

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT

SEPTEMBER 2nd 2023 at 5.15 pm

Attendees (including on Zoom)

Karina Stafford (in the Chair), Tanya Masters (Secretary), Amanda Winley, Nigel Tisdale, Gerarda Luck, Lynne Lillico, Robert Lillico, Vic Brown, Donna Higgins, Naseema Sparks, Coralie Kenny, Carolyn Marks, Barry Marks, Bev Lapacek, Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, Phil Rich, Paul Barclaire, Alison Phillips, Gary Phillips, Vic Clarke, Andrew Cordwell, Malcolm McDonald, Dorothy McDonald, Luke Stevenson, Geoffrey Hurst, Helen O'Loughlin, Lynette Rich, Gabby Crompton, Jeanne Albrecht, Lorelle Savage, Mary Knaggs, Peter Romey, Jane Borton, Andrew Alter, Annette Blinco, Bill Blinco, Kate Lindsay, Ross Lindsay, Gerarda Luck and 1 other (illegible).

Apologies

Malcolm Davison, Vickii Davison, Adrian Thurlow, Helen Thurlow, Peter Richardson , Lisa Richardson, Bronwen Young, Peter Connor, Marianne Hulsbosch, Hans Hulsbosch, Pauline Toohey, Paul Toohey, Stephanie Wood, Peter Wood, Don Hughes, Bev Hughes, Di Swalwell, Bruce Swalwell, Vickii Doddrell, Peter Doddrell, Amanda Thomson, Robyn Stafford, Val Taylor, Sabine Kirschke, John Steinbeck, Jan Steinbeck, Klaas Woldring, Aafke Woldring, Mark Kenny, Lindsay Boyd, Ian Ferner, Jenny Ferner, Heather Brown.

Business Item

Acknowledgement of Country

Karina 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; and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of this area.

Minutes of Previous General Meeting

A link to the draft minutes of the previous meeting in July was included in the notice sent to members on 25th August and will be available on the website once ratified.

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Business Item

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

It was proposed that the Minutes from the July meeting be accepted.

Proposed: Malcolm McDonald Seconded: Mary Knaggs

Financial Reports

The Financial reports for June and July were emailed to members on 25/08/23.

A summarized version was presented to the meeting by the Treasurer Amanda Winley. There were no questions relating to the June full year reports. Amanda advised that the financial year reports had gone to the Auditor and will be presented at the AGM.

Amanda alerted the meeting to several specific items ;

- Profit and Loss for July 2023 and noted that the sum of \$7800 under Membership referred to the amount of invoices sent out to members, not to actual income received.
- Item “donations” as an expense relates to PBPA sponsoring the adjudicator and accompanist costs for the Scholarship Concert.

Amanda further explained the reduced July 2023 income as being the result of several very large expenses; namely the rates and hall insurance. Following a question from the floor, Amanda confirmed that the Hall insurance included Public Liability insurance. A further question about “income in advance” was explained by Amanda as people paying their bond to hire the hall. In general this would be refunded at the completion of the hire unless there was damage to the hall etc requiring the bond to be utilized.

Moved that the financial reports be accepted. All agreed.

Proposed: Gerarda Luck Seconded: Peter Romey

REPORTS SUB COMMITTEES

Hall Management; Report - Victoria Crawford

Victoria thanked Jeanne Albrecht for her hard work on the sub-committee with her main role being to show people through the hall prior to booking.

Victoria spoke to the following issues.

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Hall refurbishment

1. Budget issues: Victoria explained that during the extended process of looking at insulations and paneling quotes the costs just keep increasing. She is in the process of obtaining 2 more quotes from recommended builders. Insulation and relining of ceiling prices have increased - \$58,000 +GST.
2. Victoria has applied for a grant of \$100,000 . On a standard building, a DA would not be needed to complete work. There is a question about the building being heritage listed and therefore possibly requiring a DA, meaning it is unlikely to be re-submitted and approved by November.

Victoria has however submitted an accompanying letter to explain the circumstances. If the application is unsuccessful on this occasion, we can seek a DA and reapply in November. She has organized to meet with the CCC Heritage Officer to seek advice.

3. It may be necessary to repolish the floor prior to completing ceiling refurbish. VC has visited a large popular hotel which was polished with the same flooring method being considered.

VC has now spoken to another builder about resurfacing the floor with a type of oil finish.

Following a query from the floor, VC explained this would be 100% oil finish and not a blend.

4. Pest Inspection has been completed recently and found to have no current activity. However, there is an accumulation of boxes etc under the hall which need to be removed as they are a white ant attraction and also a fire hazard.

Events and Fundraising : Report- Gerarda Luck

Gerarda discussed a list of events and community functions that were coming up over the next few months as well as the Financials for the Events in July and August . She asked those present to help support the Committee by volunteering at the community BBQ, which she identified as an excellent fundraising event as well as being a popular social get together. She also asked for volunteers to be "Santas".

