back.</p>
<p>Events & Publicity</p> <p>Lynne Lillico reported on upcoming events –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Christmas Dinners on 6 and 13 December 2020 • Santa at the Beach photos on 19 and 23 December 2020 • Summer Reading book sale on 28 December 2020 • Kids Club and Bingo in January 2021
<p>Fundraising - Hall Deck Upgrade</p> <p>Noted - Russell Grove informed the meeting that the target of \$24,000 required as the Association's contribution to the grant monies received from Central Coast Council had been reached. Russell thanked all those that contributed, organised and took part in the various fundraising activities to make this possible.</p>
<p>Fundraising - Summer Fundraising Activities</p> <p>Russell Grove reported that the following organisations have agreed to sponsor raffle prizes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accom Holidays – \$500 • Central Coast Realty - \$750 • Pearl Beach Blinds (MOA) - \$500 <p>Furthermore Pearl Beach Real Estate have agreed to provide sponsorship towards the costs of the two defibrillators at the beach and the hall and the Beach Safety Equipment, in the amount of \$1000 per year for four years.</p>

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<p>The Tennis Club are to sponsor the Association's defibrillator at the tennis courts in the amount of \$765 per year to be reviewed in twelve months.</p> <p>Russell thanked these organisations for their generous sponsorship.</p>
<p>Covid-19 Update Vic Clarke provided an update regards Covid-19 Regulations.</p> <p>The recent changes to Covid-19 rules regards the 4 square metre rule changing to 2 square metres per person apply to Hospitality Venues. The current rule for Community Halls still requires 4 square metres per person.</p>
<p>Pearl Beach Environment Group Russell Grove reported the decision of the Executive made on 19 November 2020 –</p> <p>“That the executive committee support the establishment of a Pearl Beach Environment Group with open participation and input from all residents and other Pearl Beach groups such as the Arboretum, Bushcare and Dunecare to provide information and education in relation to the Pearl Beach natural and built environment”</p> <p>Russell said the Environment Group would not be a sub-committee of the Association.</p> <p>Noted – Victoria Crawford said that Mary Knaggs is still keen to pursue the idea but wants to gauge community support and has therefore decided to put the idea on hold until next year.</p>
<p>Community Groups – Arboretum Victoria Crawford reported that work on the bridges in the Arboretum being done by Council is in progress. The propagation shed is nearly complete.</p> <p>Dunecare Scott Hohne provided an update. Due to Central Coast Council financial issues Dunecare will not be provided with a council supervisor. Scott will be developing a plan for planting, weeding and propagation. Following the recently run First Aid course, Dunecare now has 7 first aiders.</p> <p>RFS John Hill said that there is no report from the Pearl Beach brigade, but they plan to send an officer to the next PBPA General Meeting in the New Year.</p>
<p>New Members Russell Grove welcomed new members Rosemary Freeman and Lisa Bryant.</p>
<p>Other Business – Ocean Pool Cleaning Ian Crawford asked the Association if they could contact Council regards cleaning of the pool. Russell Grove agreed to do so, and also suggested that individuals should go online and request the same, since many requests have more effect.</p>

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<p>Other Business – Raffles Greg McPhee requested donations of wine for the raffles and asked for helpers to sell raffle tickets particularly on the Boxing Day raffle, one of the busiest days. See Summer Fundraising on the website for raffle dates and contact details.</p>
<p>Other Business – Beach Scraping Russell Grove said that a reply had been received from Council regards the long standing Beach Scraping study. Given that the study is not proceeding the Association will contact the individuals who contributed towards the cost of the study asking if they would like their contribution refunded or alternatively treated as a donation to the Association.</p>
<p>Other Business – Lagoon Russell Grove updated the meeting saying that – The final report for options available to Central Coast Council for the way ahead for managing the lagoon has still not been received by Council from the consultants (Salient) who are waiting on reports from sub-consultants. The Council assures us that further community consultation will occur once the report is received.</p>

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm

Next Meetings –

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 4.30 pm

General Meeting – Saturday 6 February 2021 at 5.00 pm

These minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting at the General Meeting of 6 February 2021