

# PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2023 at 5.00 pm

### Attendees

Karina Stafford (in the Chair), Tanya Masters (Secretary), Nigel Tisdale, Paul Wickham, Pauline Toohey, Paul Toohey, Greti Rieger, Jeanne Albrecht, Sue Lancaster, Cathy Lancaster, Douglas McDonald, Stephanie Wood, Keith Wood, Kay Williams, Paul Barclaire, Vickii Davison, Malcolm Davison, Bronwen Young, Bev Lapacek, Peter Connor, Mary Knaggs, Peter Romey, Peter Connor, Vic Brown, Heather Brown, Lynette Rich, Peter Rich, Alison Phillips, Sabine Kirschke, Lindsay Boyd, Luke Stevenson, Peter Richardson, Lisa Ritchie, Annette Blinco, Bill Blinco, Malcolm McDonald, Dorothy McDonald, Andrew Alter, Francis Alter, Victoria Crawford, Bev Hughes, Valerie Taylor, Dianne Swalwell, Lynne Lillico, Jeanette Sims, Jane Borton, Alan Willis, Kerry Caloyannadis, Jill Psenitea, Chris Rhodes, Hans Hulsbosch, Marianne Hulsbosch

### Apologies

Amanda Thomson, Barry Marks, Carolyn Marks, Judi Hurst, Geoff Hurst, Peggy Todd, Russell Grove, Robyn Stafford, Ann Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Aafke Woldring, Klaas Woldring, Ian Crawford, Bruce Swalwell, Robert Lillico, Jackie Bridel, Gerarda Luck, Amanda Winley.

### 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.

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#### Minutes of Previous General Meeting

A link to the Draft Minutes of the previous meeting on 4 /3/ 23 was included in the notice of meeting sent to membership on 23/03/23 and will be available on the website once ratified.

## Business Item

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

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

Proposed: Heather Brown

Seconded: Malcolm McDonald

### Financial Reports

The Financial reports for February were emailed to members on 23/03/23.

The Treasurer, Amanda Winley apologized for her absence. However, she had provided a summarized version of the February 2023 Profit & Loss; Balance Sheet to 28/2/23, and Cash Movement for February, which Karina briefly addressed and highlighted the increase in revenue.

There were no questions from the floor.

Moved that the financial reports be accepted. All agreed

Proposed: Kerry Caloyannidas

Seconded: Nigel Tisdale

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## REPORTS SUB COMMITTEES

### Hall Management; Report : Victoria Crawford

Victoria advised that Douglas McDonald had recently joined the hall committee and had been liaising with CCC over the Fire Safety Statement, and asked Douglas to update the meeting..

Douglas reported that CCC had issued a defect notice with regard to last year's Fire Safety statement. Douglas had several of discussions with CCC explaining that they did not in fact require all that had been included in their statement. Some of these inclusions related to an inaccurate size of the hall being originally given, need for sprinklers etc. The CCC has now accepted the Fire Safety Statement from May 2022.

Douglas is in the process of obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy for the most recently completed works. ( deck and storeroom). The original builder has agreed to rectify the two sets of stairs to the back deck to comply with the Building Code of Australia. There will shortly be a final inspection by the Certifier.

The dead lock on the kitchen door is to be replaced with a complying exit door lock.

Victoria went on to report the future refurbishment of the hall.

She is currently investigating quotes for :

- Re oil the floor
- Change the colour scheme of the interior walls will be in accordance with heritage listing.

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- Paint ceiling white or use white insulation batts.
- Remove the gas heaters and replace with electrical heating
- Airconditioning

Victoria advised that she will have a meeting in the hall at 4pm on May 6<sup>th</sup>, prior to the next General meeting for anyone interested in the refurbishments with suggestions or concerns.

Any ideas prior can be emailed to Victoria at [vfc1951@gmail.com](mailto:vfc1951@gmail.com)

VC advised we have recently had two noise complaints about Saturday night events. She reported that all these events have curfews of 11pm for music and vacate the hall by 11.30pm. However, if anyone has concerns or complaints about excessive noise, they should contact [hallhire@pearlbeachprogress.org.au](mailto:hallhire@pearlbeachprogress.org.au) .

Victoria and Jeanne will review the requirements if necessary.

Recent work undertaken has included the re-roofing over the storeroom to replace the leaking skylight. She thanked Duncan who had organized this to be completed.

VC has recently contracted regular monthly maintenance , which will commence in the coming weeks.

## **Safety Advisory Group; Paul Toohey**

Paul Toohey updated progress with a number of current projects.

- He summarized the accounting for the now almost completed Community Safety Centre, with the current remaining balance from the initial grant of \$4773 plus \$2615 raised at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and \$5000 NSW Premier grant to cover the cost of installation of the Spearpoint. The license application has been lodged, fee paid, and waiting approval.
- Media Interviews through National Management Agency occurred on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, with media interviews with Lynne L, Paul Barclaire, and himself and filming occurred of the Neighbourhood Safer Place .
- NSP operating procedure training for Exec. SAG and Hall Committee occurred on 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March. Additionally training scheduled for April and May.
- Mobile Phone reception issues . Meeting with Dr Gordon Reid went well, however the Telcos' essentially believe we are too small a village. to warrant them putting in additional infrastructure . Any improvement in coverage will require multiple complaints to your provider.