Business Item		
	Community BBQ Breakfast + Local Produce market	8.00-10.30am On the deck at Hall
Saturday 23 rd September	Trivia Night	7pm (for 7.30 start)
Saturday 30 th September	BBQ, raffle, jam stall	11am – 2pm
Saturday 7 th October	Beatles Rebooted in the Arboretum	2.30pm in the Arboretum
Sunday 8 th October	Community BBQ Breakfast + Local Produce market	8.00-10.30am On the deck at Hall
Sunday 12 th November	Community BBQ Breakfast + Local Produce market (incl Jam)	8.00-10.30am On the deck at Hall
Saturday 18 th November	Santa Photos on the beach	Morning & twilight (TBC)
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Dinner	7pm at the Hall
Wednesday 13 th December	Bare foot bowls & tennis	4.30pm at Tennis courts
Friday 22 nd December	Carols in the Arboretum	TBC

	COSTS	REV-ENUE-	PROFIT
July Oyster Farmer Screening			\$1057.50
July Raffle	\$141.30	\$805	\$663.70
July BBQ Breakfast (incl Jam)	\$1086	\$2643.50	\$1557.50
July/August Classic Movie Club			\$280
August Bathtub Gin Orchestra	\$224.52	\$1575.08	\$1350.56
August BBQ Breakfast (incl Jam)	1394.76	\$2559.50	\$1164.74

Publicity : Lynne Lillico

Lynne advised that the Annual Food and Wine Fair is to be held on 28th October in the Memorial Hall (10am to 4.30 pm)The PBPA has been holding this event for the past 20 years and it is always an excellent and profitable day.

Lynne spoke on behalf of Pauline Toohey (who was unable to attend the meeting) in thanking the community for their wonderful response to the Pearl Beach Singers event that was held last week. Pauline thanked everyone in her team who came together to make two very successful nights, with a profit of approx. \$3000.

Lynne told the meeting that the Conservatorium has some showcase concerts coming up. Compass (ABC TV) recently did a story about the Conservatorium in which Pearl Beach briefly featured.

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Lynne also displayed a list of additional coming events including:

- Wednesday Cinema Club dates (6/9 ;20/9; 4/10; 18/10)
- Art Fair Sunday 1st October
- Food and Wine Fair 28/10

PBSAG September Update

Paul Toohey had apologized for his absence. In his place, Nigel presented an update of a number of important items .

- Community Support Centre; Still trying to get the spearpoint installed. Unfortunately Water NSW has now changed the rules; requiring installers to hold a “drillers license”.

Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP) will hold familiarization sessions on October 11th and 14th to prepare residents for the upcoming bushfire season. Everyone is encouraged to attend one of the 30 min sessions; Register with Paul Toohey 0412 254 9797 or

p.toohey48@gmail.com

- The Neighbour Alert SMS system is being discontinued in favor of the official Hazards Near Me app. The network of street contacts previously used will also be disbanded.
- The Ocean beach SLSC education team (Peter and Louise) will provide beach safety education during the coming school holidays.
- Volunteers for CFU desperately needed; Activities include extinguishing spot fires and flood mitigation. The CFU is under-resourced. It is not onerous. Contact John Allan or Paul Toohey for more information.

Environment Group : Report - Mary Knaggs

Mary reported that the Environment group held a community competition for National Tree Day. In 2023 prize money was made available for several categories. Thanks to the donation from the PB Environment group(inc) -now a sub-committee of the PBPA. Mary advised that PBEG is planning a talk in the hall with speakers from the Tree Veneration Society.

REPORTS WORKING PARTIES

Updating of PBPA Constitution and Guidelines: Convenor Victoria Crawford

All those in attendance had previously attended the earlier Special General Meeting so

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there was no further update.

Central Coast Council Liaison: Convenor Peter Richardson

In Peter’s absence, Karina alerted all to the resurfacing of Diamond Rd and indicated that some further heavy patching is still to occur

There is some major drainage problems which cannot be resolved simply. The engineering requirements to resolve the flooding at the corner of Emerald and Diamond will be a long-term project and is not expected to be resolved before the sealing in Diamond which is scheduled for October.

Welcome New Membership

Karina welcomed the following new members and those who had rejoined. Nigel reminded members that membership fees are due by the end of September. If you have not received an invoice, please contact Nigel or Amanda.

NILON	Margaret	Member
SMITH	Warren	Member
KEENAN	Nikki	Member
DAVIS	Ricky	Member
DAVIS	Michael	Member
WINTERTON	Edward	Member
WINTERTON	Margaret	Member
WHITNEY	Sara	Member
LELE	Vinoo	Member
COLLINS	James	Member
NAGY	Cate	Member
FARMER	Ian	Member
FARMER	Jenny	Member
HACKETT	Damian	Member
HOLMES - HACKETT	Michelle	Member

BATHO	Tim.	Member
BATHO.	Anita	Member.

RURAL FIRE SERVICE AND COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT

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Luke Stevenson spoke on behalf of the RFS. He said he has now become the Community Engagement Officer. He reminded members that we currently have a higher-than-average bush fire danger. He said we might be lucky this year, but eventually a fire will come.

