

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

4^{5h} February 2022 at 5.00 pm

Attendees – Russell Grove (in the chair); Tanya Masters, Lynne Lillico, Adrian Tgurlow, Helen Thurlow, Nigel Tisdale, Paul Barclaire, John Allan, Malcolm Davison, Mary Knaggs, Duncan Bridel, Martin Thorn, Sue Gibson, Heather Brown, Vic Brown, James Boyd, Lindsay Boyd, Tom Glynn, Malathi Nagarajan, R. Nagarajan, Brian Young, Amanda Wiley, Peter Conner, Marjory Hathaway, Luke Stevenson, Sabine Kirschke, Malcom McDonald, Laurie Tesoriero, Louise Rowling, Annette Blinco.

Apologies -Pauline Toohey and Paul Toohey, Robert Lillico, Bill Blinco, Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, Peter Romey, Val Taylor, Vicki Davison, Jackie Bridel, Klaas Woldring, Aafke Woldring, Dorothy McDonald, John Steinbeck, Jan Steinbeck, Elizabeth Nelson, Larry Nelson, Diane Swalwell, Bruce Swalwell.

Business Item

Acknowledgement of Country

Russell Grove acknowledged the traditional owners -

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.

Minutes of previous General Meeting

A link to the minutes of the previous meeting on 4/12/21 was included in the notice of meeting sent to membership on 30th January 2022.

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 : James Boyd Seconded: Mary Knaggs



Covid 19 Update

Russell Grove (hereafter referred to as RG) reported that the current policy would remain in place for some time, ie no more than 74 people in the hall and all must check in using QR code and show evidence of full vaccination.

RG reminded those in attendance that Covid 19 was continuing to infect members of the Pearl Beach community.

Adherence to social distancing and safety procedures is essential to minimize the spread of Covid 19.

Financial Reports

Treasurer; Elizabeth Nelson was unable to attend today's meeting, however a link to the financial reports had been including in the notice of meeting email sent to members on 30th January.

RG spoke briefly to the report and advised that the Progress Association was "still in the black"

Resolved – that the December 2021 financial reports be accepted. Proposed: Paul Barclaire Seconded: Adrian Thurlow

RFS REPORT

The Fire Captain, Lindsay Boyd provided an RFS update. He reported that Pearl Beach had been very quiet recently with only 1 or 2 call outs which he identified as 'minor skirmishes". Although there had been no fires, the Brigade remains very active with training new recruits. The CFU also continues to be busy and train new recruits, however they continue to look for people to join the ranks.

A question from the floor was put to Lindsay. This was in regard to the long standing issue of utilizing the funds raised almost 2 years ago. Lindsay reported that now that the Brigade has a new committee, 2 people have been appointed to identify needs and potential purchases. He identified the likelihood of a new CFU Unit being purchased, and will make a full report to the next General Meeting in March.

SUB COMMITTEES

Hall

Paul Barclaire reported that the committee was seeking approval to purchase a leaf blower for the back area. RG had offered a leaf blower he no longer uses. The superfluous fork lift that had been taken up space in the office will be going to the local Men's Shed.

He thanked Ian Crawford who has completed the shelving in the new shed, which has provide a considerable storage area.

Grass has now been laid on the back area, after removal of the temporary artificial grass.

Proposed : Paul Barclaire Seconded: Lynne Lillico



Safety Advisory Group

Paul Toohey was not being able to attend today's meeting, being in close contact with Covid 19, however he had provided a comprehensive business report with information summarized below and addressed by RG.

Craig Healey (CCC) and Louise Lambert, the author a Child Safety Book, held two very successful Safety on the Beach events, with the latest being held on 26th January.

A brochure has been produced and circulated. RG noted that Pearl Beach is identified as "highly dangerous beach", yet is not considered a "Black Spot" by Surf Life Saving NSW. The PBPA continues to liase with council over these issues. Ultimately it becomes an issues of available finances.

RG pointed put that in the next couple of years, we will need to replace the defibrillators and/or move them to the 5G network. RG pointed out that this would be enormously expensive.

Issues of road safety in the village continue to be pursued by the SAG committee. The council have vetoed a STOP sign. Several dangerous incidents have been reported at the intersection over recent months. Other methods to provide a safe intersection are still under consideration; including a possible 40km zone; a possible shared zone with 10km limit; a potential one way street continuation in high traffic areas, speed bumps and painted roads.

Jamie Boyd (a member of the SAG committee) reported that there was no current record of beach safety incidents, except for two drownings. Consideration could be given to a way in which incidents that occur could be recorded, to provide evidence for the council.

Several suggestions were made. These will be taken back to the Safety Committee for consideration.

RG reported that a new date had been set to clean the swimming pool. Now scheduled for Friday 11th February.

Issues of problems with mobile phone and television coverage were to be address by Lucy Wicks (local Federal member) who had agreed to attend the meeting. Prior to the meeting Ms Wicks had provided an extensive explanation of responsibilities for telecommunications which was forwarded to all members by the Secretary.

The following new members have joined the Safety Advisory Group. Peter Little; Jamie Boyd; Nigel Tisdale and Sue Dusting. Acceptance of the report approved unanimously.

Proposed : Russell Grove Seconded. Paul Barclaire



Events

Lynne Lillico reported that a full list of Events can be found on the web page.

Lynne reported that the Christmas Community Dinner was very well attended and complimented Bev Lapacek for a successful day and evening. The Summer Book sale was also successful, although Lynne reported that fewer people are attending the book sales as they move to electronic devices.