Members of the PBPA Executive met with members of Patonga PA Exec. recently, and mobile coverage was one important area for discussion and liaison.

- Beach Safety. Paul reported he met with Craig Healy from CCC recently during the bi-annual cleaning of the pool. There has been no change in the position of the safe access for disabled and elderly beachgoers to the rock pool. Craig reported that the likely solution would involve concreting between the rocks. However, he reports CCC is unable to apply for one of the appropriate grants until a new structural engineer's report is initiated and completed.

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### **Events and Fundraising.**

Gerarda was unable to attend the meeting and Karina reviewed upcoming events.

- 8th April EASTER Book Fair / BBQ/ Cake Stall/ café on Deck.  
Pearl Beach Art Trail also on this day.
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Community BBQ and Breakfast with fresh fruit and vegetables and eggs and bakery products for sale . ( Mountain Pride Farms and Burnt Honey Bakery.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April Trivia night in hall. Contact Malcolm 0413 805 024. There is room for one more table.
- 25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day Dawn service ( bring a candle and chair) on the beach; and official opening of the renovated War Memorial, as well as morning tea.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> A Song for Life. Concert in aid of Lifeline ( CC) tickets \$65 Humantix
- 13<sup>th</sup> May. Disco in the hall Lynne L has organized Jamie, who has been a success in the past.
- 20<sup>th</sup> May PBPA and Irvine Family Scholarship concert commencing at 10am. Additionally a previous Scholarship winner will present a 45 min. concert at the conclusion of the scholarship concert. Contact Lynne for tickets 4344 2319
- May ; 1<sup>st</sup> and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. Winter Classic cinema. Occasional night-time movies will also be screened.

Lynne L reported that the Arboretum and PBPA would be combining to hold “Beatles Rebooted” later in the year. This would replace the Jazz for 2023.

Mary K reported that Gaby Porter will be holding a one person exhibition at her home in Crystal Ave over the Easter weekend.

### **Environment Group**

- The introductory overhead reviewed the objectives of the new Environment group sub-committee.
- Mary advised that the group had prepared 3 submissions on developments in Pearl Beach which appeared not to be in accordance with CC Local Environmental Plan and Development control plan.
- The group is currently working on the website with links to lots of useful environmental information.
- There is also a proposal to have some Environment themed talks or films every two months being organized by Bruce Swalwell. The initial film will be about Wildlife.

### **Nesting Box Workshops**

The sub-committee is partnering with the Arboretum for the Nesting Box workshops.

Workshops on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> and Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May

Workshop ( 9am to 3pm ) is free with a small charge for refreshments.

- Presenter is Andrew Stanger, local native flora and fauna specialist. Boxes are designed to meet best practice requirements and for use in PB gardens.

A question was asked about which animals are likely to use the nesting boxes.

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Mary advised the boxes are for a variety of birds and animals including sugar gliders and black cockatoos.

The Arboretum currently has 17 nesting boxes which have been videoed to be attracting use.

If makers have difficulty with erecting the boxes, there will be helpers available.

If you would like to join the workshop contact the organizer :

Penryn Maddrell 0459 551 543

Thank you to Bunnings at Umina for donating the materials.

Mary appealed to members to "please bring in your garbage bins". If you know you will be away, ask a neighbour. This is not only a safety and security issue, but also a pest related environment issue.

## REPORTS WORKING PARTIES

### Updating of PBPA Constitution and Guidelines.

Victoria apologized for not being able to present the Committees proposals to the members to date.

She reported some difficulties formatting the proposed changes. However, members will receive a copy in the near future.

Victoria confirmed some of the potential changes the committee is considering.

- Clarification of electronic voting; with the provision for paper voting on the day of the AGM and prior to the meeting.
- Nominees for the Executive to require to be Members of PBPA for a prior period of 6 months? 12 months?
- Conflict of Interest statement as with model constitution wording.
- Clarification of sub-committee membership requirements ( this could also form part of Guidelines)
- Clarification of all fund raising examples.
- Clarification of storage of important documentation in the "Cloud".
- Ensure that three types of meetings ( as per the model) are provided for; An AGM; GM and Special GM.

Victoria asked members to please contact her ( [vfc1951@gmail.com](mailto:vfc1951@gmail.com) ) with any suggestions or concerns.

### Central Coast Council Liaison

Peter Richardson reported some good progress with road and drainage repairs. The CCC crew have been filling potholes and clearing debris from drains in Green Point creek and the lagoon. He reported there has been some progress with CCC identifying the need for "major patching" , or possible re-alignment of road surface in Diamond Road from Pearl Beach Drive to Crystal Ave.

He advised that in the CCC "forward works" program was PB was earmarked for embankment stabilization. He thanked Kay Williams for her contact with CCC regarding

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this. Additionally further work on the silt traps in the lagoon is planned to assist with flood mitigation.

