

**PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

Peter Romey (in the Chair), Russell Grove, Malcolm Davison, Lynne Lillico, Libby Nelson, , Donna Higgins, Gary Phillips, Di Swalwell, Jane and Vic Clarke, Heather Brown, Vic Brown, Bev Lapacek, Paul Barclaire, Jackie Bridel, Duncan Bridel, Carolyn Marks, Andrew Cordwell, John Haymes, Gaby Porter, Tony Grantham, Barbara Grantham, Val Taylor, Jill Easterbrook, John Hill, Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, John Kennett, Tony Higgins, Scott Hohne, Adrian and Helen Thurlow, Pauline Toohey, Mary Knaggs, Annette Blinco, Vikki Davison, Aafke Woldring, Ross Christie.

Attending via Zoom: Allison Phillips, Margaret Westcott, John and Jan Steinbeck, Aileen Samios, Ros Sumner, Greg McPhee, Mary Kearney, Diane Orton

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The President acknowledged the original owners of the land, the Guringai people.

**APOLOGIES**

Bev Kingston, Rebecca Jacobs, Jeanette Sims, Robert Lillico

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 12 October 2019 were approved as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting (Moved Tony Higgins, Seconded Russell Grove).

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President thanked the members for their cooperation in voting in the Hall prior to the formal commencement of the AGM. He noted that in order to comply with the Constitution, he had actually opened the meeting at 2pm to allow voting to proceed. Voting was required for the positions of Vice President (2), Assistant Secretary and Ordinary Members (4), as there were more nominations than positions. The positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary and Publicity Officer were elected unopposed. The results of the election would be announced by the Returning Officer prior to the conclusion of the AGM.

The President summarised his report for 2019-20, acknowledging the diverse range of projects and events which had been undertaken since the 2019 AGM, and thanked the many PBPA members who had made these possible. COVID 19, which from March 2020 has severely limited the ability of the Association to hold events and raise funds, is having a significant adverse impact on the cultural life of the Pearl Beach community and the financial situation of the PBPA. Residents however were resourceful and innovative with alternate and successful fundraising ideas. This was particularly helpful

raising the funds required as part of the Progress Associations contribution to the CCC grant allocation for the back deck and storeroom extension.

The meeting noted with sadness the loss of long standing and notable Pearl Beach residents: Sylvia Fullerton, Grace Walker, Fay Austin, Shirley Keers, Lorna Oliff and Dick Sims.

The President thanked the individual members of the current Executive Committee and acknowledged in particular the retiring Secretary Donna Higgins for her contribution to the work of the Association. He also expressed his appreciation for support given to him throughout his term as President by his wife Mary Knaggs and immediate past President Ross Christie.

John Hill commended outgoing President Peter Romey for his dedication and efforts throughout his 3½ years in the role. The members then acknowledged their appreciation of the work of the President over the period.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

The Treasurer, Libby Nelson presented the Financial Report for the year 2019-20, prepared by auditor Thomas Davis & Co. The report acknowledged that the accounts presented a true and fair view of the financial position of Pearl Beach Progress Association Incorporated as of 30 June 2020. The meeting resolved to receive the report (Moved Russell Grove, Seconded Bev Lapacek).

Andrew Caldwell, a retired accountant, expressed his concern that the Financial Report overstates the financial situation of the Association, by including the CCC grant and related funds raised towards the building extension. He recommended that in future, PBPA accounting needs to clarify that these funds are for specific projects, and are not general income available for use by the Association for other purposes.

### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The meeting approved the re-appointment of PBPA auditor Thomas Davis & Co.

### **ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The following Executive positions only received one nomination and the nominee was therefore elected unopposed.

President	Russell Grove
Treasurer	Libby Nelson
Secretary	Vic Clarke
Publicity Officer	Lynne Lillico

The following nominations were received for the two positions of Vice President -

Jane Clarke  
Malcolm Davison  
Greg McPhee

The following nominations were received for the position of Assistant Secretary -

Rebecca Jacobs  
Gary Phillips

The following nominations were received for the four positions as Ordinary Members -

Paul Barclaire  
Victoria Crawford  
Malcolm Davison  
John Haymes  
Scott Hohne  
Bev Kingston  
Adrian Thurlow  
Pauline Toohey

The counting of votes for contested positions having been completed, the Returning Officer Ross Christie announced that the following were elected to the Executive Committee:

President	Russel Grove - unopposed
Vice President	Malcolm Davison
Vice President	Greg McPhee
Treasurer	Libby Nelson – unopposed
Secretary	Vic Clarke – unopposed
Publicity Officer	Lynne Lillico - unopposed
Assistant Secretary	Rebecca Jacobs
Ordinary Member	Paul Barclaire
Ordinary Member	Victoria Crawford
Ordinary Member	Bev Kingston
Ordinary Member	Pauline Toohey

The incoming President Russell Grove welcomed both incoming and returning Executive Committee members. He thanked the Returning Officer, Ross Christie, and said that the first task for the new committee would be to set out a procedure for elections in the future.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

As no items of General Business were raised by the members, the President closed the meeting at 5.35 pm.