

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

5 October 2024 5:00pm

Pearl Beach Progress Memorial Hall

Attendees – Victoria Crawford (Chair), Donna Higgins (Secretary), Alison Phillips, Cathy Lancaster, Paul Barclaire, Margaret Westcott, Malcolm Davison, Ian Crawford, Peter Doddrell, Barbara Grantham, Judy McFarlane, Bronwyn Young, Russell Grove, Peter Romey, Mary Knaggs, Bev Lapacek, Lynne Lillico, Robert Lillico, John Haymes, Gaby Porter, Chris Rhodes, Peter Doddrell, Bill Blinco, Carolyn Blackburn, Keith Wood, Stephanie Wood, Chris Rhodes, Peter Connor, Bill Blinco, Annette Blinco, Anne Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Jane Borton, Andrew Caldwell, Jozefa Sobski,, Deirdre Page, Fiona Page, Margaret Brown, Carole Saint, Robyn Barrett, John and Jan Steinbeck, Gabby Compton, Malcolm McDonald, Dorothy McDonald, Vic Brown, Peggy Todd, Gerada Luck, Tanya Masters, Barry Marks, Carolyn Marks, John Allan, Don Hughes, Bev Hughes, Ian Preston, Barbara Hastings, Bill Hastings, Vicki Powell Lindsay Boyd, Muriel Petersen, Jill Easterbrook, Peter Richardson

Apologies – Gary Phillips, Alison Phillips, Ann Wilden, Amanda Thomson, Helen and Adrian Thurlow, Jackie and Duncan Bridel, Tony Higgins, Vic Clarke, Jane Clarke, Malcolm Davison, Aileen Samios

Acknowledgement of Country

We know that this land was managed by First Nations people for thousands of years. We honour their culture and connection to the land and waters here in Pearl Beach and acknowledge the Guringai people, their leaders past and present, and the diversity of Aboriginal peoples throughout our nation.

Item No.	Business Item
1	Membership Clarification was provided re membership status. If people renew their membership shortly after the cutoff point of 30 September and before an election, they remain members without having to reapply, however they would not be eligible to vote at that election. As this year there is only one nominee per position, there will be no election.

Item No.	Business Item
2	Minutes of previous meeting 7 September 2024

	<p>The minutes were approved with a show of hands. Proposed: Bev Lapacek Seconded: John Steinbeck</p> <p>Business arising Nil</p>
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3	<p>Report from the executive</p> <p><u>Survey</u></p> <p>A draft survey has been developed. This will be sent to all members via email as well as placed on the PBPA web page and in the hoppers. Once the responses are collated, the results will be used to help the next committee develop a 3-5year plan for PBPA.</p>

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4	<p>AGM - Victoria Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations closed 5 pm 30 September. • With only one nominee for each position, the nominees are automatically elected, and will be formally appointed at the AGM at 3pm on 20 October. • Members have already been advised of the names of those forming the new committee for 2024/25 on 1st October. • Members were sent the minutes of the previous AGM and the Agenda on 1st October. • The auditors report will be sent to members as soon as it is received.

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5	<p>Financial report</p> <p>The financial report for August 2024 was emailed to members on 28/9/24.</p> <p>Recent income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast 28/29 Sept \$530.00 - \$320 for fine. • Coffee van \$120.00 donation • Art trail – BBQ \$1,550.00 (expenses still to come out) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Raffle \$1,109.00 – Cakes \$956 – Plants \$732

	Total PBPA Art trail day income \$4,449.00
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6	<p>Sub-committees</p> <p>a.- <u>Hall Management</u> – Victoria Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The internal painting is complete and there has been a very positive response to the colour scheme. • A working party to look at the improvements to the area behind the eastern wall, including the kitchen, has been set up with Peter Romey managing the process. Hall groups and users will be asked for their input. It will take approximately 12 months before a grant application for the work can be submitted, as grant applications require plans, quotes and DA's. • \$1,800 has been allocated to upgrade the sound system. This is required as the sound has been dropping out during some events. The selected system has come in under budget and will be more appropriate for the type of activities run by the Association. • Training is being organised for management of the Hall sprinkler system and to ensure the Hall is a safe place when needed, e.g. if no power long term. <p>b.- <u>Events and Fundraising</u> – Lynne Lillico</p> <p>To coincide with the Art Trail, as well as the coffee van, PBPA ran a BBQ, Cake Stall, Plant Stall and raffle. Bev Kingston donated some great wines for the raffle, and local artists donated pieces of work, some of which have been kept to use for further raffles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next upcoming events include the History of British Rock, the Wine and Food Fare and the Community Morning Tea. • All details of future events can be found at https://pearlbeachprogress.org.au/document-category/gen-reports/ <p>c.- <u>Environment</u> – Mary Knaggs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Plan for Management of Council Community Lands update The only change for PB is minimal, with the Bushland Park at the end of Opal Close has been changed in name only from Bushland General Community Use to Bushland Sportsground Use. • Draft Stakeholders Engagement for the Hawkesbury River Catchment

