

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 6 February 2021 at 5.00 pm

Attendees at the Hall – Russell Grove (in the chair), Malcolm Davison, Rebecca Jacobs, Lynne Lillico, Paul Barclaire, Victoria Crawford, Bev Kingston, Pauline Toohey, Ian Crawford, John Hill, Nazeema Sparks, Susan Fookes, Paul Toohey, Ramaswamy & Malathi Nagarajan, Diane & Bruce Swalwell, Val Taylor, Mary Kearney, Malcolm & Dorothy McDonald, Mary Knaggs, Peter Romey, Heather & Vic Brown, Louise Rowling, John Haymes, Gaby Porter, Murray Bergin, Aafke Woldring, John Allan.

Attendees Online – Greg McPhee, Karen Moses, Nigel Tisdale

Visitors - Matt Lowe RFS, Tony Marsh RFS

Apologies – Libby Nelson, Vic & Jane Clarke, Stephen Parsons, Gabby & Alan Crompton, Klass Woldring, Bev Lapacek, Robert Lillico, Vicki Davison, Peter & Bronwen Conner.

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 – 5 December 2020</p> <p>Noted – Peter Romey asked for clarification of the reasoning as to why a proposed Pearl Beach Environment Group should not be a sub-committee.</p> <p>Russell Grove replied that at the Executive meeting of 19 November 2020, that –</p> <p><i>The unanimous view of the executive was that whilst an Environment Group should be supported, that it should encompass all interested parties within Pearl Beach and not be solely part of the Progress Association.</i></p> <p>and therefore cannot be a sub-committee of the Association.</p> <p>At that same Executive meeting the following Resolution was passed (as reported at the General Meeting of 5 December 2020) –</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Resolved – That the minutes of the General Meeting of 5 December 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed – Lynne Lillico, Seconded – Pauline Toohey</p>

Business Item

Finance – Financial Reports

The following reports were presented by Russell Grove (Treasurer unable to attend meeting):

- Profit & Loss report for December 2020
- Profit & Loss report Year to Date (July to December 2020)
- Balance Sheet report as at 31 December 2020
- Schedules of Fundraising over the summer period

Copies of the above reports were distributed to the meeting. Russell congratulated the committee and all the volunteers for their exceptional fundraising efforts over the summer.

Noted - Malcolm Davison noted that the beach scraping isn't recorded as a liability in the Balance Sheet.

Resolved – That the financial reports for December 2020 be accepted.
 Proposed – Paul Barclaire, Seconded – John Allan

Guest speakers – Rural Fire Service

Tony Marsh (Community Engagement Officer, Deputy Captain, Assistant Training Officer) and Matt Lowe attended the meeting on behalf of the RFS.

Tony has been appointed Community Engagement Officer recently in light of recent events surrounding the RFS and the community. His email address is Tony.marsh@ccfs.org.au.

He thanked the community for their fundraising efforts. He advised that the money hasn't been allocated yet but plans are in place for generators for the station, fire band radios, and air conditioning has recently been installed.

Malcolm Davison asked about the placement of blue cats eyes around the village near hydrants and when will they be replaced. Tony responded that there are no plans given Central Coast Council's financial issues at present. Russell Grove mentioned that a map of hydrants in Pearl Beach had been supplied by Council.

In response Russel observed that there has been general concern expressed about the lack of acknowledgement by the RFS of the community fundraising support last year, which raised \$20K, and that funds had not yet been spent.

Furthermore the Community Fire Unit volunteers have been excluded from the Pearl Beach RFS. Tony believes the reason was that there was a lack of training of those people and they weren't eligible to be on the Pearl Beach RFS but community representatives informed him they weren't notified of training.

The community calls for more answers and improved communication and it is hoped the RFS will arrange further meetings with the Pearl Beach Progress Association to resolve the issues and engage with the Pearl Beach community again.

