

## PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 1 May 2021 at 5.00 pm

**Attendees at the Hall** – Russell Grove (in the chair), Greg McPhee, Libby Nelson, Lynne Lillico, Paul Barclaire, Pauline Toohey, Bev Kingston, Jeanette Sims, John Hill, Jill Easterbrook, Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, Sabine Kirschke, Phillip Rich, Larry Nelson, Linda McPhee, Klaas & Aofke Woldring, Catherine O'Reilly, Barry Marks, Carolyn Marks, Heather Brown, Vic Brown, Kay Williams, Bev Kingston, John Allan, Tony Marsh (RFS), Paul Toohey, Louise Rowling, Malcolm & Dorothy McDonald

**Attendees Online** – unable to set-up

**Apologies** – Vic Clarke, Malcolm Davison, Jane Clarke, Ros Sumner, Ross Christie, Peter Romey, Mary Knaggs, Ann Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Tony Grantham, Barbara Grantham, Robert Lillico, Bronwen & Peter Connor, Brendan O'Reilly

Business Item
<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 March 2021</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> – that the minutes of the General Meeting of 6 March 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed – Lynne Lillico, Seconded – Larry Nelson</p>
<p><b>Finance – Financial Reports</b> The following reports were presented by the Treasurer – Libby Nelson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profit &amp; Loss report for March 2021</li> <li>• Profit &amp; Loss report Year to Date (July 2020 to March 2021)</li> <li>• Balance Sheet report as at 31 March 2021</li> </ul> <p>Copies of the above reports were distributed to the meeting; current working capital and YTD profit summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current Assets - \$162,560</li> <li>○ Current Liabilities - \$1,768</li> <li>○ YTD Profit - \$7,107</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved</b> – That the financial reports for March 2021 be accepted. Proposed – Jill Easterbrook, Seconded – Heather Brown</p>
<p><b>RFS: Tony Marsh</b> addressed the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony acknowledged receipt of email received today sent from Russell Grove regards the Funds raised \$26,210 by PA and SAG in Jan 2020 for the RFS/CFU &amp; PB Brigade. Tony stated he is endeavouring to get the funds placed as per the terms set out in the email.</li> <li>• Hazard Reduction coming up, increased burning off within the Central Coast.</li> <li>• RFS Open Day 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021</li> </ul>

<b>Business Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to those who came to training Assessments /Certificates coming</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month – training</li> <li>• Some hydrants on the map don't exist – Tony to keep us informed</li> <li>• <b>Vic Brown</b> asked what Hazard Reduction is planned around Pearl Beach – Nothing has been done in PB since 2017 and was very concerning.</li> <li>• Tony said he has very little control around PB and that it was up to the National Parks.</li> <li>• Cath O'Reilly asked what could be done to wood debris on beach. Tony said RFS can't do anything – speak to Council</li> </ul>
<b>Building Committee – Hall Deck Upgrade</b> Larry Nelson gave a report on progress with the Hall Deck Upgrade – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract in 2020 Builder quoted \$55,000</li> <li>• Costs and wages increased estimated final figure is now \$110,000</li> <li>• Hopefully completed by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021</li> <li>• \$100,000 on term deposit. We need \$20,000 to finish building of the back deck</li> <li>• Agreed we reinvest \$80,000 use the \$20,000</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved</b> – that \$20,000 of Association funds be used to complete the building work.          Proposed – Russell Grove, Seconded - Heather Brown</p>
<b>Building Committee – Front Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larry Nelson said this work was slow moving but the stonemason now says he may be able to start in a couple of months!</li> <li>• Russell also proposed a possible upgrade of the memorial at front of hall</li> </ul>
<b>Hall Committee</b> Nothing to report
<b>Pearl Beach Safety Advisory Group – PBSAG</b> Refer to <b><u>Annexure A</u></b> following these minutes, report by Paul Toohey
<b>Events &amp; Publicity</b> Lynne Lillico reported on upcoming events - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soiree – Great Guitars with Guy Strazz and Mark Johns: A great night of entertainment. Thank you to <b>Lynne Lillico</b> for organizing and her crew directed by <b>Malcolm McDonald</b> who set up the hall and those that packed up and worked in the kitchen after. <b>Paul Wickham</b> who organised sound. The hall was set up beautifully and looked very enhancing with the candles and lighting.</li> <li>• Showcase and Scholarship concerts on 22 / 23 May 2021- tickets available 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 – tickets available \$35</li> <li>• Lynne said the Central Coast Guide was a great source of information regarding events here</li> </ul>