Lynne thanked Victoria Crawford and her band of helpers. She reminded those present that the Easter Book Fair will hopefully go ahead, but no more books are needed.

Over the next few months the following events are hopefully to occur depending on Covid 19 restrictions.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 27 Arboretum Masterplan Workshop (invited participants

only)

Secretary@pearlbeacvharboretum.com.au

MARCH

Saturday 5 Literary Lunch with author Heather Morris Memorial Hall

Presented by WOW 'Waves on the Water'

Ticket cost: \$85 plus

booking fee

Lunch Menu 'Two Turkey's' Bookings:

www.wordsonthewaves.com.au

Sunday 6 'Clean up Australia Day' Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

Gloves, hat and covered shoes recommended Time: 0830

registration

Contact: Stephen

0448 751595

Sunday 6 Writers Seminar – WAVES on the Water Memorial Hall

with Graeme Simsion Bookings:

www.wordsonthewaves.com.au

Saturday 12 Opera in the Arboretum Pearl Beach Arboretum

Presented by Woy Woy Rotary Bookings: Woy Woy

Rotary Website

Saturday 26 'Trivia' come along and have some fun! Memorial Hall

Fundraising event toward Memorial Hall upkeep

Unanimous acceptance of the Events report:

Proposed : Jamie Boyd Seconded; Heather Brown



Fundraising

Adrian Thurlow reported that a raffles over December outside the café and elsewhere had successfully raised around \$5000. He thanked the sponsors, including Coastal Realty (donated \$500); Belle Properties (donated \$500), and McGrath (donated \$500) for their generous support. Another raffle would be held over the Easter period and requests for donations to the raffle will be made in due course. Adrian thanked all those who had volunteered their time to help with the raffles.

He also reported that a concerted effort was underway to encourage more people to rent the hall for functions.

RG outline the nett profit from the summer raffles and other events was almost \$9,800.00 and he thanked Adrian and Helen Thurlow for their enthusiasm in encouraging people to buy raffle tickets.

RG reported to the meeting that recent new residents in Pearl Beach, the Fussell Family had generously donated the sum of \$10,000.00 to the PBPA.

The following motion was then moved:

"that the PBPA acknowledge with grateful thanks, the generous donation of \$10,000.00 made by the Fussell family, in support of the community fundraising efforts carried out by the PBPA."

Proposed by: Russell Grove Seconded: Vic Brown

The motion was carried unanimously.

Welcome New Membership

RG welcomed Thomas, Emily, Phoebe, Luke and Louise Fussell as new members. Additionally he welcomed Mark DeBrincat, Tim Parks, Tracy Law, Chris Hemmings and Jo-ann Davey as new members.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

<u>Buddies</u>

Mary Knaggs reported that next Buddies would be on 14th February, and due to several workers no longer being able to support the group, they were appealing for new volunteers.

Arboretum

Mary Knaggs reported there will be a great deal of tree work needing to be carried out at the Arboretum, in order to ensure the area is safe for visitors and attendees to various events, most notably the Opera in the Park in March.

Working bees are held in the Arboretum the 3rd Sunday in each month. There is to be a wedding in the Arboretum on 13th February.



Environment Group

Mary Knaggs advised that the Environment group meets on the last Friday of each month at 5pm for anyone interested. They regularly have interesting guest speakers.

On the 25th February there will be discussion around a "Character Statement for Pearl Beach". All welcome.

Bushcare/ Dunecare

Malcolm Davison reported that it appears that the CCC is no longer sending someone to support the volunteers who work on Bushcare (1st Sat each month) and Dunecare (2nd Sat each month). This is extremely disappointing, as it was pointed out that essentially the volunteers are doing the CCC job for them. RG noted that the local press had published an article indicating that CCC had written to these groups asking for their support with the CCC application to IPART.

The groups will continue to help improve our village environs, and volunteers are always needed.

Other Business - War Memorial Upgrade

Mary reported that the Hall site is heritage listed and therefore the PBPA had to submit a DA to CCC to renovate the War Memorial. CCC have agreed to waive the submission fee, and the DA has now been granted.

PBPA now has "in Principal " support to go ahead and upgrade the War Memorial.

PBPA hopes to apply for 2 separate grants to help finance the project. The War Memorial will not be visibly different in size and shape, rather material used will be different, with the current deteriorating brickwork being replaced by sandstone.

RG thanked Mary for her considerable work in organizing the renovation report and application for DA. He formerly asked that the meeting apply for the grants to restore the War Memorial.

The motion was moved that the PBPA support the proposal to renovate the War Memorial.

Proposed : Malcolm Davison. Seconded : Duncan Bridel

This was carried unanimously



Questions from the Floor

RG invited questions from the floor.

Some discussion took place with regard to the state of both lagoons, with the small lagoon near Gem Rd having been illegally excavated away by a local resident.

The following motion was put to the meeting:

"That the PBPA calls upon CCC to investigate and report upon the unauthorized redirection of Green Point Creek to essentially remove the natural lagoon, and furthermore requests the CCC to advise what action will be taken to rectify the situation."

Proposed: Tom Glynn Seconded: Mary Knaggs

Carried unanimously.

The larger lagoon, between Coral Cres and Diamond Rd is reported to have been identified as requiring remediation, and budgeted for by CCC in a future financial year. The first stage involves the installation of a Silt Trap.

Please note:

The Annual General Meeting date for 2022 has been moved to 15th October.

The Annual Food and Wine Fair, which is a significant fundraising event for the Association, was inadvertently scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in October.

Lucy Wicks who had agreed to attend the meeting today at 6pm unfortunately did not arrive, hence the meeting closed at 6.20 pm.