Business Item
<p>Building Committee – Hall Deck Upgrade</p> <p>Report from Larry Nelson -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The certifier requires that a firewall be included in the new storeroom. David Russel-Jones has now amended the plans to include this and will return it to the certifier on Monday. • Once the certifier has passed the amended plans (which should be during next week) David will mark out the area for digging the concrete footings and pouring the concrete (by volunteers). Larry will contact people to put together a small workforce for this job. • Larry Nelson is going to review the Council correspondence to see if there is anything that needs doing, but from discussions with Peter Romey, it seems there is no immediate action needed from us. Peter will send to Larry what correspondence he has received in the past from Council and Larry will go through it to make sure we have met all their requirements. • Larry will talk to the builder next week to see what his commitments are and when he would be available to commence work – assuming we can complete the footings this month.
<p>Building Committee – Front Steps</p> <p>Russell updated the meeting that we are still waiting on stone mason quotes. The time of year has been a road block for availability.</p>
<p>Hall Committee</p> <p>Paul Barclaire provided an update report -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hall committee are currently pricing mesh to secure underneath the hall. • The Men’s Shed Umina will take the pallet truck in the office when they have a new shed.
<p>Pearl Beach Safety Advisory Group – PBSAG</p> <p>Paul Toohey provided an update report -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising was very successful over the summer. • Beach safety – No incidents over the busy summer time. Umina Beach SLSC conducted 2 visits morning and afternoon during this time. • Emergency response beacon – discussions still in progress. The beacons are similar to the defibrillator in that calls go through to an emergency phone number. PBSAG is talking to the NSW SLSC about an install date in June or near after. The cost is \$15-20k for NSW Govt. Russell Grove raised the issue of the cost of ongoing maintenance. • Pearl Beach Progress Association has submitted an Expression of Interest for a grant of \$20k for the Community Support Centre via the office of MP Lucy Wicks. This grant is to fund a solar and battery system for the hall as an alternative source of power in emergencies. The RFS have just installed a similar solution for the Fire Station.

Business Item
<p>Events & Publicity</p> <p>Lynne Lillico reported on results of summer activities and upcoming events –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec / Jan raffles – \$6,080, food and wine raffle – \$1860 • Book sale, thanks to Allison Phillips – \$2,050 • Bingo raised - \$600 • Clean Up Australia Day scheduled on 7 March 2021, Stephen Parsons convenor • April Easter book fair – volunteers needed • Art Trail scheduled for Easter Saturday. • Looking to hold concerts of 37 people. If anyone has any ideas let Lynne know. • Thinking about a Bush Dance or Disco later in the year COVID rules permitting. • Scholarship Showcase concerts scheduled in May
<p>Covid-19 Update</p> <p>Russell Grove provided an update regards Covid-19 Regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current rule for Community Halls still requires 4 square metres per person. • Perhaps next Friday 12 February 2021 there will be more people allowed. Waiting for an announcement.
<p>Community Groups</p> <p>Arboretum</p> <p>Victoria Crawford reported that during the long weekend in June there will be an ephemeral art installation project. Mary Knaggs gave more detail, more information will be out soon.</p> <p>Dunecare & Bushcare</p> <p>Malcolm Davison provided an update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council supervisors have been withdrawn from both groups. • More people are needed to volunteer and come and help with both groups.
<p>Other Business - Pearl Beach Development Control Plan.</p> <p>The owner of 19 Diamond Road, Mary Kearney raised her concerns that the Pearl Beach DCP is being ignored. In her view there needs to be more involvement of the PBPA in each Development Application and every DA needs to be reviewed and assessed against this DCP.</p>
<p>Other Business - Pearl Beach Environment Group</p> <p>Noted - A request by Mary Knaggs that the Executive Committee reconsider the decision that the proposed Pearl Beach Environment Group not be a Sub-committee of the Association.</p>

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<p>Other Business – Membership</p> <p>Noted –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to join PBPA as a member online has been launched on our website. • Existing members will be added to the same Member management system which will allow current members to be able to renew online at the end of the financial year and manage their subscription moving forward. • Existing members will receive an email inviting them to set a password when they are added to the new membership system.
<p>Other Business – Sub-committees and Expression of Interest</p> <p>Noted - Mary Knaggs asked that the Executive Committee consider seeking expressions of interest from members for Sub-committees to avoid cliques and make sub-committees more approachable and accessible to join.</p>
<p>Other Business – Rubbish being added to the Council bins</p> <p>Noted - Paul Barclaire advised that there was an excess of rubbish over the holiday period with rubbish being dumped at Council bins. He will contact Accom Holidays.</p>

The meeting closed at 6.25 pm

Next Meetings –

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 4.30 pm

General Meeting – Saturday 6 March 2021 at 5.00 pm

<p>Post Script</p> <p>We note the success of the Australia Day Activities that were adapted for Covid19 conditions, due in large part to the initiative of Greg McPhee and which was taken up very enthusiastically by a group of Pearl Beach volunteers.</p>
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