<p><b>Business Item</b></p> <p>at Pearl Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disco night will go ahead - details to come</li> <li>• Jazz in the Arboretum. Has been listed and will need lots of volunteers. A \$2000 local donation has already been made and the artist fee reduced by \$1000. More donations gratefully accepted</li> <li>• <b>Victoria Crawford</b> asked how does one know these events are on and Russell suggested we list all dates and events on the website to let people know what is going on well in advance. Maybe an updated sign for local community?</li> <li>• <b>Victoria Crawford</b> spoke to the <b>Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail</b> which will be held on the June long weekend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 artists – Sculptures</li> <li>• 7 Community groups – Surprises??</li> <li>• No charge. Donations gladly accepted for Arboretum. Free plants will be given to people who come on the Ephemeral Day</li> <li>• If successful could consider event every two years.</li> <li>• Victoria also said they had hit a snag in the koala project. They are going to produce and buy more plants which will support koala and bee population</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Covid-19 Update</b></p> <p>The Covid-19 safety rules have not substantially changed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2 square metre per person rule still applies such that the maximum number of people allowed in the hall is still 74 including children.</li> <li>• Social distancing rules still apply.</li> <li>• The Association Covid-19 Safety Plan has been updated effective from 12 April 2021 using the latest NSW Government template for Community Halls, and is available on the website and the notice board inside the hall.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Groups –</b></p> <p><b>Pearl Beach Singers:</b> Back in action and contemplating some sort of entertainment for August</p> <p><b>Bushcare:</b> Phil Rich thanked the 6 people who turned up and invited anyone to come and help weed and of course have a cup of tea/coffee and solve the problems of the world!!</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>• Helga Diamond</li> <li>• Matt Coren</li> <li>• Michael and Margaret Campion</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russell welcomed <b>Greg McPhee</b> back into the fold and good to see him recuperating well. Not to be outdone Greg quickly rose to the floor and spoke about fundraising to help with the \$\$\$ needed to complete the building work. Greg said he was happy to help co ordinate and asked people to send in suggestions. \$40,000 pa just to run the hall. Thanks Greg.</li> </ul>

### Business Item

- An official thank you was made to **Malcolm and Vicki Davison** for the work put into a wonderful Anzac celebration.
- Thanks was given to **Phil and Lynne Rich** for their music, **Paul Wickham** for setting up and operating the new sound system, and all the wonderful cooks who made the Anzac biscuits and those that cleaned up afterwards. Thanks also to **Vic Brown** for cleaning and painting the memorial at front of hall and **Pam Sarti** who had the gardens and lawn looking splendid. A most successful Dawn Service followed by a spectacular sunrise.
- Thank you to **ACCOM.** for their generous donation of \$500 toward the portable P.A system.
- Russell acknowledged **Paul Toohey** for his consistency in continuing to proceed in seeking Grants for the Community Support Centre project even though as yet we have not been successful. Paul is to speak with Lucy Wicks this coming week.
- **Kay Williams** spoke about the Central Coast Council allowing land to be sold off e.g. Umina carpark being divided and sold to build units. **Victoria Crawford** also spoke about the high rise on the waterfront at Gosford and the depletion of the parks in the area. **Russell Grove** will write to Council on behalf of the Association but emphasised that **ALL** residents should do same. Ratepayers are entitled to petition Council with any concerns.
- **Bev Lapacek** is recovering in hospital from heart surgery and up and walking or maybe plodding. Best wishes to you Bev.
- **Cath O'Reilly** questioned the improvement of signage in PB. She felt there was a lack of information for the whole community. **Victoria Crawford** replied that this concern was a work in progress and that we now have a Community Engagement Working Party of which Cath may be part. There is a community outside the Association members which we need to reach.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm

**Next General Meeting – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 at 5pm.**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 4.00 pm**

These minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting at the next General Meeting held on 7 August 2021

## Annexure A

### **PBSAG – Business Report Update for General Meeting of 1 May 2021**

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#### **Neighbour Alert:**

- System in place; no change

#### **Defibrillators**

- Cleaning maintenance carried out monthly.
- Pads at both the Hall and Tennis Courts are due for replacement 23 May. Costing quote being sought – expectation is approx. \$300 each.

#### **First Aid**

- First Aid kit at the Hall –completed periodically. Register of usage prepared.

