

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

6th November 2021 at 5.00 pm

Attendees – Russell Grove (in the chair); Tanya Masters, Adrian Thurlow, John Steinbeck, Pauline Toohey, Paul Toohey, Karen Moses, Malcolm Davison, Diane Swalwell, Bruce Swalwell, Duncan Bridel, Jackie Bridel, Cally Osmond, Lynne Lillico, Jane Borton, Malcolm McDonald, Dorothy McDonald; Paul Barclaire, Heather Brown, Brendan O’Reilly; Catherine O’Reilly, Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, Mary Knaggs, James Boyd, Bev Lapacek, Annette Blinco.

Apologies

Elizabeth Nelson, Rebecca Jacobs, Stuart Kerr, Vic Brown, Gabby Pritchard, Alan Crompton

Business Item	Action - Who When
<p>Acknowledgement of Country Russell Grove 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 General Meeting A link to the minutes of the previous meeting on 4/9/21 was included in the notice of meeting sent to membership on 2nd November.</p> <p>Matters Arising from previous meeting minutes</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the previous meeting which will not be discussed elsewhere. The minutes of the previous were thus accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed : Pauline Toohey Seconded: Lynne Lillico</p> <p>Appointment of new Public Officer Tanya Masters appointed. Russell briefly outlined the role as the link between the Department of Fair Trading and the Association.</p>	

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<p>Appointment of 2nd Vice President There have been two nominations for this position: John Haynes and Adrian Thurlow. The President informed the meeting that Adrian Thurlow was the successful candidate and thanked John Haynes for his nomination. Russell briefly outlined the method of electronic voting had seemingly proved successful with approximately 45% of the membership voting.</p>	
<p>Vaccination Policy for attending events at the hall Russell Grove (hereafter referred to as RG) reported that the Executive Committee had carefully considered this matter and given consideration to current health orders. A policy requiring all people using the hall be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 will remain in place until further notice. Evidence of same must be forthcoming, unless proof of medical exemption is available. Social distancing and mask wearing to remain in place.</p> <p>Covid 19 update Malcolm Davison briefly outlined new rules. From December 1st new distance rules to come into force allowing 1 person per 2 sq.m inside. This will increase the allowable number of persons inside to 74 with another 20 people on the new back deck.</p>	
<p>Financial Reports Treasurer; Libby Nelson was not able to attend the meeting. However a link to the P&L financial reports had been including in the notice of meeting email sent to members on 2nd November. A subsequent email containing a link to the balance sheet was sent to all intended attendees. Resolved – that the September 2021 financial reports be accepted. Proposed : Malcolm McDonald. Seconded : Bev Lapacek</p> <p><u>SUB COMMITTEES</u></p> <p>Membership Expression of Interest Some discussion ensued about the essential nature of each subcommittee and Russell invited expressions of interest to join the various committees with the request that those interested give their names to each convenor as soon as possible and preferably by next Executive meeting.</p> <p>Secretary to include request for helpers in follow up letter to all members unable to attend meeting.</p>	

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<p>Building Committee ; Current convenor : Larry Nelson. However no report was forthcoming as this committee will be dissolved following the completion of the renovation. At the next General Meeting on the 4th December there will be a full explanation of the extent of the building completed.</p> <p>A special thank you was given to Ian Crawford for his considerable effort with painting the new work.</p>	<p>Larry Nelson</p>
<p>Sub-Committees – Hall Paul Barclaire informed meeting of the landscaping and clearing works he and a small band of helpers have completed or are in the process of completing Future jobs include: Washing the outside of hall and cleaning under hall and put fire protection mesh around base. Lynne Lillico requested the completion date for the grass to be laid as she reported that several wedding bookings are in place, including one shortly. Paul advised this had been delayed due to the electrical wires nearby. At the suggestion of RG it was agreed that Malcolm Davison would help co-ordinate a temporary solution by contacting Judy McFarlane and borrowing some of the unused synthetic turf which is due to laid on the tennis court.</p> <p>Safety Advisory Group Paul Toohey advised that a meeting with Street Contacts was scheduled for 19th Nov. Their role is to welcome new members and provide safety information. He reported that a letter regarding Beach Safety had been sent to the Central Coast Council in March this year. The council in response has advised that due to budget cuts they would not be able to provide a Beach Patrol. Pearl beach was not considered a “Black Spot”, hence the PBPA proposal for an Emergency Response beacon was also not on the council’s current agenda. It was noted that this would have required the PBPA to be responsible for ongoing maintenance Further, again due to budget cuts the CCC would reduce the cleaning of the rock pool from 4 to 3 times annually and would not consider the proposed walkway across the rocks. The Community Fire Unit will be back in action during November. There are several new recruits currently completing their qualifications course. Questions have been asked of RFS previously about the intended</p>	

