

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

7 September 2024 5:00pm

Pearl Beach Progress Memorial Hall

Attendees – Victoria Crawford (Chair), Donna Higgins (Secretary), Gary Phillips, Alison Phillips, Cathy Lancaster, Paul Barclaire, Margaret Westcott, Malcolm Davison, Vickii Davison, Ian Crawford, Peter Doddrell, Barbara Grantham, Di Swalwell, Judy McFarlane, Robyn McConchie, Robin McConchie, Bronwyn Young, Aafke Woldring, Klaus Woldring, Russell Grove, Peter Romey, Mary Knaggs, Bev Lapacek, Lynne Lillico, Robert Lillico, John Haymes, Chris Rhodes, Peter Dodrell, Bill Blinco, Carolyn Blackburn, Keith Wood, Stephanie Wood, Chris Rhodes, Peter Connor, Tom Glynn, Maryke Greenway, Bill Blinco, Annette Blinco, Anne Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Jane Borton, Andrew Caldwell, Jeanne Albrecht, Jozefa Sobski, Deirdre Page, Fiona Page, Cally Osmond, John Palmer, Keith Elvy, Peter Dunphy, Elena Wilkinson, Warwick Teale, Margaret Brown, Carole Saint, Jeanette Sims

Apologies – Robyn Barrett, Phil Barrett, Helen and Adrian Thurlow, Jackie and Duncan Bridel, John and Jan Steinbeck, Tony Higgins, Vicki Powell, Barry Marks, Robert Lillico, Bruce Swalwell, Vicki Powell, Malcolm McDonald, Dorothy McDonald, Vic Brown, Vic Clarke, Jane Clarke, Gabby Compton

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	Business Item
No.	
1	New members
	No new members

Business Item
Minutes of previous meeting 6 July 2024
The minutes were approved with a show of hands.



Proposed: Annete Blinco Seconded: Judy McFarlane	
Business arising Nil	

Item No.	Business Item
3	Report from the executive
	Membership The President will be sending an email to members to remind them to renew their membership by 30 September to be eligible to vote at the AGM or to stand for a position.
	Survey A draft survey has been developed. This will be sent to all members via email as well as placed 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.

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4	AGM - Victoria Crawford	
	 Call for nominations (As nominations are received, Nominations close Online voting commences Paper voting commences Online voting closes Paper voting closes 	15 September they will be placed on the internet) 5 pm 30 September 3pm 6 October 2pm 20 October 2pm 20 October 3pm 20 October

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5	Financial report
	The financial report for July 2024 was emailed to members on 31/8/24. Due to increased running costs, particularly insurance and rates, PBPA now needs \$50,000-\$60,000 yearly, to cover essential costs. Major revenue raisers will be needed Cathy Lancaster is preparing an application to CCC seeking a rebate in the rates.
	Some major fundraising activities will be needed.



It was also noted that now the café has closed, the revenue from the Christmas holidays raffles usually held outside the café may be lessened.

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6	Sub-committees a Hall Management – Victoria Crawford
	 The floor has been resurfaced and received everyone's approval. Although the surface is dry, the complete drying process will take up to six weeks, so it is essential that nothing is dragged across the floor, nor heavy items moved. This process was organised by Gary Phillips. The internal painting commences 23 September. This process will be organised by Peter Romey. 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. \$1,600 has been allocated to upgrade the sound system. This is required as the sound has been dropping out during some events. Some of the underfloor insulation is coming loose. We are still seeking someone who would be able to go under the building and secure the loose insulation.
	 b Events and Fundraising – Lynne Lillico The Sing a-long with the Pearl Beach Singers raised \$1100 towards the Hall upkeep. The Cinema Club will run its final film for the year this month. A BBQ and raffle will be held at the front of Hall on the day of the Art Trail -5 October. All details of future events can be found at https://pearlbeachprogress.org.au/document-category/gen-reports/
	c Environment – Mary Knaggs • CCC has been contacted to remove the dead ray and Port Arthur sharks in the creek near Amalfi.

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7	Working Parties
	a. <u>Guidelines working party-</u> Victoria Crawford
	The Commercial hire form has been updated.



 Next meeting 13 September
 b. <u>Council Liaison</u> – Pete Richardson Residents are reminded to report infrastructure matters to <u>roads@pearlbeachprogress.org.au</u>

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8	Community Group Updates
	The Rural Fire Brigade – Carolyn Blackburn Training - Tuesday nights 7-9pm The PB RFS attended a Hazard Reduction at Halekulani today. Get Ready Day 21-22 September – to help residents with bush fire presentation for their properties. This will be held at Umina Surf Club. The AIDER (Assist Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents) program is a free, one-off service which supports some of our most at-risk community members. If you need help, contact your local RFS and they will connect you with someone who will visit.
	The Singers -are having a break until October after the Singalong.
	The Plodders - September plod will be to the Narrabeen Lake via ferry and bus.
	Bush care – No October Bush Care due to the long weekend.
	<u>Dune care</u> – 2 nd Saturday of the month 9-11am
	<u>Tennis/Bowls</u> – AGM Sunday 8/9/24
	The Arboretum – meets on the 3 rd Sunday of the month 9-11am.
	PBEAT 2025 27 March 2025 - 27 April 2025 Expressions of interest open 8 September 24 <u>www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/pbeat2025/</u> PBEAT – held every second year due to organization involved.

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9	Other business
	Pearl Beach Social Club
	A resident asked for a discussion on this newly formed group being able to rent
	the Hall. The group is incorporated and not for profit.



The President, Victoria Crawford has spoken with the group, who explained that their intention is to organise activities which are different to those organised by PBPA. Victoria Crawford has encouraged this group to communicate with PBPA about their potential activities to avoid working at cross purposes, and to hopefully lead to both groups working together on some events.

Some strong feelings were expressed over the Hall rental, however the consensus of the meeting seemed to be that as we all live in this community, it is important to work towards a harmonious environment.

Farewell Klauss and Aafke Woldring

The President thanked Klauss and Aafke for 24 years of magnificent support of PBPA and the community, and wished them well in their move the Nambucca Heads.

The meeting closed at 6:10pm

Next Meeting - Saturday 5 October 2024