

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1 March 2025 5:00pm

Pearl Beach Progress Memorial Hall

Attendees – Russell Grove (president), Cathy Lancaster (recorded minutes), Gary Phillips, Robyn Barret Victoria Crawford, Lynne Lillico, Paul Barclaire, Malcolm Davison, Margaret Westcott, Trish Tannsens, Keith Kibble, Don Hughes, Bev Hughes, Barbara Grantham, Alison Phillips, Judy McFarlane, Bev Lapacek, Bill Blinco, Annette Blinco, Vickii Davidson, Malcolm McDonald, Dorothy McDonald, , Kay Williams, Phil and Lynette Rich, Jill Easterbrook, Bronwen Young, Chris Rhodes, Jeanne Albrecht, Judith Norris, Helen and Adrian Thurlow, Robert Lillico, Samuel Steele, Peter Connor, Peter Romey, Peter Doddrell, Vicki Powell, David Lonie, Jackie Bridel, Mary Knaggs, Melanie Tait, Carolyn Blackburn, Bill Hastings, Vic Brown.

Apologies – Jenny Sillet, Robyn McConchie, John and Jan Steinbeck, Jeanette Sims, Ian Crawford , Anne Parsons, Bruce Swalwell, Stephen Parsons , Carolyn and Barry Marks, Keith Wood, Stephanie Wood, Jane Borton, Duncan Bridel Andrew Cordwell, Di Swalwell

Acknowledgement of Country

The president gave an acknowledgement of country.

Item No. 1	Business Item
	<p>Minutes of previous meeting on 1 February 2025</p> <p>Proposed: Margaret Westcott Seconded: Bev Lapacek</p> <p>The minutes were approved with no dissent.</p> <p>No business arising:</p>

Item No. 2	

Report from the executive committee

Russell Grove reported:

- a) Blue Swimmers have got Gordon Reid MP onside re safe pool access ramp. Gordon Reid MP is to meet with the Mayor. The PBPA will provide another letter of support
- b) Members are encouraged to join PBPA Voices – thus far 67 people are members.
- c) 12 lightweight round tables have been ordered (most of which will be funded by grant income). The old tables will be sold.
- d) The logo is being updated. It has been digitised and font has been changed slightly to keep in line with modern trends.
- e) Welcome Packs are being updated. Members are requested to encourage any people who they know that have moved to Pearl Beach to join the PBPA,
- f) Russell gave a preview of some of the results from the Survey such as the response rate (37%) which is a good response rate. The survey results will be available to members shortly.
- g) A set of books have been acquired and will be kept by Victoria Crawford. Any member may access these.
 - Recruiting for your Non-for-Profit.
 - Revitalise your Community Board.
 - Simple Secrets of Successful Community Groups
 - The Glutton’s Guide to Nourishing your non-for-profit organisation

Item No. 4	Business Item
	<p>Financial report</p> <p>The summary report for the period from July to January was emailed to members on 22 February and was part of the slide display. RB explained the 3 slides – income, expenditure and balances</p> <p>Proposed: Paul Barclaire Seconded: Adrian Thurlow</p> <p>This report was approved with. with no dissent.</p>

Item No. 5	Business Item
	<p>Sub-committee Reports:</p> <p>Events and fundraising – future events: Lynne Lillico presented upcoming activities – these are on the website (and slides). But mention was made:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Irish sing-a-long on 17 March - Trivia on 12 April - Opera in the Arboretum on 29/3 - It will be the 20th anniversary of the music scholarship on 24 May. <p>Hall Management: Victoria Crawford – presented recent Hall maintenance, plans to replace the ramp, plans to renovate kitchen etc and the upcoming working bee on 10/3.</p> <p>Events and Fundraising – past events: Malcolm McDonald presented past events. In early February there was a lunch club gathering at Patonga with 75 in attendance. Last Sunday there was a morning tea which was well attended – over \$500 profit.</p> <p>Working Parties:</p> <p>Guidelines working party: Victoria Crawford - The working group is finalising the updates to the guidelines. Next, the working group will consider minor amendments to the Constitution - changes to membership provisions are being considered so as to extend membership to those who have been members for 5 years who have left Pearl Beach and amendments which will have the effect of shortening the membership grace period are also being considered.</p> <p>Volunteers needed:</p> <p>Russel Grove indicated volunteers were needed to form:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A group to look after the hall gardens/plants – Jackie Bridel indicated that she would raise it with the garden club. 2. A group to look after beach safety equipment – members asked to consider whether they will become involved.

Item No. 6	Business Item

	<p>Community Group Updates</p> <p>Rural Fire Brigade – Carolyn Blackburn gave update and reminded all to fill green bins and the dangers of beach campfires.</p> <p>Plodders – Bev Lapacek - next walk 18/3 at Kariong Scout Hall.</p> <p>Singers - Practising for St Patrick’s Day sing-a-long.</p> <p>Bushcare – Phil Rich spoke for Stephen Parsons – meet first Saturday of month.</p> <p>Clean Up Australia Day- Sunday, 2 March</p> <p>Dune care - Phil Rich - meet 2nd Saturday of the month.</p> <p>Tennis/Bowls - Barbara Grantham – no update.</p> <p>Arboretum – Mary Knaggs says the sensory garden has now been planted. PBeat is from 22/3 to 27/4.</p>
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Item No. 7	Business Item
	<p>Other business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kay Williams discussed concerns that library at Kibble Park is stated by Council as being intended for demolition. 2. Peter Romey discussed that Gosford Conservatorium has been listed as a heritage item.

The meeting closed at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting – Saturday 5 April, 2025