#### **Beach Safety**

- Monthly check of the safety equipment is up to date.
- Letter sent 19 March 2021 to Acting Chief Executive Office of Central Coast Council seeking review of beach safety at Pearl Beach – no formal response but received a text from Craig Healy, man in charge of safety of local beaches who advised:
  - Didn't see our letter however completed site inspection with risk manager about 3 -4 weeks ago and are recommending some additional signage at the North end of the beach and on rock platform, some additional communications on beach safety throughout community over Christmas break.
  - Brief discussion held with Ocean Beach club member Mrs Lambert who is also following up with community sign and conditions at Pearl beach with input from Professor Rob Brander - Science of Surf. Craig intends seeing Rob on Friday next week to discuss.
  - The Patrol issue will need to be recommended by CCC Administrator if community still have concerns.
  - We are cleaning pool on Thursday morning next week and it will be closed all day until backfilled with incoming high tide.
- Response to email dated 11 March 2021 not received yet from Terry Barber of Surf Lifesaving NSW re the installation of an **Emergency Response Beacon\_(EBS)** at Pearl Beach. To be followed-up in May

#### **Community Fire Unit**

- Accreditation training completed 14 April 2021 by 4 local CFU members. Further accreditation training to be held on a date to be advised.

- General training of CFU is to be held henceforth on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday monthly.

### Community Support Centre Project

- Commonwealth Government – Stronger Communities Program Round 6 2021.  
Expression of Interest sent to Lucy Wicks on 5<sup>th</sup> February and a follow-up memo sent 26 February with letters of support from the SES and the RFS.  
Outcome > unsuccessful at Lucy Wicks’ level. Requested a meeting with Lucy Wicks to discuss but no response to-date!
- NSWG Community Building Partnerships 2021 – this is a new round brought to our attention by Liesl Tisch. Close date for submission is 14 May 2021. This is similar to last year’s NSWG Grant which was not successful – current opportunity to be fully assessed prior to submission; SAG Meeting planned 5 May 2021.

### Mobile Phone Reception Issue

- Email sent by Vic Clarke on 22 March all PA Members has resulted in the receipt of 66 responses re Mobile Phone service reception within Pearl Beach. Responses appreciated.
- Letter sent 30 April to Lucy Wicks seeking her assistance by taking the matter up with the Mobile Black Spot Program | Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.
- Summary of survey:

Analysis of the Survey Inputs			
Total number of Pearl Beach residents who responded to the survey:			66
100% reliable:			
Yes	30		
No	36		
Reception within their house:			
Yes	49		
No	17	(12 Telstra, 1 Optus, 2 Vodafone, 1 Cycles Life, & 1 not stated)	
Reception outside their House:			
Yes	61		
No	4	(3 Telstra, 1 Vodafone)	
Street by Street overview:			
Agate Ave		OK	
Amethyst Ave		Not reliable especially at the end of the street furthest from the beach	
Beryl Boulevard		All 3 respondents state their service is not 100% reliable	
Coral Crescent		2 respondents stated their service is not 100% reliable	
Cornelian Road		4 out of 6 stated the service is not 100% reliable with 1 elderly person who lives alone has very bad reception/connectivity	
Crystal Ave		3 out of 7 stated the service is not 100% reliable	
Diamond Road		4 out of 9 stated the service is not 100% reliable	
Emerald Ave		3 out of 4 stated the service is not 100% reliable	
Garnet Road		2 out of 3 stated the service is not 100% reliable	
Gem Road		OK	
Green Point Road		OK	
Jade Place		2 out of 3 stated the service is not 100% reliable	
Onyx Road		1 out of 1 stated the service is not 100% reliable	
Opal Close		1 out of 1 stated the service is not 100% reliable	
Pearl Beach Drive		3 out of 5 stated the service is not 100% reliable	
Pearl Parade		OK	
Tourmaline Ave		5 out of 8 stated the service is not 100% reliable	

## **Other Business**

- Email from RFS/Tony Marsh on 5 March 2021 re Funds Raised by PA and SAG in Jan 2020 for the RFS PB Brigade and as to the purpose and use of the funds raised. Email response sent 1 May 2021 by Russell stating “The Progress Association was informed by John Allan, President of the Pearl Beach RFS Brigade at the time, the total funds raised amounted to \$26,210.70” with the purpose of the fund raising events as being “We need new two way radios, work lights, another firefighting trailer and a fit out to the new extension at the fire station”.

**Paul Toohey**

**Pearl Beach – Safety Advisory Group – 30 April 2021**