

## PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Saturday 6 March 2021 at 5.00 pm**

**Attendees at the Hall** – Russell Grove (in the chair), Malcolm Davison, Libby Nelson, Vic Clarke, Lynne Lillico, Paul Barclaire, Pauline Toohey, Bev Kingston, Annette Blinco, Malcolm McDonald, Naseema Sparks, Gabby & Alan Crompton, Louise Rowling, Paul Wickham, Greti Reiger, Heather Brown, Bronwen Young, Peter Connor, Marys Knaggs, Peter Romey, Diane & Bruce Swalwell, Paul Toohey, Phil and Lynette Rich, Mary Kearney, Larry Nelson, Bev Lapacek, Aafke & Klaas Woldring, Donna Higgins, Chris O'Brien, John Steinbeck, Andrew Cordwell, Duncan Bridel, Lindsay Boyd, John Allan, Ramaswamy Nagarajan, Cecile Ferguson, Annie Karbowskiak.

**Attendees Online** – Jan Steinbeck, Jane Borton

**Guests from the Rural Fire Service (RFS)** – Alan Lundie – Group Caption District Office, Tony Marsh – Pearl Beach RFS Deputy Captain & Community Engagement Officer, Don MacVean – President Pearl Beach RFS, Mark Sullivan.

**Apologies** – Greg McPhee, Rebecca Jacobs, Victoria & Ian Crawford, Van Davey, Vic Brown, Barry & Carolyn Marks, Val Taylor, Jackie Bridel, Robert Lillico, James Boyd, Tony & Barbara Grantham, Dorothy McDonald, Bill Blinco, Margaret Westcott.

<b>Business Item</b>
<p><b>Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country</b> 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><b>Minutes of previous General Meeting – 6 February 2021</b></p> <p>Peter Romey requested the following amendments to the Minutes of the 6 February 2021 General Meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pearl Beach Environment Group – that Russell Grove had said at the 6 February 2021 meeting that if circumstances warranted, the decision that a Pearl Beach Environment Group not be a sub-committee of the Association could be reviewed.</li> <li>• Pearl Beach Development Control Plan (DCP) – that a number of members had spoken to this issue expressing their concerns and that the qualitative provisions of the DCP were not being adequately applied by council. It was also noted that some members had expressed their concern that the Association had not made a submission with respect the Development Application for 36 Coral Crescent.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved</b> – Acknowledging the above amendments, that the minutes of the General Meeting of 6 February 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed – Peter Romey, Seconded – Mary Kearney</p>

## Business Item

### Finance – Financial Reports

The following reports were presented by the Treasurer – Libby Nelson

- Profit & Loss report for January 2021
- Profit & Loss report Year to Date (July 2020 to January 2021)
- Balance Sheet report as at 31 January 2021

Copies of the above reports were distributed to the meeting.

**Resolved** – That the financial reports for January 2021 be accepted.  
Proposed – Mary Kearney, Seconded – Paul Barclaire

### Guest speakers – Rural Fire Service (RFS)

Tony Marsh the Pearl Beach RFS Deputy Captain and Community Engagement Officer presented a report to the meeting.

Tony first replied to some questions raised at the 6 February 2021 Association General Meeting.

The following questions had subsequently been raised by the Pearl Beach community particularly in relation to the Community Fire Unit (CFU) and had been forwarded to Tony Marsh prior to the 6 March 2021 meeting –

- What is the current position regards further training for the CFU volunteers. Is further training required or has training been completed?
- What will be the membership status of the CFU volunteers within the RFS following their probationary period?
- What involvement will the CFU members have within the RFS and how are they attached to the brigade?
- Will CFU members be eligible to hold positions on the PB RFS executive committee?
- What is the RFS view regards there being a second or third CFU trailer located in Pearl Beach?
- How much of the money raised by the Pearl Beach community in the summer of 2019 / 2020 for the PB RFS has been spent so far and on what equipment?

Tony addressed these questions and an email from a member regards firefighting pumps – see his report at – <https://pearlbeachprogress.org.au/wp-content/uploads/20210306-General-Meeting-RFS-Report.pdf>

Tony invited anyone with any questions regarding the Pearl Beach Fire Brigade to email him at - [tony.marsh@ccrfs.org.au](mailto:tony.marsh@ccrfs.org.au)

Paul Toohey asked in relation to the CFU training completed as at December 2019 and believed that the CFU members had completed their training and were no longer probationary.

Russell Grove noted that John Allan had thanked the Pearl Beach community for their support at the Association General Meeting of 1 February 2020 (last year) following the fund raising efforts.

Mary Kearney asked about fire hydrant locations and markings.  
Central Coast Council (CCC) do not intend to replace the blue reflective markers.  
Malcolm Davison suggested that the Association write to CCC asking that the missing and damaged markers be replaced on safety grounds.

