

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 9 October 2021 at 5.00 pm

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the meeting was held online via Google Meet.

Attendees – Russell Grove (in the chair), Malcolm Davison, Greg McPhee, Vic Clarke, Libby Nelson, Lynne Lillico, Paul Barclaire, Victoria Crawford, Pauline Toohey.

Adrian & Helen Thurlow, Karen Moses, Larry Nelson, Mary Knaggs, Peter Romey, Jane Borton, Gaby Porter, John Haymes, Cally Osmund, Paul Toohey, Duncan Bridel, Ian Crawford, Robert Lillico, Keith & Stephanie Wood, Mary Kearney, Vic & Heather Brown, Ross Christie, Diane Orton, Carolyn Marks, Barbara Hastings, Gary & Alison Phillips, Ann Parsons, Vicki Davison, Barbara & Tony Grantham, Naseema Sparks, Ramaswamy Nagarajan.

Apologies – Rebecca Jacobs, Tanya Masters

Business Item
<p>Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country Russell Grove welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners –</p> <p>As we gather in the name of the Pearl Beach Progress Association we acknowledge the GURINGAI people as the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respect to their Elders-past, present and emerging.</p>
<p>Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting of 10 October 2020</p> <p>Resolved – that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10 October 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed – Malcolm Davison, Seconded – Mary Knaggs</p>
<p>Presidents Annual Report 2020-2021</p> <p>The President Russell Grove presented his annual report –</p> <p>In an amazing year we have survived the Covid19 lockdown and have realised many successes and achievements:</p> <p>Fundraising: Raffles over Christmas holiday period were very successful, ably led by the enthusiasm and organising of Greg McPhee and Helen and Adrian Thurlow who conducted them. We were also successful with sponsorship, which covered the cost of all the prizes, from local residents and businesses in and outside Pearl Beach.</p>

Business Item

Fortunately the Book Fair was able to be held this year and was organised by Gary and Alison Phillips and an enthusiastic team of helpers. Despite misgivings about the pandemic situation it was a great success.

The pandemic lockdown followed this event and nothing was able to be organised, however, we worked within the rules and had our “Challenge” event, a sponsored walk around the village done individually at different times. Again under the enthusiastic stewardship of Greg McPhee and incredible support and hard work from Bev Lapacek and many others, we again benefitted from enormous sponsorship.

This level of sponsorship support clearly demonstrates how good our credibility as an organisation is with local businesses. It is probably the way ahead for future years because our financial commitment in running the Association, particularly the Community Hall, has increased considerably.

The other event that has not happened yet is the Jazz in the Arboretum, a joint event between the Arboretum and Pearl Beach Progress Association. The pandemic meant it had to be postponed to later next year, but Victoria Crawford and Lynne Lillico went ahead with the planning and have obtained sponsorship and donations that will cover all our costs. Therefore future ticket sales will be profit to be shared between the two organisations. Again an excellent result.

Ongoing activity – “The Price is Right” – thanks to Alison Phillips for coming up with another online fundraising activity that complies with the Covid19 rules so please support this event and get your tickets to win wonderful prize. We are again grateful for the generosity of many locals who donated the gourmet gifts and prizes.

Financial Situation

We raised money prior to this year to cover many of the building costs of the Hall renovation. We are therefore in a reasonably good financial position as shown by the accounts report which has been distributed to all members.

In particular the Council rates and insurance premiums have increased dramatically; we now pay \$9,000 per year for insurance cover. There is a Council subsidy that will alleviate some of the cost of the rates but these higher charges will be ongoing so continued fundraising efforts will be required to meet these commitments, especially in relation the Community Hall.

Events

Activities we were able to complete prior to lockdown were:

- Anzac Day Service – dawn service on the beach, thanks to Malcolm Davison for coordinating this.
- Guitar and Piano Concerts, Music Scholarship for young people supported by the Irvine Family – very enjoyable music events organised by Lynne Lillico

Business Item

Sub Committee Reports

1. Safety Advisory Group – a report is being prepared which will be distributed to members.

The main issues are the ongoing funding required to maintain our defibrillators and beach safety equipment. In particular the costs (approx. \$2,000 per unit) required to convert the defibrillators from 4G to 5G systems so the monitoring service can continue.

Paul Toohey has done a tremendous amount of work in applying for several grants this year so it is disappointing that we have not been successful. However, this week a further application was made for a post bush-fire grant of \$91,000 to set up the hall as a Community Support Centre in the event of bushfire or storm power outage situations.

