

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2 November 2024 5:00pm

Pearl Beach Progress Memorial Hall

Attendees – Deidre Page (Chair), Cathy Lancaster (recorded minutes), Gary Phillips, Russell Grove, Victoria Crawford, Lynne Lillico, Paul Barclaire, Margaret Westcott, Malcolm Davison, Penryn Maddrell, Ian Crawford, Peter Doddrell, Barbara Grantham, Cally Osmond, Alison Phillips, Judy McFarlane, Peter Romey, Bev Lapacek, Carolyn Blackburn, Luke Stevenson, Keith Wood, Stephanie Wood, Bill Blinco, Annette Blinco, Anne Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Jane Borton, Andrew Cordwell, Carole Saint, John and Jan Steinbeck, Gabby Compton, Malcolm McDonald, Vic Brown, Peggy Todd, Tanya Masters, Carolyn Marks, Vickii Davidson, Jane Borton, Catherine O’Reilly, Gabby Pritchard, Jeanette Sims, Judi and Geoffrey Hirst, Robyn McConchie, Sarita Barnett, Jenny Sillett, Kay Williams, Phil and Lynette Rich, Jill Easterbrook.

Apologies – Robyn Barrett, Helen and Adrian Thurlow, Robert Lillico, Jackie and Duncan Bridel, Aileen Samios, Nick Samios, Dorothy McDonald, Barry Marks, Vicki Powell, Mary Knaggs

Acknowledgement of Country

The president gave an acknowledgement of country.

Item No.	Business Item
1	Membership – no new members.

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2	<p>Minutes of previous meeting on 5 October 2024</p> <p>Proposed: Stephen Parsons Seconded: Lynne Lillico</p> <p>The minutes were approved with a show of hands.</p> <p>No Business arising</p>

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3	<p>Report from the executive</p> <p><u>Survey</u> The survey is being finalised This will be done shortly with a 1 or 2 week period allowed for responses. The aim is for the results to be available at the next Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p><u>Video Conferencing policy for General Meetings</u> The Executive Committee decided to increase the minimum number of those who request video conferencing from three to five – As it was felt that three was not a sufficient number to justify the effort required to organise and run it. This was opened up for discussion at the General Meeting - no one raised any issues with this change to the policy.</p> <p><u>Membership renewal</u> The proposal was put to the floor to set a date of the 30th of November for members to renew before they need to re-apply. This was because the constitution is silent regarding a date. Because there was concern that this was not in line with the current constitution the executive agreed to consider this further.</p>

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4	<p>Financial report</p> <p>The financial report for September 2024 was emailed to members on 25/10/24.</p> <p>Proposed: Victoria Crawford Seconded: Ann Parsons</p> <p>This report was approved with a show of hands.</p>

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5	<p>Sub-committees</p> <p>a.- <u>Hall Management</u> – Victoria Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quotes are being sought for the repair of the windows, particularly the western windows. ● The roof over the back deck needs to be extended in order to prevent books from being damaged by rain.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wooden strip that is to be placed on the floor (to stop the walls from being marked by the stacks of chairs) is delayed due to lack of stock at Bunnings. • Digital drawings of the hall need to be prepared- quotes are being obtained. <p>.</p> <p>b.- <u>Events and Fundraising</u> – Lynne Lillico</p> <p>Last Saturday’s Food and Wine Fare and Sunday’s morning tea were very successful – income and expenses were reviewed at the meeting.</p> <p>Lynne promoted upcoming events - All details of future events can be found at https://pearlbeachprogress.org.au/document-category/gen-reports/</p> <p>Alison Phillips is taking books for the summer reading book sale.</p> <p>c.- <u>Environment</u> – Mary Knaggs was not present. Malcolm Davidson advised that the dredging if the lagoon had begun so that silt traps can be installed.</p>
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6	<p>Working Parties</p> <p>a. <u>Guidelines working party</u>- Victoria Crawford Next meeting 8 November.</p> <p>b. <u>Council Liaison</u> – Peter Richardson was unavailable but a reminder for residents to report infrastructure matters to roads@pearlbeachprogress.org.au</p> <p>c. Malcolm Davidson said the hoon behaviour had worsened in that the hoons broke into and drove on the land at the end of Amethyst Avenue. Margaret Westcott said complaints had been made to Leisel Tesch and the Council – the upshot is that it is necessary to report any action to the police in order for action to be taken.</p>

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7	<p>Community Group Updates</p> <p><u>The Rural Fire Brigade</u> Luke Stevenson, Carolyn Blackburn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently had joint training with Avoca Rural Fire Brigade.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recently acquired a Category 9 vehicle - smaller but more agile, carries less water so must conserve and consider other fire fighting options ● Luke will be featured in next Gem edition. <p><u>The Singers</u> – Alison Phillips reported that they are now practising for Christmas. They recently hosted a small group of carers – the afternoon went well.</p> <p><u>The Plodders</u> –. Bev Lapacek reported that there will be no bushwalk in November but a small gathering may be arranged at Pearl Beach to mark the end of another year!</p> <p><u>Bush care</u> – Stephen Parsons reported that they met today and worked on Paul Landa Reserve. There will be no working bees until February.</p> <p><u>Dune care</u> – Phil Rich reported that the group will meet next Saturday- there is good support from the Council and the Council indicate that the dunes at Pearl Beach are well managed.</p> <p><u>Tennis/Bowls</u> –twilight Bowls will be held from 4pm each Thursday. A tennis and Bowls Fun Day is planned next Sunday – it will hopefully attract new players.</p> <p><u>The Arboretum</u> – Mary Knaggs is the new president. The planned Sensory Garden (to be situated between the Robert Payne bridge and the veranda) is delayed as the Council firstly needs to assess the bridge, Also, a bushfire prevention plan must be prepared for the area near the new veranda.</p>
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8	<p>Mental Health training Training on 18 November is free and open to anyone – there are a few places still available.</p> <p>Gem Newsletter Peter Doddrell asked for content and photos etc for the summer edition.</p> <p>Lunch Club There has been a big response to the lunch on Monday – oversubscribed. The next lunch in December (2nd) will be the End of Year Lunch – catered and includes entertainment. We are lucky to be able to make use of the courtesy bus for Patonga Boathouse to bring those from Patonga to the lunch.</p>

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9	<p>Other business Malcolm Davidson – reminded all about Remembrance Day - coffee/tea to follow the ceremony.</p>

The meeting closed at 6:10pm.

Next Meeting – Saturday 1 February 2025