Please take note of the new Bush Fire danger sign. When it says Catastrophic that's exactly what it means. It's a LOCAL forecast.

RFS is looking to update with an electric sign in due course.

He reiterated the need for more volunteers for the CFU who he reported remain part of RFS. He indicated that the CFU trailer may be "re-deployed" to another area if the group cannot maintain its operating numbers.

He reported that RFS had been called out to a number of burnt-out cars and automatic fire alarms going off.

The RFS will be holding it's annual "Getting Ready for Bushfires Day" on Saturday 16th September. The PB Brigade will be over near Jasmine Greens this year at Umina.

Luke reminded members that the PB Fire Station is open every Tuesday night. Community members can come and ask questions and seek advice and resources.

He also advised that there have been several prescribed burns around Kilcare causing excess smoke.

When asked about controlled burns in our own area, Luke reported these are administrative decisions based on perceived risks to communities. He added it requires a great many volunteers to manage a controlled burn.

Karina asked about the "blue cat's eyes" that PBPA had offered to purchase with RFS putting them in place along the roadside. Luke will follow up with completing this and ordering the required number.

Karina also asked about the issue of poorly maintained properties. Can the RFS indicate to owners that their properties are a danger?

This is not a RFS issue. Luke suggested 1st option should be to talk to your neighbors about decreasing the risk. 2nd option is to contact CCC about your neighbor's failure to maintain their property.

Karina also mentioned that PBPA would like to co-ordinate a thank you morning tea for the RFS. Details TBA

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Dune and Bush Care

Phil Rich spoke about the important work these groups complete each month. Seven people met today at Paul Landa reserve and targeted asparagus fern. He advised

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people to eradicate this weed from their own properties if possible as it spreads quickly.

Next Saturday the Dune Care group will meet at the amenities block to continue with weeding in the area.

He pointed out that unlike most other beachside environments our bush and dunes are much freer of weeds and toxic plants due to the persistent hard work and diligence of the bush and dune care groups. New helpers are always welcome.

Arboretum; Victoria Crawford

The following chart was displayed with events being held at the Arboretum.

Saturday 9 th Sept 10am-12pm	The Mandala Effect Workshop
Saturday 9 th Sept 2pm-4pm in Arboretum	The Nest Community Workshop with Space Whale
16/09 to 15/10 in Arboretum	Ephemeral Art Trail in Arboretum
Saturday 16 th Sept 9am-4pm	Cabbage Tree Hat Making Workshop Day 1
Saturday 23 rd Sept 2:30 pm in Arboretum	Free @PBEAT Opening Event
Saturday 23 rd Sept 10am-12pm in Arboretum	Girri Girra Stick Making Workshop
Saturday 7 th October 2:30-5:00pm in Arboretum	BEATLES REBOOTED
Saturday 14 th October 9am-4pm	Cabbage Tree Hat Making Workshop Day 2
Saturday 21 st Oct 3pm in Hall	Become a Member! Annual General Meeting

Mary spoke about PBEAT which starts on 16/9/23 and continues until 15/10/23. There are 20 artworks coming from all over NSW. Thank you to those who have entered. One local school has even entered. Everyone is invited to the opening. Please RSVP on the website. There are lots of things happening at the Arboretum. Prizes will be announced at the opening. However the “People’s Choice Award” will be announced at the Beatles Rebooted concert.

Mary also advised that the Arboretum had been included in the Botanic Gardens Association and had received some pamphlets which included many lovely gardens – including the Arboretum.

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Plodders

Bev reported that the next walk will be at Rumbalara and have two versions. A long walk and a shorter option.. A picnic lunch will follow.

OTHER BUSINESS

AGM. Saturday 11th November at 5pm

- Karina advised that that the AGM would now be held on November 11th, due to requirement of having Department of Fair Trading approve our new Constitution prior. All members would be notified of arrangements for nominations for Executive positions and voting in due course.

Job descriptions and expectations for positions on the Executive will be available via the Secretary when nominations open.

- She thanked Pauline for the very talented musical performance which was great fun.
- Karina reminded anyone in attendance who had previous access to email lists of multiple members to please delete these for security reasons as they contain private information. She pointed out that all emails addressed to multiple members must be blind copied (BCC) to avoid the inclusion of other's email addresses being exposed All information sent to members should come via either the Secretary or Assistant Secretary.
- Karina updated potential topics for the trial of Bi-monthly community meetings and advised the following confirmed and possible topics.

Stephen the IT man
March - Chris Masters talk

Questions from the Floor

Gary asked about the process of applying for Membership given the previous confusion over pre- payment and the delay in applications being approved by the Executive.

Victoria advised that under our new Constitution applicants were considered as accepted for Membership on application and payment of membership fees. If for some reason that person was not approved at the subsequent Executive meeting eg they did not meet membership criteria, then they would be informed and their membership fee returned.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm

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All present were invited to stay for refreshments and general community socializing.

Next General Meeting Saturday December 2nd at 5pm which will be followed by Christmas drinks.