

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2nd July 2022 at 5.00 pm

Attendees – Adrian Thurlow (in the chair), Tanya Masters (Secretary), Helen Thurlow, Greti Rieger, Paul Wickham, Stephen Parsons, Paul Toohey, Pauline Toohey, Karina Stafford, Paul Barclaire, Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, Bev Lapacek, Vic Brown, Heather Brown, Malathi Nagarajan, R Nagarajan, Catherine O'Reilly, Brendan O'Reilly, Lynne Lillico, Duncan Bridel, Tom Glynn, Amanda Winley, Blair Swan, Hamish Duncan, Andrew Cordwell, Kerry Caloyannidis, Luke Stevenson, Penryn Maddrell, Jojo Fuller

Apologies – Russell Grove, Gabby Crompton, Amanda Thomson, Van Davy, Bronwen Young, Peter O'Connor, Val Taylor, Jackie Bridel, Bronwen Young, Peter O'Connor, John Steinbeck, Jan Steinbeck, Ann Parsons, Di Swawell, Bruce Swawell, Keith Wood, Steph Wood, Peter Romey, Libby Nelson.

Business Item

Acknowledgement of Country

Adrian Thurlow acknowledged the traditional owners –

As we gather in the name of the Pearl Beach Progress Association we acknowledge the GURINGAI people as the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respect to their Elders-past, present and emerging.

Minutes of Previous General Meeting

A link to the minutes of the previous meeting on 7/5/22 was included in the notice of meeting sent to membership on 25th June 2022, and is available on the website. Additional advice to meeting that copy of the minutes will no longer be placed in the Community noticeboard as they take up too much space. A copy of the minutes is also placed on the website.

Matters Arising from previous meeting minutes –

There were no matters arising that will not be dealt with later in the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were thus accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed ; Pauline Toohey Seconded: Bev Lapacek

Covid 19 Update

Previous advise that the Executive have agreed that we will adhere to NSW Health department guidelines, and if any changes occur in those guidelines they will be so implemented.

Business Item

Financial Reports

Treasurer; Elizabeth Nelson

A link to the financial reports for May were including in the notice of meeting emailed to members on 25th June.

Libby apologized for her non attendance.

There were no questions regarding the reports .

Resolved - "That the May 2022 financial reports be accepted".

Proposed: Paul Barclaire Seconded : Malcolm McDonald

SUB COMMITTEES

Hall

Paul Barclaire reported that the gas cylinder connection had been relocated to facilitate access to the stove in kitchen .

Victoria Crawford reminded those in attendance that she is still looking a Hall Booking volunteer.

Adrian advised there may be an interested party, but this is not confirmed.

Safety Advisory Group

Paul Toohey advised that Ms Kerrie Stirling has approached CCC for a safe access walkway from beach over the rocks to the pool. They have also engaged support from Liesl Tesch and the possibility of a grant for the work. (see later discussion)

Community Fire Unit

All CFU members have agreed to commence a Bush Fire Fighting course to commence in July or August.

CFU is seeking at least 6 new recruits to support the provision of another CFU trailer .

Community Support Centre

SAG Committee raised the possibility of expanding the CSC project to incorporate it as an extreme heat refuge. Heat is a serious safety concern for the PB community. Whilst funding of air conditioning is not part of the Govt Grant, PBPA would need to arrange funding from whatever means, donations, raffles or perhaps apply for another Govt Grant.

Business Item

Project status update summary:

- Application and approval for the spearpoint licence is still with Water NSW. Have written to the Minister involved to assist with approval.
- Progressing with the build and install of the sprinkler pipes on the roof. Water pipes delivered/stored for installation of drainage pipes to the tanks.
- The two water tanks have been installed and are ready for connection of pipes.
- AusGrid have approved the solar+generator energy system.

Diamond Road and Pearl Beach Drive – Give Way Intersection

New Give Way white lines with reflectors installed. Trimming on both sides of Diamond to be completed, although the shrub Cnr Diamond Rd and Tourmaline has been trimmed back. Council still wish to see signage cleared away/reduced at the intersection.

PBPA is considering plans to change/reduce current community signage. (see later discussion)

Brief discussion regarding advice that If PBPA submit a request to CCC for 40KPH and 10KPH shared zone and speed hump, the CCC will make a recommendation for approval to NSW Transport.

This would involve an application for 40km zone in the whole village and possibly 10km zone in the one way area of Pearl Pde.