<p><b>Business Item</b></p> <p><b>Action</b> – the Association will write to CCC regards the markers. A map of hydrants has been provided by CCC and will be made available on the website.</p> <p>Russell Grove thanked Tony and the other RFS members for attending the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Building Committee – Hall Deck Upgrade</b></p> <p>Larry Nelson gave a report of progress with the Hall Deck Upgrade –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers had prepared the site and dug the foundations.</li> <li>• The contractor has completed the concrete footings and brickwork.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Building Committee – Front Steps</b></p> <p>Russell Grove thanked Mary Knaggs for obtaining a quote for work on the front steps. The Association is still waiting to hear back from other contractors.</p>
<p><b>Hall Committee</b></p> <p>Paul Barclaire provided an update -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An electric lawn mower has been purchased to be used to maintain the hall lawns.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pearl Beach Safety Advisory Group – PBSAG</b></p> <p>Paul Toohey referred to the recent edition of the GEM regards an update on PBSAG activities.</p> <p>Russell Grove said that the Association had not heard back from Lucy Wicks office regards the Expression of Interest (EOI) submitted for a grant for the Community Support Centre.</p> <p>Paul Toohey said that letters of support for the grant EOI had been received from the local RFS and SES and thanked Tony Marsh for the RFS letter.</p>
<p><b>Events &amp; Publicity</b></p> <p>Lynne Lillico reported on upcoming events -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean Up Australia Day on 7 March 2021, Stephen Parsons convenor</li> <li>• Easter Saturday Book Fair – volunteers needed as raffle ticket sellers and cakes needed for the cake table.</li> <li>• Easter Saturday Art Trail</li> <li>• Anzac Day Memorial Service – Malcolm Davison is co-ordinating as a dawn service on the beach at 6.00am</li> <li>• Soiree – Great Guitars with Guy Strazz and Mark Johns on Friday 30 April 2021 at 7.30 pm</li> <li>• Showcase and Scholarship concerts on 22 / 23 May 2021 Supported by a generous donation from Bev Kingston in memory of Jill Rowe</li> <li>• Concert - An Afternoon with Don Hopkins – Sunday 30 May 2021 from 2.30 pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>Covid-19 Update</b></p> <p>Vic Clarke provided an update regards Covid-19 Regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective from Friday 12 February 2021 the 2 square metre per person rule applies and we can now therefore have 74 people in the hall. Social distancing rules still apply.</li> </ul>

<b>Business Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective from Friday 26 February 2021 singing is allowed with a maximum of 30 singers who must still socially distance by 1.5 metres.</li> <li>• The Association Covid-19 Safety Plan has been updated and is available on the website and the notice board inside the hall.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Groups - Plodders</b></p> <p>Bev Lapacek reported that the plodders have not been active due to Covid-19 restrictions and health issues.</p> <p>A weeklong trip is being planned to Blackheath for either mid-September or mid-October, more details to follow. Contact Bev is interested in going.</p> <p><b>Pearl Beach Singers</b></p> <p>Pauline Toohey said that the singers plan to start again on 19 March 2021</p> <p><b>Pearl Beach Environment Group</b></p> <p>Mary Knaggs said that the next meeting of the group is on Saturday 13 March 2021 at 5.00 pm in the hall.</p> <p>The group's primary aim is to protect and enhance the environment and encourage nature conservation within the village of Pearl Beach as per the second objective of the Association. The Environment Group want to republish Chris O'Brien's environment guide.</p> <p><b>Dunecare</b></p> <p>Malcolm Davison – next session is Saturday 13 March at 9.00 am, looking for more people to help with removal of weeds.</p> <p><b>Bushcare</b></p> <p>Phil Rich – Bushcare met this morning at North Coral, meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 9.00 am</p> <p><b>Waterwatch</b></p> <p>Paul Wickham – all four sites have been tested and the worst were Middle Creek and the Lagoon with zero dissolved oxygen in Middle Creek. The Lagoon has algae.</p> <p>Water temperatures – 24 degrees in the pool and ocean.</p> <p><b>Buddies</b></p> <p>Donna Higgins – Next meeting is on Monday 8 March 2021</p> <p>Buddies meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, all are welcome.</p>
<p><b>Welcome to New Members</b></p> <p>Russell Grove welcomed the following new members –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan Robbins</li> <li>• Brendan &amp; Catherine O'Reilly</li> <li>• Alex Alexander</li> <li>• Ramaswamy Nagarajan</li> <li>• Laurie Tesoriero</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Business – Sub-committees and Expression of Interest</b></p> <p>At the February General Meeting 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>

<b>Business Item</b>
<p>At the Executive meeting of 17 February 2021 it was agreed –</p> <p><i>that at the start of each year following the election of the Executive Committee when existing sub-committees are reviewed or new sub-committees created or if a new sub-committee is created mid-year, that an email be sent to the membership to invite interest from those who may want to work on a sub-committee.</i></p>
<p><b>Other Business – Planting of Casuarina Trees</b></p> <p>Mary Knaggs and Victoria Crawford have made enquiries and obtained a quotation for semi-mature Casuarina trees with a suggestion that these trees may be sponsored by members of the Association.</p> <p>Suitable locations for planting these trees need to be identified and confirmed before any decision to proceed can be made.</p>
<p><b>Other Business – Submissions regards Development Applications</b></p> <p>Peter Romey asked a question regards the Association not making submissions about individual Development Applications (DA's).</p> <p>Russell Grove confirmed that the Association would not make submissions about individual DA's however with respect to general policy areas where the Central Coast Council has issued a draft plan which is community wide, then a submission may be made by the Association.</p> <p>At the Executive meeting of 17 February 2021 following earlier discussion at the December 2020 Executive meeting, it was unanimously agreed –</p> <p><i>That whilst individuals can object to a Development Application (DA) that the Association cannot object to a DA since the Association cannot represent the views of all members, some of which may not have any objection, may support the application or may be the applicant.</i></p>
<p><b>Other Business – Building Noise</b></p> <p>Lynne Lillico raised the issue of building noise and people using leaf blowers on a Sunday. Lynne has written to Central Coast Council (CCC)</p>
<p><b>Other Business – Notification of Development Applications</b></p> <p>Ramaswamy Nagarajan - asked a question regards past Development Applications and how these could be found on the CCC website.</p> <p>Vic Clarke – explained the use of the Planning Alerts website to be notified of current DA's when they appear on the CCC website.</p> <p>A link to Planning Alerts is to be added to the Association website and has already been included in past editions of the GEM Newsletter.</p>

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm

**Next Meetings –**

Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday 18 March 2021 at 4.00 pm

General Meeting – Saturday 1 May 2011 at 5.00 pm

These minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting at the General Meeting of 1 May 2021