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<p>spending of the more \$25000 that was raised in the Bush Fire Appeal at Christmas 2020. To date no reply has been forthcoming. Jamie responded, and reported he is a member of the community fire unit and will follow up this query at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Community Support Centre</u> project submitted a grant application on 6th October, 2021 through the Bush Fire Recovery Program, having received a low priority for a grant from Community Building Partnerships program. A number of vital pieces of equipment to be used to set up the hall as a Community Support Centre in a fire emergency.</p> <p><u>Mobile Phone service</u> Russell reported conversations and several messages with Lucy Wicks culminating in her reporting have met the Minister (Fletcher) to discuss the issue. He has reported that there will be funds available for ‘Black Spots’ with poor reception and speed in early 2022(Jan -April). Pearl Beach is at the top of the list.</p> <p><u>Traffic Committee</u> Greg McPhee has been chasing CCC about placement of a STOP SIGN at the intersection, which it appears does not fall within the guidelines. There was a suggestion that from a safety perspective there are already too many signs on the intersection. There was discussion in the meeting about possible remedies to the situation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speed Bumps 2. Requesting council implement a 40 km speed limit in whole of Pearl Beach. 3. Traffic and Pedestrian shared Zones <p>R G reported that he had been in contact with the local (State) member Leisel Tesch who had advised PBPA to itemize all traffic requests so they can be presented (by her) to the next Traffic Committee meeting.</p>	
<p>Sub-Committees – Events Lynne Lillico spoke to the 2021/2022 Community Events from December . She reported that only 3 small events had been held this year, but a full program is back on schedule. These included the rescheduling of the Food and Wine and Jazz. Lynne reminded the meeting that RG would lead a commemorative ceremony at 10.45 on the 11th November. Please see the list of events for the remainder of the year and beyond on the notice board and the website. Larry Nelson is coordinating Australia Day. There are also still some seats left for the Christmas Lunch. Contact Bev Lapacek.</p>	

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<p>Fundraising RG reported on fundraising initiatives and urged members to encourage everyone to become involved in fund raising activities. There will be 3 different raffles, which will allow visitors to the village to become involved. RG has been contacting sponsors, each of whom will be given a "priority day". There will also be a gourmet raffle at the Carol Singing. Donations with a Christmas theme will be sought. Further, he encouraged members to show their support for the Price is Right. The final date has been extended and an appeal for support has been sent to all members.</p> <p>Welcome New Membership RG welcomed the following new members, adding it is encouraging to see membership slowly increasing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Harris • Simon Widdison • Alan Sheen • Douglas McDonald • Ramafwany Nagarajan • Stuart Kerr • Amy Beaumont <p>Other Business - War Memorial Upgrade RG reported the issues of upgrade is ongoing and thanked Mary for her report which is currently before council. RG advised that the most sustainable suggestion to date would require the removal and rebuilding of the sandstone. Gosford Quarries has been contacted in the hope of donation.</p> <p><u>Vote of Thanks</u> was given to Bev Kingston by the President for her service on the committee and this was acknowledged by acclamation from all those present.</p> <p>Jackie Bridell raised the issue of the difficult position residents can be put in when there is a severe accident on the hill or the road into Pearl Beach and Patonga. She asked whether there was some way that people could be alerted, in particular the bus company. The issue was noted by those in attendance, but seem unresolvable at this stage.</p> <p><i>Meeting closed at 5.55 .</i></p> <p>Next General Meeting: 5pm 4/12/21 Next Executive Meeting 4pm 18/11/21</p>	

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