

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES-

3rd December 2022 at 5.00 pm

Attendees – Karina Stafford (in the Chair), Tanya Masters (Secretary), Amanda Winley, Nigel Tisdale, Paul Wickham, Greti Rieger, Meg McLaren, Karen Moses, Naseema Sparks, Pauline Toohey, Paul Toohey, Heather Brown, Paul Barclaire, Barbara Hastings, Catherine O'Reilly, Vic Brown, Gabby Crompton, Kerry Caloyannidis, Robert Jobson, Cathy Lancaster, Douglas McDonald, Ian Crawford, Vicki Crawford, Deb Watson, Do Swalwell, Bruce Swalwell, Malcolm McDonald, Dorothy McDonald, Ann Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Helen O'Loughlin, Don Hughes, Bev Hughes, Sabine Kirschke, Duncan Bridel, Jackie Bridel, Andrew Cordwell, Penryn Maddrell, Katherine Lindsay, Valerie Taylor, Russell Grove, Peggy Todd, Kay Williams, Margaret Moore, Jeanette Sims, Lynne Lillico, Belinda Hoare, Margaret Brown, Annette Blinco, Bill Blinco.

Apologies

Alison Phillips, Gary Philips, Amanda Thomson, Mary Knaggs, Vic Clarke, Jane Clarke, Hans Hulsbosch, Marianne Hulsbosch, Adrian Thurlow, Helen Thurlow, John Steinbeck, Jan Steinbeck, Keith Wood, Stephanie Wood, Blair Swain, Jeanne Albrecht, Robert Lillico

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| <p>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 NSW”</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p>Minutes of Previous General Meeting A link to the Draft Minutes of the previous meeting on 5/11/ 22 was included in the notice of meeting sent to membership on 26/11/22 and will be available on the website once ratified.</p> |

Business Item

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

Karina apologized for not following up with the request from Helen O'Loughlan at the previous GM in time for the presentation from Accom to be made at this meeting. Karina has spoken with a representative from Accom who manage AirBnB in Pearl Beach. They will attend the February GM to discuss any concerns that residents may have. In the meantime, they advise if any resident has an issue with regard to excessive noise or problems with AirBNB rentals to contact their 24hr phone number.

It was proposed that the Minutes from the November meeting be accepted. All agreed

Proposed: Kerry Caloyannidis Seconded: Di Swalwell

Financial Reports

The Financial reports for October 2022 were emailed to members on 26/11/22

The Treasurer, Amanda Winley reported on the :

October 2022 P&L; Year to Date, Cash Movement and Balance sheet reports.

These were amended for simplicity.

There were no questions about the report.

Karina advised the meeting that a very generous donation (\$11,000) had been received from Thomas and Louise Fussell of Green Point Rd, and would contribute to the proposed refurbishments inside the hall. This donation was received very recently and therefore was not included the October financial reports.

Moved that the financial reports be accepted. All agreed

Proposed: Stephen Parsons Seconded: Anne Parsons

Prior to the Subcommittee Reports; Point of Order

Malcolm McDonald requested to make a statement about the subcommittees.

He made the following points.

- Acknowledged the validity of the AGM voting was in keeping with the Constitution
- Several new subcommittees have been formed and it was his belief they had not been ratified as shown in the Constitution.
- He also believes, there is duplication of already well working sub-committees
- He stated that minutes from previous GM and Executive meetings do not show they were ratified
- He believes that Sub-Committees cannot be formed by the Executive alone. Clause 26 (1) & that only a General Meeting can do this

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- He cited Clause 27(2) and believes that each of the 4 new sub-committees need to be approved at the Executive (by vote) and then presented to the General Meeting with the Terms of Reference for each sub -committee
- He felt that correct procedure has not been followed
- It was his belief that any new sub-committee formed is deemed to be unconstitutional
- He asked that the result should then be put to the next General Meeting

Doug McDonald disagreed with some of the points raised by Malcolm pertaining to the constitution and Karina suggested these be reviewed after the meeting.

Karina spoke about the new sub-committees.

Fundraising and Community Engagement is not in competition with the previous Events committee (now renamed Publicity and Signature Events), but rather a supplementary committee.

Karina advised that this new committee had already raised a considerable amount of money, with new volunteers and new people in the organization working hard.

It is aimed at visitors to the village who are open to spending money whilst on holiday in Pearl Beach. To that end a 'what's on in Pearl Beach' Facebook page has been set up to advertise to this group.