Adrian advised that this has not been fully discussed at an Executive meeting, and this will happen at the next meeting. Following discussion at the Executive, further information will be presented to the next General Meeting where hopefully a decision can be made.

This would then involve an application to Central Coast Council who would then make a recommendation for approval to the NSW State Government.

Events and Publicity

Lynne reported that the PB Classic Cinema Club (First and third Wednesday of every month) now have 31 members, who have been enjoying a number of old movies including the 'The African Queen'. New members always welcome. A big thank you to Paul & Greti for their ongoing support and enthusiasm.

CC Conservatorium Showcase and Scholarship are excellent events and well worth attending. The Conservatorium is finding it difficult to obtain funds for these events, so we are grateful to those sponsors who assisted with contributions.

Irvine Family Piano Scholarship \$1,000 was awarded to Chris Chen, Pearl Beach Scholarship sponsored by Pearly's Café \$1,000 won by vocalist Mia Cross, 'People's Choice' Award, sponsored by Russell Grove in memory of Frances \$500 won by Violinist Kaito Deed, who also took out the award last year. 2nd Place 'People's Choice' Award

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sponsored by Central Coast Realty \$250 went to violinist Minjy Lee. A new sponsor, Central Coast Financial Planning, has kindly sponsored \$500 as an Accompanist fee.

JULY

Saturday 9th Marijke Greenway will doing art workshops as part of PBEAT. These are generally very popular.

Saturday 23rd The Two Turkeys are organising a ‘Christmas in July’ function . This is now sold out.

AUGUST

Friday the 19th at 7.30 pm and Saturday, the 20th at 2.30 pm. Glee Club concerts. The Pearl Beach Singers present ‘A Night of Song’, in Cabaret style. Ticket cost is \$25.00, book early. There will be tables of eight or join a “locals” table.

OCTOBER

Saturday, 8 October - Food and Wine Fare 10 am to 5 pm. Most of the regulars are returning we are sourcing a couple more and I am having discussions with two new interested exhibitors. The Two Turkey’s have decided not to participate this year.

Saturday 16th October. "An Afternoon of Australian Celtic Music" Memorial Hall, 2.30pm. Featuring - "Tri - a Trio of Four" made up of Kerry Watson - fiddle; Stephen Tafra - guitar and piano accordion; David Carr - Uilleann pipes; Steve Harris - drums. Tickets available from Andrew Alter, details to be finalised.

Saturday 22 October – Trivia Night with Malcolm McDonald and Paul Wickham. Book for tables of eight. It will be a fun night.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 12th – Summer Jazz in the Arboretum. Emma Pask and Ian Cooper and Swingin’ Jazz Combo, Jim Pennell – guitar; Matt McMahon - Piano; Phil Stack – Double Bass and Tim Firth – drums. Tickets now on sale via Eventbrite.

DECEMBER

Saturday 10 December - Community Christmas Lunch / Dinner. Thank you to Kerry Caloyannidis and Cathy O’Reilly who have put their hands up to co-ordinate the events in Bev Lapacek’s absence.

Friday 23 December - Community Christmas Carols in the Arboretum (weather permitting). This date works best as the holiday rentals come into Pearl Beach on the 22nd. Pauline Toohey is co-ordinating the Pearl Beach Singers.

JANUARY 2023

Events programs for 2023 are being considered. If you have new and innovative ideas please contact Lynne Lillico

Resolved that the three above Sub-Committee reports be accepted; All agreed.

Proposed; Lynne Lillico Seconded; Helen Thurlow

Business Item

Fundraising:

Adrian reported minimal fundraising activity currently, although activities will start again in August and there is likely to be a raffle during the September school holidays.

Welcome New Membership

Adrian welcomed the following new members and friends :

Blair Swan

Matthew Fallow

Susan Dusting

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Arboretum

Victoria Crawford reported that the discovery of fungi in the Arboretum has necessitated the closure of some tracks. It seems the fungus is being transported on visitor's feet, and the Arboretum committee is considering the best ways to avoid contamination in the future, possibly by introducing a water crossing at the beginning of each track. There has been no further news from CCC about repairing of the Boardwalk, which is the main thoroughfare through the swamp area. Thus restricting access to this part of the Arboretum. It seems that an application for a grant to repair this council owned facility is not proceeding at this time.

Mary Knaggs spoke about the events continuing with PBEAT. (Pearl Beach Ephemeral Art Trail) in the Arboretum.

