

**PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

4th December 2021 at 5.00 pm

Attendees – Russell Grove (in the chair); Tanya Masters, Lynne Lillico, James Boyd, Lindsay Boyd, Chris Rhodes, Deb Rhodes, Paul Barclaire, Libby Nelson, Larry Nelson, Bev Lapacek, Kanna Stafford, Robyn Stafford, Heather Brown, Vic Brown, Mary Knaggs, Peter Romey, Giana Gordon, Jane Borron, Malcolm McDonald, Annette Blinco, Malathi Nagarajan, R. Nagarajan, Jill Easterbrook, Alison Phillips, Gary Phillips, Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, John Hill

Apologies - Adrian and Helen Thurlow, Malcolm and Vicki Davison, Pauline and Paul Toohey, Robert Lillico, Bill Blinco, Bronwen Young and Peter Connor

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| <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> <hr/> <p>Minutes of previous General Meeting A link to the minutes of the previous meeting on 6/11/21 was included in the notice of meeting sent to membership on 27th November.</p> <p>Matters Arising from previous meeting minutes There were no matters arising from the previous meeting which will not be discussed elsewhere. Hence the minutes of the previous were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed : Lynne Lillico Seconded: Bev Lapacek</p> <hr/> <p>Covid 19 Update and Vaccination Policy for attending hall.</p> <p>Russell Grove (hereafter referred to as RG) reported that the Executive Committee had carefully considered this matter and given consideration to current health orders.</p> |

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| <p>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.</p> <p>Heather Brown suggested that regular users of the hall who have shown evidence of double vaccination should have their names recorded, and not have to continually produce same evidence. This was agreed by all. (TM to collate a list) However , checking in with QR code remains mandatory.</p> | |
| <p>Financial Reports Treasurer; Elizabeth Nelson A link to the financial reports had been including in the notice of meeting email sent to members on 27th November. Libby reported that there had been further depletion of PBPA funds during November, with the Total Balance now \$65000.00. A full report will be made to the next meeting in February. Resolved – that the October 2021 financial reports be accepted. Proposed : Libby Nelson Seconded : Paul Barclaire</p> <hr/> <p><u>SUB COMMITTEES</u></p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> ; <i>Pearl Beach Memorial Hall Deck Extension</i> <i>Progress report to 17/11/21</i></p> <p>Larry Nelson reported that this project had a grant amount of \$66,000. The final report for this grant is in process. To date we have incurred expenses of \$161,736. The Progress association has, therefore, contributed \$95,735 to this project so far, plus volunteer labor estimated at \$7,905 with another \$2,850 in labour still expected to be contributed to finish the painting and other tasks. The Certifier has now issued the Occupation Certificate. Larry advised and thanked Ian Crawford who has been doing a great deal of the painting work to date. The major work to still do is the oiling of the deck and stairs, and to finish off the painting of the storeroom.</p> <p>R G thanked all who had been involved, including Ian Crawford, Peter Romey, John Haynes and Ross Christie; and in particular Larry Nelson, who had needed to overcome many difficulties and unexpected occurrences throughout the whole process. All present agreed; and this was shown by a round of applause.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Building Committee report be accepted. Proposed; Annette Blinco; Seconded : Heather Brown</p> | |

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| <p><u>Hall</u> Paul Barclaire reported that the outside of the hall had been washed, and the steps and sandstone entry cleaned. He requested some assistance with putting the stage together, and thanked Victoria, Rebecca and Malcom Davison for their assistance. Acceptance of the report; Proposed : Jamie Boyd. Seconded: Libby Nelson</p> <p><u>Safety Advisory Group</u> Paul Toohey had apologized for not being able to attend today’s meeting, however he had provided a comprehensive business report which will be posted on the website , and was briefly addressed by Russell.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee had been unsuccessful in their application for a grant from the NSWG Community Building Partnership funds. • The outcome of an application for a grant from Aust. Gov Black Summer Bushfire program has not yet been notified. • The issue of poor mobile phone reception appears to be in the hands of the “Telcos”, with the Minister for Communications advising that government funding goes to telephone providers to decide “where the black spots are”. • Traffic confusion at our only intersection remains problematic. It does not qualify for a stop sign, hence other actions will need to be considered. • Some scenarios for consideration include a shared safety zone and a 40 km speed limit. <p>Paul welcomed 2 new members to the PBSAG; Peter Little and Jamie Boyd.</p> <p>Acceptance of the report approved. Proposed : Heather Brown. Seconded. Malcolm Mc Donald</p> | |
| <p><u>Events</u></p> <p>Lynne Lillico reported that the Price is Right had been won by Bev Lapacek who was less than 10 cents off the correct amount. She advised that the new deck had already been utilized and admired by recent users. Events until end of January: Saturday 11th December – Community Christmas Lunch or Dinner <u>Update</u> <i>The evening function (6 pm for 6.30 pm) has 70 to date, lunch 12.30 for 1.00 pm- 64.</i></p> <p>Art Trail – 28 local artisans will open their studios around the village – come, see and buy. RG thanked local artist Marijka Greenway for her donation to raffle off 2 paintings and a commemorative bottle of wine.</p> <p>Saturday, 18th December – Raffle outside the café. 9 am – 1.00 pm. <i>With further raffles scheduled for the 8th and the 15th January, we are looking for financial sponsors to enable us to purchase food and wine for the hamper prizes.</i></p> | |