The Safety Advisory Group have preparations in hand for the upcoming summer bush-fire season with the Neighbour Alert messaging system. The volunteer street contacts will also contact new residents to Pearl Beach.

Beach safety – we have not been successful in getting the Central Coast Council to support a Life Guard service on our beach due to their financial constraints. There have been discussions about placing a safety beacon at Pearl Beach but this is still to be determined.

2. Hall Building Committee – this project is about to be completed and thanks must go to Larry Nelson and David Russell Jones for their hard work in project management, negotiating and liaising with the builder and arranging volunteer workers. The project has taken much longer than was initially anticipated because of Covid19 and the cost has also increased due to higher building material costs. This additional cost has been met through our own savings and extra fundraising efforts organised by Greg McPhee. Also thanks to the many volunteers who helped with digging trenches, painting, rubbish removal, gardening etc.

The final outcome is a larger and much improved rear deck area with increased storage and a better flow through the kitchen and additional side exit door.

Executive Committee

There are several members who are not nominating for another year on the Executive Committee;

Vic Clarke – Secretary – greatly appreciated for all his hard work and support to the Executive and members, always very thorough, accurate and informative.

Greg McPhee – Vice President – great commitment to this role, always willing to give his time and to get the work done. His efforts in fundraising this year has been outstanding.

Bev Kingston – Ordinary Member – has been part of the Executive team for many years.

Many thanks to the other people who have contributed to the Executive committee and other committees throughout the past year. The success of Committees is only as successful as the input that the committee members give. Everyone on a committee needs to be an active participant, readily offer their contribution and share the workload, thereby supporting the whole committee. Hopefully this is what this new Executive Committee will achieve in this coming year.

Business Item
<p>Vale</p> <p>We remember the following people and be grateful for their involvement, service and friendship:</p> <p>Brian Smith was a great mahjong player and fantastic photographer, many people will remember his wonderful shots.</p> <p>Yvonne Stanger was a life member and a great supporter of the Pearl Beach Progress Association, she was involved in lots of activities and made a significant contribution over many years.</p> <p>Frances Grove – my wife was a great supporter of Progress, she was also a great supporter of my involvement in the Association. She came to many events. The profits of the cake stall may be down in future years now that Frances is no longer here for me to buy her coconut ice, fruit cakes and buns. I am very grateful for the support and advice she always gave me.</p> <p>Resolved – that the Presidents Annual Report be accepted. Proposed – Russell Grove, Seconded – Lynne Lillico</p>
<p>Audited Financial Report – Financial Year 2021</p> <p>A link to the audited financial report prepared by Thomas Davis & Co for the financial year ending 30 June 2021 had been emailed to members on 23 September 2021</p> <p>Resolved – That the audited financial report for financial year 2021 be accepted. Proposed – Libby Nelson, Seconded – Ross Christie</p>
<p>Appointment of an Auditor</p> <p>The current auditor Thomas Davis & Co has agreed to continue to audit the Association’s annual accounts.</p> <p>Resolved – That Thomas Davis & Co be appointed as auditor for the current financial year 2021-2022 Proposed – Ross Christie, Seconded – Ann Parsons</p>
<p>Election of Executive Committee</p> <p>At close of nominations on Saturday 2 October 2021 the following nominations had been received –</p> <p>President – Russell Grove</p> <p>Vice President (2 positions) – Malcolm Davison, only one nomination received</p> <p>Treasurer – Libby Nelson</p> <p>Secretary – no nominations received</p> <p>Assistant Secretary – Rebecca Jacobs</p> <p>Publicity Officer – Lynne Lillico</p> <p>Ordinary Members (4 positions) – Paul Barclaire, Victoria Crawford, Mary Knaggs, Pauline Toohey.</p>

Business Item

Accordingly an election was not required and the above nominees are declared elected.

As per the Constitution if the number of nominations received are less than the number of positions, then nominations can be called for at the Annual General Meeting.

Prior to the start of the Annual General Meeting the following nominations were received

Secretary – Tanya Masters

Vice President – Adrian Thurlow, John Haymes

Russell Grove asked if there were any further nominations for the positions of Secretary and Vice President. There being no further nominations -

Tanya Masters was declared elected as Secretary.

An online ballot will be conducted prior to the next General Meeting on 6 November 2021 to determine the second Vice President position.

Other Business

Mary Knaggs proposed a vote of thanks to Bev Kingston for her years as a member of the Executive Committee.

The meeting closed at 5.33 pm