Peter requested that if anyone had any issues regarding roads and drainage to please contact him. Further he suggested that a friendly chat to the CCC would be helpful. He reported that following the joint meeting with Patonga PA , he would start to look at Electricity infrastructure.

Patonga PA have started a trial of locals with Solar power selling excess electricity to fellow residents.

### Welcome New Membership

There were no new Membership applications this month.

### RURAL FIRE SERVICE AND COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT

Lindsay Boyd and Luke Stevenson spoke about RFS and CFU.

Lindsay thanked PBPA for promoting the RFS Open Day which was very successful with possibly 6 new members joining.

He reported a busy month for the volunteers

- Vehicle on fire at 3am
- Bushfire at Mt Ettalong point which was started by kids playing with aerosol cans
- Tree across the road in Patonga Drive.
- Twice called to Pearls restaurant due to ( false) fire alarm
- Excess smoke concerns
- Members assisted with Opera in Arboretum and really enjoyed it.

Lindsay reported that National Parks and Wildlife appeared to be “scoping” the Western side of Pearl Beach bushland for potential hazard reduction burn.

Unfortunately it seems this is planned for 2024.

Lindsay advised he had been asked to talk about the differences between RFS and CFU. He reported that although CFU was part of RFS, the group performed different activities in the event of a fire. The CFU would mainly be involved in property protection in PB; supporting the RFS by cleaning up smoldering embers after a fire has been through and assisting the community.

The work of the CFU is generally less physically demanding. In past 12 months, CFU have also assisted with flood mitigation and cleaning up following floods.

Karina asked about training required for CFU,

Lindsay and Paul Toohey both responded. Training involves:

- An induction course that can be completed on line
- Initial training over a number of weekends
- CFU operators course
- Regular updates with training. Regular time commitment is approximately an hour a week which is not onerous.

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- All completed at the RFS

Paul reported that the PB CFU had started with 12 people, however due to residents moving away or becoming too frail to participate, there are now only 4 people left. Hence the urgent need for more volunteers.

Lindsay reminded the meeting that volunteer services are there in case of an emergency, however the RFS cannot utilize anyone who is not trained. Lindsay also advised that if Tuesday night does not suit volunteers, then Saturday training sessions are available and another evening could also be considered. PLEASE CONTACT PAUL or LINDSAY if interested.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS:

#### Dune and Bush Care

Stephen Parsons apologized for his absence. Phil Rich reported that the recent working bee (that morning) had been productive with 12 people working on the foreshore area and under the headland track. It requires regular work to stay on top of the vegetation growth.

Bushcare met with CCC to discuss contractor support for work at Paul Landa Reserve and the Lagoon.

The groups are being assisted by Robyn Urquat and Steve from CCC who provide valuable expertise and assistance.

#### Arboretum

Victoria advised that Thursday Working bees (9am -11am) were looking for more volunteers. Bruce (85 years young) has been working on Thursdays for many many years, and needs some support.

The next Sunday working bee will be 16<sup>th</sup> April (9am to 11.30am). Always held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month. Please come along.

Victoria thanked Gary and Alison Phillips who have been restoring the timber benches, and Barry Kay for helping set up the new website.

VC advised the Arboretum is seeking to build a new Outdoor Learning Centre by extending the verandah. VC will be emailing the community to seek support for this project. Additionally, the destroyed boardwalk repairs are on hold due to CCC not funding the project.

#### Plodders

Bev Lapacek advised that Pearl Beach plodders walk every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month. Their most recent walk was top The Basin in Ku-ring-gai national park. The next walk will be 18<sup>th</sup> April from Hawkesbury River station to "suicide rock".

She is currently producing a photo book of the Plodders trip to Mudgee.

Bev also organizes the Biggest Morning tea in PB which is likely to be in June.

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### OTHER BUSINESS

#### **Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group**

Peggy Todd apologized for her absence. VC reported on flagpoles.

Unfortunately a second flagpole cannot be located in the current position. Both poles are required to be clear of the power lines. Other options are being considered.

Lynne L reported that Peggy had reprinted the “significant tree walk” pamphlet and expressed disappointment that some of the original trees in the walk have now been removed.

The Bungaree book is also for sale. Please see Peggy or Lynne.

#### **Singers**

Pauline Toohey advised that the Pearl Beach singers were planning a concert this year, most likely in August. It will be a similar format to previous years with the concert focusing on 70's and beyond, but including a variety of musical styles.

#### **Book Fair**

Alison Phillips indicated that she no longer needs more books

Vic Brown thanked the PB community and RFS on behalf of Rotary for their contribution to the success of the Opera in the Arboretum.

### **Vale**

Karina extended her sympathies on behalf of the PBPA to the families of John Kennett, Brian Worrell and Bill Hawthorne, all of whom had been valuable members of the PB community, with John an important member of the Pearl Beach Bowls team, Brian a much respected member of the PB Tennis and Social club, having one of the courts named in his honour and Bill and his late wife being enthusiastic environmentalists.

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The meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

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

Next General Meeting Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm.

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