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| <p>Wednesday 22nd – Twilight Carols. This will be held in the Arboretum. Open to locals and visitors from 5.30 pm - Sing-along at 6.00 pm and Santa arrives at 6.30 pm. BYO picnic, chairs, and rugs – participants of the annual Pearl Beach Food & Wine Fare are donating a selection of contents. Jelly beans have been kindly donated by Umina ChemSave.</p> <p>Tuesday, 28th December – Summer Reading Book Sale. Victoria is organising this event and will appreciate volunteers to help. She has sufficient books.</p> <p>Wednesday, 29th December – Family Bingo. In the Hall 5 pm – 6 pm – 10 games for \$5 – cash prizes. Proceeds towards Memorial Hall upkeep and community initiatives. Further Bingo evening in January on following Wednesdays 5th 12th 19th</p> <p>Wednesday, 26th January – Australia Day. Will be organised on the beachfront, similar to last year and Larry Nelson has offered to co-ordinate and will be looking for volunteers to assist.</p> <p>Lynne thanked all on the Events Committee for their work throughout the year, as well as all those that attended events and assisted in other ways. She reported that despite Covid restrictions and shut downs, events throughout the year had managed to raise \$11,400.00.</p> <p>Acceptance of the Events report was followed by Heather Brown calling for acknowledgment of Lynne’s tireless efforts throughout the year. A round of applause followed.</p> <p>Proposed : Malcolm McDonald. Seconded; Annette Blinco</p> | |
| <p>Pearl Beach Rural Fire Service</p> <p>Members were welcomed by RG, and they addressed the meeting; advising that at their recent AGM; Lindsay Boyd had been elected Brigade Captain and Luke Stevenson had been elected President.</p> <p>Lindsay spoke briefly and acknowledged the assistance of Paul Toohey and the Safety Advisory Group in assisting with the Community Fire Unit. Lindsay advised that the new team would endeavor to further develop their membership base, with 9 new people joining in the past few months; some with the Community Fire unit, and some in the Brigade.</p> <p>He hoped to further encourage community engagement.</p> | |

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| <p>COMMUNITY GROUPS</p> <p><u>Arboretum</u> Victoria Crawford reported that the “Koala Project” was now back in consideration. The grant applied for by the Arboretum Committee had been unsuccessful, however they will now work with Sydney University who received a very large grant to help reintroduce the species to the area. The group is seeking a relationship with Rumbalara to try to encourage more school groups to utilize and experience the Arboretum. Future events in the Arboretum include Opera in the Arboretum (12th March) and Jazz (12th November).</p> <p><u>Environment Group</u> Mary Knaggs reported interactions with the CCC about developments in the area, with the Council agreeing that complying development was a problem; however they were unable to offer a solution! Mary advised that the Environment group meets on the last Friday of each month at 5pm for anyone interested. They regularly have interesting guest speakers.</p> <p><u>Plodders</u> Bev Lapacek reported that the plodders were up and plodding again. On Tuesday 7th Dec they will hold an end of year walk to a “secret location” ; to be followed by “Champagne at Sunset’.</p> <p><u>Tennis Club</u></p> <p>R G reported that the second court has recently been resurfaced and would be fully functional by Christmas. Trees that are impeding the footpath are not likely to be removed in the near future as they are on CCC property.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Fundraising</u> Adrian Thurlow was unable to attend today’s meeting. He had reported that a raffle has been organized for 18th December outside the café and two other raffles. Donations of bottles of wine are requested to be dropped into 24 Diamond Road. RG spoke on his behalf and reminded the meeting of the ongoing fundraising needs due to the recent depletion of financial resources.</p> <p>A short discussion ensued regarding promoting and advertising the availability of the hall. RG advised that the hall was promoted on the CCC Venues for Hire, as well as the council website and other publications.</p> | |

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| <p>Welcome New Membership RG welcomed the following new members.</p> <p>TOM GLYNN (rejoined member) and TARA JAIJEE (friend) RG suggested to those present that it would be helpful for current members to encourage their friends and neighbours to join(or rejoin) the Association.</p> | |
| <p>Other Business - War Memorial Upgrade Mary reported quotes have been obtained or are being sought to commence work. Council had advised that a DA would be required. An application for a grant to help finance the completion has been lodged.</p> <p><i>Meeting closed at 6.05pm</i></p> <p>Those present were invited to remain for a Christmas and “We made it through the year” social gathering. Refreshments were provided. Attendees were encouraged to donate a gold coin.</p> | |
| <p>General Meeting dates for 2022</p> <p><i>Feb 5th; March 5th April 2nd; May 7th; June 4th : July 2nd ; August 6th, Sept. 3rd; Oct. 1st; Nov. 5th; Dec 3rd.</i></p> | |

General Meeting dates for 2022

Starting 5pm

Saturday Feb 5th

Saturday March 5th

*Easter 15th * Saturday April 2nd.*

Saturday May 7th

Saturday June 4th

Saturday July 2nd

Saturday August 6th

Saturday Sept. 3rd

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Saturday Nov. 5th

Saturday Dec 3rd.