Saturday 09 July 9-12 Children's art workshop with local artist Marijke Greenway. Also on the 9th July at 2pm, an afternoon of music and dance. If rain prevents this being outdoors then it will take place in the Memorial Hall.

The winners of PBEAT will be announced thanks to sponsorship by Belle Property. Last day of PBEAT will be the following week.

Environment Group

Mary Knaggs reminder those present that the next Pearl Beach Environment Group Meeting is Sunday 31 July 4pm in the Hall – National Tree Day. This will be a 2 day event focusing on preserving and planting trees ; with a film and a group discussion.

Bowlers

Lynne Lillico (on behalf of the PB Bowlers) advised that they had helped to raise \$1100 in conjunction with Ettalong Bowlers at the last monthly Charity Day.

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Bush Care

Steven Parsons reported that the Bush Care group will resume it's normal duties when the rain soaked ground dries out a little.

Plodders

Bev Lapacek reported that the next walk will be on Tuesday 19th July. It will be a full day's trip by train, light rail and bus to the lovely 4 km Coogee to Bronte walk. Bev posts notices about Plodders' walk on the Community noticeboard.

War Memorial Upgrade

Mary Knaggs advised that PBPA had been successful in their applications to complete remedial works on the War Memorial . They received both a State Government and Federal Government grant and works will commence shortly. Matt the Stonemason has advised he expects to be completed by 11th November

Other Business

Stephen Parsons reported that the large piles of rubbish that had been dumped near the pedestrian bridge on Pearl Pde has kindly been removed by the Hunter Valley Environment Protection group.

He also reported that Andrew Stanger has put up a camera in the Arboretum to capture photos of fauna that came to drink at the koala drinking station donated by WIRES. He plans to re-strap a heavy black cockatoo nesting box, also from WIRES.

ROCK POOL SAFE ACCESS

Adrian advised that approximately 12 months ago, the PBPA Executive had discussed the desirability of having a more accessibly path across the rocks to the Rock Pool. Many older people and people with a disability cannot really safely access the pool.

We have recently received a letter from Ms Kerrie Stirling (and on behalf of Mr Bob Lee) who have expressed their concern about safe access to the pool. They have been in contact with the local member Ms Leisl Tesch and have made an application for a grant from the CCC . Kerrie had hoped to be present at the meeting today to discuss this issue. Hopefully they will be able to attend our next meeting.

Subsequently received an apology for not attending the meeting, due to her receipt of information regarding a previous report on the issue commissioned by the CCC.

Business Item

QUESTIONS and DISCUSSIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Tom Glynn raised the issue of Green Point creek once again being “illegally” drained by a grader. This is believed to have been the CCC following a complaint about flooding in backyards in Tourmaline Rd.

Members present advised that this opening up of the creek is detrimental to the environment of the creek further up. It was noted that Green Point creek and the ocean have co -existed for many decades prior to the relatively recent interference by grading of the channel.

The Secretary was requested to write to CCC advising of the environmental impact and concern of many residents of Pearl Beach.

2. Andrew Cordwell read a statement regarding his petition (in conjunction with Van Davy) to prevent the change to the Liquor License for Pearly’s.

He wished to thank the owners of Pearly’s for listening to the community and not proceeding with the change . He felt that the “take away’ message from this had been more open discussions with the community.

3. Amanda Winley asked a question about the ownership and payment for the (four) defibrillators. In particular she asked why does the AED near the toilet have a Pearl Beach Real Estate sign attached to it.

Adrian advised that the PBPA had purchase all 4 AED’s through funds raised and also funded the upkeep and necessary replacements of batteries , pads etc.

However The PBRE sponsored this particular one (\$1000 per year) .

Kerry suggested that they should also contain “purchased by PBPA”, as it was important for people to know this. This was generally agreed as a good idea, as it seems many in the community are unaware of the PBPA involvement.

4. Victoria Crawford advised that the CCC had indicated that there were too many signs at the only cross street in Pearl Beach. The current sign has become unstable and is difficult to read. Members had previously been sent two versions of a possible new abridged sign and were asked to give their opinions.

Victoria stressed that this is not a formal proposal and that all opinions would be considered.

Multiple members offered suggestions and changes and were asked to forward their suggestions to the Secretary for collating and further discussion.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm and those present were invited to stay for drinks and nibbles and general conversation.

Adrian advised that the next General Meeting would be AUGUST 6th at 5pm and reminded those present that the Annual General meeting would be the 2nd Saturday in OCTOBER(15th) due to the Food and Wine Fair being the preceding week.