	<p>Drop-in sessions are listed https://pearlbeachprogress.org.au/document-category/gen-reports/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PB Public toilets are on the CCC list for replacement although no time line has been given. It has been suggested that local lobbying may help reduce the time line. Potential plans are available for viewing on the general meeting slides and on the CCCwebsite..
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7	<p>Working Parties</p> <p>a. <u>Guidelines working party</u>- Victoria Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commercial hire form has been updated. It is extensive but based on the hire forms used by CCC. • Next meeting 11 October <p>b. <u>Council Liaison</u> – Pete Richardson Residents are reminded to report infrastructure matters to roads@pearlbeachprogress.org.au Peter does a monthly check of all our roads and logs any defects.</p>

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8	<p>Community Group Updates</p> <p><u>The Rural Fire Brigade</u> – Lindsay Boyd, Carolyn Blackburn Training - Tuesday nights 7-9pm. They now have a 3rd vehicle, a small tanker which can go where the larger truck cannot go, e.g. fire trails. It is called a “1st strike.” The unit has also been focusing on internal and external training.</p> <p><u>The Singers</u> – will reconvene on Friday 11/10/24 at 1pm. The following week a group of carers will be joining them.</p> <p><u>The Plodders</u> – 15 October Paul Barclaire will lead the group from Point Clare Marine Rescue to Fairhaven for coffee and back again. Meet on the cycle way.</p> <p><u>Bush care</u> – No October Bush Care due to the long weekend.</p> <p><u>Dune care and Bush care</u> combined this month on 12 October.</p> <p><u>Tennis/Bowls</u> – no report.</p> <p><u>The Arboretum</u> – meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month 9-11am.</p>

	<p>An additional working bee was held on 6 October to prepare for the History of British Rock. Prior to the event, an arborist would be making one of the twice-yearly checks for potential falling boughs.</p> <p>The next project will be a Sensory Garden, situated between the Robert Payne bridge and the verandah.</p>
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9	<p>Other business</p> <p>The Monday Lunch Club was a successful winner of an Australia Post community grant to support mental wellbeing, submitted by Cathy Lancaster. The grant, for \$4,980, will be used to fund three lunches at Patonga (inclusion of the Patonga community was a condition of the grant) and the remaining lunches to be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.</p> <p>The grant was also conditional on the group organizing a Mental Health Well Being training, with a minimum of 22 people. The training is currently being organised and will be open to all residents.</p> <p>The Lunch Club meets on the first Monday of the month from 12-2pm. A 2 - course meal for \$5 with catering mainly supplied by Cathy Lancasters father is followed by guest speakers and the opportunity to play board games if desired. At the November meeting, Paul Wickham will be showing slides of his Kimberly trip and for the December meeting, catered for by Pim Sarti, Bev Lapacek and her two sisters will be singing acapella. Bookings are essential.</p> <p><u>The Lagoon</u></p> <p>Residents around the lagoon have been notified of the upcoming dredging, and replacement of the old silt traps. This work is funded by a State Government grant, and will be administered by CCC.</p> <p>Information will be posted on the PBPA website.</p> <p><u>DGR Status</u></p> <p>The possibility of Deductible Gift Recipient status for PBPA is currently being investigated by a lawyer at no charge to the PBPA. It currently appears that we have very little chance of being successful, as PBPA does not do enough work with the environment, mental health, or the aged and disability.</p> <p><u>Hall chairs</u></p> <p>When the hall chairs are pushed back against the wall, black marks are left on the new paintwork. Solutions to avoid this are currently being sought. Mean while members are asked to stack their chairs with a small gap between the chair and the wall.</p>

The meeting closed at 6.20pm

Next Meeting – Saturday 2 November 2024