Two short term Committees were also set up;

- Constitution which should be reviewed every two years and has not been reviewed since 2018. Would have been due in 2020/2021, however Covid 19 intervened.
- Communication designed to formulate a uniform communication strategy for residents, ratepayers & visitors.

Victoria agreed that according to the Constitution the committees had not been set up properly and the Terms of Reference should be made available to the General Meeting to vote upon. She agreed that process should be followed. She suggested that the Constitution Committee could be called a working party, so that the committee could proceed with making recommendations.

Two members at the meeting spoke.

Naseema queried the process and agreed that process cannot be "put aside" but argued that the activities currently being undertaken were supporting the association. Kay spoke and suggested that the concerns presented were an "over reaction". She suggested that the "sub-committees" should be deemed 'Working Parties' until such time as they could be ratified.

She added that she believed the entire committee should be congratulated on their progress to date.

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Karina asked those assembled whether they wished these committees to proceed, and highlighted the fundraising activities of the FACE committee to date. She called for a show of hands which presented as well over the majority present in favour of all groups continuing as 'working parties' until such time as they could be voted on at the next Executive & General meeting.

She further advised that this issue would be discussed at the next Executive.

REPORTS

Hall Management

Capital works, Maintenance Hall Hire

Victoria Crawford reported that trees had been dead wooded, water pipes relocated, a faulty power point repaired, and new linoleum put down in the office. She advised the plumber is yet to provide his account, and the linoleum was approximately \$250. Thank you to Ian Crawford for laying it.

Round of applause.

With the dead-wooding and electrician the total was about \$1,400.00.

Karina and Victoria had been cleaning up the office this week. Currently in the process of reviewing storage arrangements.

The committee is currently reviewing the maintenance schedule and responsibilities such as rewriting and clarifying instructions for the stove and dishwasher. Peter Romey is updating the floor plan drawings. Paul Barclaire is investigating repair to the back door which may need to be replaced. A working bee is being organized to wash down the exterior of the hall. Victoria wished to also thank Margaret Moore, Barry Marks, Tony Maestri and Cooper for their hard work helping with landscaping and maintenance. Peter Richards and Lisa Marie Ritchie were to undertake the compacting of the crushed granite on Monday.

Future plans include sanding and resurfacing the floor, repainting Interior, possible refurbishment of the kitchen and reviewing storage arrangements.

Safety Advisory Group

Paul Toohey updated progress with a number of current projects.

- Community Support Centre; Official opening 10am on Sunday 11th Dec; following Community Breakfast. The Spear point access remains an issue, with approval waiting and the annual cost being unacceptable. This is being followed up with letters to the Minister.
- Neighbourhood Alert Program has started.

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A Street Contact meeting has been held with contacts being supplied printed material for distribution including 'Welcome letter' and neighbour alert information. Also, in the process of updating email contacts to provide easier contact in the event of an emergency.

- **Defibrillators:**
Access has been simplified, no longer requiring a 'back to base system' which has been removed due to connectivity issues.
- **Beach Safety:**
No change with progress on the proposed walkway over the rocks to the rock pool. The pool will be cleaner prior to 10th December in preparation for the Christmas holidays. Awaiting a formal response from CCC re provision of a Lifesaver over the Christmas period and January school holidays. Stephen Parsons queried the availability of the Umina Beach Life Savers and was advised it would take at least 4-5 minutes for them to arrive at PB, plus telephone call time.
- **Community Fire Unit:**
The CFU trailer has been repainted and refurbished. It is currently outside the hall. The main problem is it requires SIX active members to utilize this resource. Currently there are only FOUR. PLEASE CONTACT Paul Toohey or Lindsay Boyd (Brigade Captain) if you would like to volunteer for this essential service to the community.
- **Speed Limit and Shared Use Zone:**
This is still under consideration by CCC. However it was reported later by Peter Richardson (Convenor of External Liaison) that Liesl Tesch (local MP) had recommended that these two options should be split, as there would be a better chance of reducing the speed limit. This 40km limit has previously been approved for the Patonga Community. It was agreed that until a response was received from CCC nothing further would be done.

