

# PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1 February 2025 5:00pm

### Pearl Beach Progress Memorial Hall

**Attendees** – Russell Grove (president), Cathy Lancaster (recorded minutes), Gary Phillips, Victoria Crawford, Paul Barclaire, Margaret Westcott, Ian Crawford, Aileen Samios, Barbara Grantham, Cally Osmond, Alison Phillips, Judy McFarlane, Bev Lapacek, Keith Wood, Stephanie Wood, Bill Blinco, Annette Blinco, Jane Borton, Malcolm McDonald, Dorothy McDonald, Peggy Todd, Robyn McConchie, Jenny Sillett, Kay Williams, Phil and Lynette Rich, Jill Easterbrook, Duncan Bridel, Andrew Cordwell, Sabine Kirschke, Jane Clarke, Bronwen Young, Chris Rhodes, Jeanne Albrecht, Di Swalwell, Lisa Ritchie, Peter Richardson, Nigel Tisdale, Chris Willoughby, Vinoo Lele, Margaret Brown, Margaret Moore

**Apologies** – Helen and Adrian Thurlow, Lynne and Robert Lillico, Robyn Barret, Jackie Bridel, Mary Knaggs, John and Jan Steinbeck, Peter Romey, Peter Doddrell, Jeanette Sims, Malcolm Davison, Vickii Davison, Anne Parsons, Bruce Swalwell, Stephen Parsons, Vic Brown, Carolyn and Barry Marks.

#### **Acknowledgement of Country**

The president gave an acknowledgement of country.

Russell Grove explained that the previous president, Deirdre Page had resigned. Her resignation was accepted with regret at a special Executive Committee meeting held on Friday 31 January. At the same time the Executive Committee elected Russell Grove as President as provided for in the Association Constitution.

Deirdre felt that for the wellbeing of the Executive Committee and the Association at large it was wise to step back. Deirdre offered every support to both the Committee and the Association and she regrets that she was unable to continue in that role. We sincerely thank her for offering herself in the first instance for the office of President and for her contributions.

Penryn Maddrell also resigned her position as a Committee Member which resignation was also accepted with regret by the Executive Committee. Penryn's offer to serve on the Committee is appreciated and we thanked her for her participation.

Deidre was thanked for taking on the role and the great efforts that she made. The members applauded.

Russell mentioned that there were now two vacancies and welcomed the membership to contact the executive if anyone was interested in taking up those vacant roles.

Item No. 1	Business Item
	Membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. New Members – Lizanne and Julian Knights</li> <li>b. Life Membership – Paul Wickham and Greti Reiger were awarded life membership in appreciation of their years of commitment to the PBPA.</li> </ul>

Item No. 2	Business Item
	Minutes of previous meeting on 2 November 2024 Proposed: Margaret Westcott    Seconded: Kay Williams The minutes were approved with no voices in the negative. No Business arising

Item No. 3	Business item
	Report from the executive committee: Russell Grove reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be a new website and it will likely be ready before 31 May.</li> <li>• A members and friends FB page is being established to give members and friends a greater ability to communicate on PBPA matters. This will be ready in the coming weeks.</li> <li>• The survey results are currently being analysed and will be communicated to members in the next month or two.</li> </ul> The hoon/burnout issue: Margaret Westcott spoke and thanked Jan Hohne who greatly assisted her. Since the public meeting organised by Leisel Tesch, it has been pretty quiet. However, it is important to make a report to police if activities start again - if safe, a photo will be helpful. Russell Grove emphasised the importance of getting a job number to ensure the complaint is recorded.

	<p>Margaret requested that the PBPA be notified of all reports made by emailing: <a href="mailto:burnouts@pearlbeachprogress.org.au">burnouts@pearlbeachprogress.org.au</a></p>
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Item No. 4	Business Item
	<p>Financial report:</p> <p>As Robyn Barrett could not attend the meeting, Victoria Crawford spoke to the report. There were several questions and Victoria suggested that these questions could be answered more thoroughly if raised before the general meeting. One request was for a fuller report. VC said she would take that request to the Treasurer and Executive Committee.</p> <p>Proposed: Paul Barclaire      Seconded: Malcolm McDonald</p> <p>This report was approved with no voices in the negative.</p>

Item No. 5	Business Item
	<p>Publicity:</p> <p>In Lynne's absence, Malcolm McDonald discussed 8 upcoming activities – these are on the website (and slides).</p>

Item No. 6	Business Item

Sub-committee Reports:

- Hall Management – Victoria Crawford reported on;
  - The painting of some doors and windows as part of urgent hall maintenance.
  - Paul Barclaire and nephews reattached the underfloor insulation. (members applauded to show appreciation)
  - Gary Phillips cleaned and resealed the side and back decking
  - Nigel Tisdale installed a new mixer.
  - Gary Phillips extended the Hall WiFi access to the area out the front of the Hall and the back deck and rear garden.
  - Gardening group were sorting and sharpening tools (Margie Moore is leader)
- Events and Fundraising – Malcolm McDonald presented past events (since November) – refer to slides.
  - Jeanne Albrecht got a particular mention for stepping in to help with Words on Wave when café was no longer assisting with lunches (café closed) and for assistance with Australia Day.
  - Malcolm McDonald was thanked for organising Australia Day. Malcolm indicated that more, and particularly younger volunteers are needed.
  - Russell Grove asked for a show of hands as to whether future Melbourne Cup Days should be a formal affair or informal affairs. More hands were raised for an informal affair.
- Environment – Mary Knaggs was not available, Gary Phillips highlighted concern about an invasive weed – Taiwan Lily. He suggested removal from private gardens (by owners) and those on the roadside near Pearl Beach to help avoid the spread into the Arboretum or National Park

<b>Item No. 7</b>	<b>Business Item</b>
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	<p>Working Parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidelines working party - Victoria Crawford -The working party has been updating the Guidelines and hope to publish the Changes shortly. They will also be reviewing a number of requests for changes to the Constitution. These will be reviewed at the next meeting on the 12/2.</li> <li>Council Liaison – Peter Richardson – refer to slides - of note he mentioned resealing works to take place this month. He reminded that road/infrastructure maintenance issues should be reported to: <a href="mailto:roads@peabeachprogress.org.au">roads@peabeachprogress.org.au</a></li> </ul>
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Item No. 8	Business Item
	<p>Community Group Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plodders – Bev Lapacek - next walk at Pearl Beach – 18/2</li> <li>Singers- Alison Phillips -next meeting 7/2 at 1:45pm. Practising for St Patrick’s Day sing-a-long.</li> <li>Bushcare – not meeting this month</li> <li>Dunecare - Phil Rich - meeting 8/2.</li> <li>Tennis/Bowls - Barbara Grantham – thanked Nigel Tisdale for helping build an online booking system,</li> <li>Arboretum – Victoria Crawford in lieu of Mary Knaggs – discussed planting of sensory garden and PBEAT as well as other artistic events – refer to slides.</li> </ul>

Item No. 9	Business Item
	<p>Other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Terms of Reference for subcommittees was sought Proposed: Victoria Crawford      Seconded: Malcolm McDonald</li> </ul> <p>This Terms of Reference were approved with no voices in the negative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gem Newsletter - Slide for upcoming GEM - Gary Phillips spoke to it in Peter Doddrell’ s absence. Content sought for Autumn edition.</li> </ul>

**The meeting closed at 6:20pm.**

**Next Meeting – Saturday 1 March 2025**