Publicity and Signature Events

Lynne Lillico reviewed some past events including Remembrance Day, where a grove of rosemary bushes was planted to commemorate the restored War Memorial. The following people bought a rosemary bush in memorandum.

| Donated by | In Memory of |
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| John Steinbeck | Wilfred Steinbeck |
| | Bill Steinbeck |
| | Ted Steinbeck |
| Douglas McDonald | Duncan McDonald |
| Mary Knaggs | Sergeant Alan Knaggs |

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| Peter Richardson | Maurice Richardson |
| Peggy Todd | Edward John Bracken |
| Andrew Cordwell | Bernard Paul Cordwell |
| Harry Michael | No name |
| Russell Grove x two bushes | Douglas Grove Cecil Sackley |
| Vickii & Malcolm Davison | Norman Morris |
| | Athol Maguire |

- Summer Jazz in the Arboretum was very successful and made \$15000. However, this would not have been possible without the generous donations from Sponsorship of \$14,000. The cost of Musicians and outgoings for the afternoon was covered by the generous sponsorship of the following people: Pearl Beach/ Accom. Real Estate; Leonie Bell, MOA Blinds, the Allen Family, and an anonymous donation.

The proceeds from this event are shared with the Arboretum.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Saturday 10th December - ‘Community Christmas Dinner’. **Sold out.** Please bring an unwrapped child’s toy for a child (0 to 14) to be donated to the Salvation Army.
- Sunday 11th ‘Community Support Centre’ launch. Paul Toohey coordinating. Also, Community Breakfast BBQ from 8.30am. Cost \$5 for an egg and bacon roll.
- Friday 23rd ‘Community Christmas Carols’ in the Arboretum (weather permitting); if wet in the hall.
- Beach Safety PBPA SAG Committee have organized presentations at 9am on 20/12; 27/12 and 3/01/23. On the beachfront. FREE
- Wednesday 28th December; Summer Book Sale 9am -1pm Need volunteers to help set up.
- Wednesday 28th ‘Family Bingo’, plus Bingo on Wednesdays in January. Malcolm McDonald organizing 5pm to 6pm Thursdays 29th; 5th; 12th and 19th

Jute Shopping Bag for sale at \$10 each, and
 Bev Kingston’s Pearl Beach Progress History \$15

Fundraising and Community Engagement

- Inaugural breakfast BBQ. Free due to sponsorship. 120 people attended.
- Drinks on the Deck also popular. There was a sausage sizzle for \$5 and over 50 people came to meet up with other Pearl Beachers.
- Santa photos on the beach. Hugely popular and raised almost \$1000 profit last weekend. Need more ‘Santa’ volunteers but must have Working with Children Check. This is easily done online or at Service NSW in Woy Woy.

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FUTURE EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 3rd & 4th - Santa Photos on the Beach – 9am – 12.30pm
- 3rd & 4th - Christmas Hamper Raffle outside the Café from 8.30am
- 10th & 11th – Santa Photos on the Beach – 9am-12.30pm
- 10th - Christmas Dinner – Christmas wreaths silent auction & Coin toss for prizes
- 11th - Community Breakfast BBQ & CSC opening from 8.30am
- 10th & 11th - Christmas Hamper Raffle outside the Cafe from 8.30am
- 17th & 18th – Santa Photos on the Beach – 9am-12.30pm
- 17th & 18th – Christmas Hamper Raffle outside the Café from 8.30am
- 30th & 31st - New Year's Eve Raffle outside the Café from 8.30am

JANUARY

- 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th -Tuesday Family Disco 6-8pm \$20 per child, adults free + \$5 sausage sizzle from 5.30pm
- 8th - Breakfast BBQ from 8.30am
- 21st - Family Bush Dance 6-8.30pm \$15 per person + \$5 sausage sizzle from 5.30pm
- 27th – Drinks on the Deck from 5.30pm - BYO drinks + \$5 sausage sizzle available

External Liaison- Government & Grants

Peter Richardson outlined the proposed purposes of this potential committee.

1. To manage ongoing relationships with members of state and federal government and other relevant groups
2. To be the prime contact and to manage ongoing relationships with Central Coast Council (CCC), State and Federal Government with reference to:
 - i. Maintenance and improvement of our roads, verges, roadside drainage, and other infrastructure assets.
 - ii. Matters relating to safety, environmental, heritage and public health matters
3. To coordinate with and assist other PBPA groups regarding relationships with the above parties

Peter reported progress to date.

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- Contact made with CCC Director of Infrastructure Services, Boris Bolgoff and others
- Recommended use of CCC Customer Service Centre for 'whole of community' reporting of issues relating to potholes, general roads maintenance, footpaths etc
- Coordinated approach with members to raise road and other defects and to monitor progress of rectification
- Agreed to check in with the Director within a month to discuss progress
- Met with Leisl Tesch to discuss support on several local and state government ongoing matters. (see SAG minutes)

He advised that in future he would like to meet and discuss progress on road defects and carry out a mini survey of roads in Pearl Beach. He intends to meet with CCC to discuss preventative maintenance and showed a map (available on CCC website) of the intended road repair in Pearl Beach, which at this stage is minimal.

Updating of PBPA Constitution and Guidelines

Victoria briefly outlined the purpose of this proposed sub- committee. Having had one meeting, another is proposed for next week. Victoria asked if anyone had concerns relating to the Constitution would they please contact her on vfc1951@gmail.com.

The committee/ working party intends to come to the March GM with suggestions and intends to finalise the document by May GM.

Communication Strategy

Karina reported this to be a short term, proposed sub-committee aimed at making the 'messaging' more consistent. An attempt to bring a uniformed approach to different groups.

One meeting has been held, and a following meeting will be held next week.

Welcome New Membership

Karina welcomed the above new members

- Megan McClaren
- Jacki Stratford
- Jeff and Judy Hirst
- Hayley Saunders
- Jo- Ann Ryan
- Jason Hones

Megan was present and spoke briefly.

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COMMUNITY GROUPS:

PB Aboriginal History Group

Peggy Todd distributed a pamphlet that had been produced for Bungaree Commemorative Weekend in 2019.

The group was founded by Pearl Beach residents in 2015 to better understand Aboriginal history in the community. After extensive research in the first year, the group produced a book, 'Bungaree's Mob; The Wannangine of the Woy Woy peninsular and beyond'.

The group has not met for several years due to Covid, but has refurbished the website .: pbaboriginalhistory@gmail.com .

Dune and Bush Care

Stephen Parsons advised there would be a joint Dune care and Bush care working party at 9am on Saturday 17th aimed at planting addition reeds in the lagoon area, to help the excess water not wash away. The reeds are growing naturally; however, they need supplementing.

Bush Care will meet again in February.

Arboretum

Victoria congratulated Ann and Stephen Parsons on receiving the BAT award (Be a Team) for their valiant effort on behalf of the environment, not only in Pearl Beach, and presented by the Community Environment Network.

She also advised that 'Rookie of the Year' went to one of the Arboretum volunteers, Lesley Harvey for her work with Grow Urban Shade Trees.

This was followed by a round of applause.

Victoria spoke about the Jazz, and advised that the Treasurer was in the process of finalising the figures. It was a great event. She reported that next year the arboretum will put on something a bit different. "Beatles re-booted" will be on 7th October. There will be a working bee on 22nd January.

Tennis and Bowling

Jackie Bridel spoke briefly about the need for more members. She said the tennis players and bowlers were a very friendly, social group of people and were always looking for more players of all standards.

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Environment Group

Mary Knaggs had apologised for her absence and had forwarded the following information.

- Reminder about Pearl Beach wetland project to plant reeds around the lagoon
- Pearl Beach Environment group (PBEG) next meeting 14th Jan in hall at 4pm.

Plodders

Bev Lapacek is currently away and requested Karina to remind everyone that there is one Queen room still available for the Plodders 6 night trip to Mudgee at the end of February 2023. If anyone is interested, please contact Bev.

OTHER BUSINESS

War Memorial Landscaping

Landscaping will be completed next week, in time for the opening of the Community Support Centre.

Carols in the Arboretum

Pauline reminded people about the Community Christmas Carol singing in the Arboretum on Friday 23rd December. From 5.30pm.

Australia Day 2023

Karina updated the meeting about Australia Day. Council approval has been obtained and a call for volunteers was sent out with the Meeting notice. Unfortunately, there are very few volunteers so far. Peggy Todd has volunteered to work on the BBQ, with proceeds going to Mingaletta.

This is a day when the whole community can be engaged and having fun. However it requires many volunteers to run the children's races, manage the sand castle building competition and organize the rock to rock race. Please let us know if you are keen to help.

Questions from the Floor

There were no questions from the floor and the meeting closed at 6.20 pm
All present were invited to stay for refreshments and general community socializing.