

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

6th August 2022 at 5.00 pm

Attendees – Russell Grove (in the chair), Tanya Masters (Secretary), Greti Rieger, Paul Wickham, Gabby Crompton, Paul Toohey, Pauline Toohey, Karina Stafford, Paul Barclaire, Stephanie Wood, Keith Wood, Bev Lapacek, Cally Osmond, Marilyn Crameri, Klaas Woldring, Aafke Woldring, Malcolm Davison, Vicki Davison, Penryn Maddrell, Jeanne Albrecht, Karina Stafford, Marianne Hulsbosch, Hans Hulsbosch, Malcolm McDonald, Amanda Winley, Peter Romey, Mary Knaggs, Margaret Brown, Bronwyn Young, Peter Connor, Peter Doddrell, Kerry Caloyannidis, Vic Brown, Blair Swan.

Apologies

Heather Brown, Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, Adrian Thurlow, Helen Thurlow, Elizabeth Nelson, Val Taylor, Margaret Westcott, Dorothy McDonald, Vicki Powell, Lynne Lillico, Lindsay Boyd.

Business Item

The President requested a short period of silence in honour of the recent death of David Iliffe, a long time resident of Pearl Beach and supporter of and Auditor for the Arboretum for many years.

Acknowledgement of Country

Russell 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 2/7/22 was included in the notice of meeting sent to membership on 28/7/22, and is available on the website.

Matters Arising from previous meeting minutes –

Following the request at last months GM, the Secretary reported that she had received a reply from CCC following her writing with concerns raised by the previous general meeting regarding the illegal opening of Green point Creek. The letter from CCC acknowledges PBPA and us equally concerned. They have provided a “report email address” should any further illegal opening occur.

Copies of the letter are available to members on request.

Business Item

It was later requested that the Secretary provide the address to all members.

There were no further 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 ; Karina Stafford Seconded: Pauline Toohey

Covid 19 Update

Russell re-iterated that the PBPA will follow Government health advice, however he also reminded those present that the virus was still very prevalent and many people in the community have been quite sick with Covid 19, as well as influenza.

Financial Reports

Elizabeth Nelson apologized for her non attendance. However, a link to the financial reports for June were including in the notice of meeting emailed to members on 28/7/22

There were no questions regarding the reports .

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

Proposed: Bev Lapacek Seconded : Kerry Caloyannidis

SUB COMMITTEES

Hall

Paul Barclaire reported that the group was waiting for the CSC work to be completed before further interior hall issues could be addressed.

He reported that the piano requires roller repairs which will be completed following the next musical event.

A question was asked regarding the deterioration of the yellow safety strips on the front steps. Mary Knaggs advised that these will be replaced in conjunction with the repair to the War Memorial which is to commence next week.

Paul reported that Jeanne Albrecht has agreed to take over the management of the hall bookings. Russell acknowledged this, and thanked Jeanne for volunteering for the task. Being no further issues for discussion it was resolved that the hall sub-committee report be accepted.

Proposed: Malcolm Davison. Seconded : Andrew Alter

Business Item

Safety Advisory Group

Paul Toohey raised a number of issues accompanied by a visual overhead display which readily allowed the members present to view the options.

1. The issue of requesting Central Coast Council to reduce the speed limit in the Pearl Beach village to 40km; and a 10km “shared zone” along the main beachfront road. Alongside the reduction in speed limit, Paul presented two options for one way street traffic to be considered.

Minimal discussion occurred regarding changing the speed limit. This has successfully been reduced in our neighboring village at Patonga. Considerable discussion however ensued regarding the options for one way streets. The main consideration being the route the bus takes along Pearl Beach Pde and turns into Amethyst Ave. Paul Barclaire reported that the bus cannot turn left into Emerald Ave due to the closeness of an electricity pole to the corner.

Peter Romey added that several years ago the PBPA had requested the council to consider implementing this strategy, but some residents expressed opposition to the proposal and hence it not move forward.

It was moved that the SAG committee proceed with their discussions with CCC about changing the speed limit and give consideration to the options seen as most workable for the change in flow of the traffic. It was requested that a 3rd option be included, which would involve one way along Pearl Beach Parade, towards Amethyst Ave.

The motion was carried by the majority of those present.

Moved : Peter Romey.

Seconded : Paul Barclaire

2. The request by Umina Beach Blue Water swimmers (Kerrie Stirling) that the PBPA assist in their request to the CCC to provide disability access to the Rock Pool. It was reported by Craig Healy (CCC Team Leader Beach Safety) that several years ago he had obtained an Engineers report and costings to build a 25M walkway to the pool. At that time the costing was prohibitive . (approximately \$60,000). That estimate is now reported to be doubled.

Russell reported that he had received advice that it may be possible for the CCC to apply for a grant through the “Places to Swim” program to assist with the building of access to the pool.

A query was raised about the positioning of this access, as clearly there are a number of issues to be considered regarding water flow and sand build up. It seems that the access would likely be over the rocky outcrop that can be very slippery and dangerous.

Business Item

The NBN is expected to be installed to the hall within next 10 days. The issue of mobile phone reception in some parts of the village remains problematic. The SAG committee have taken up this issue with the area's new Federal member, Dr Reid.

Paul has requested anyone with an old telephone that has an answering machine facility to please contact him. Currently the defibrillators are connected to a mobile phone which may have unsatisfactory reception.

Community Support Centre

Paul reported that the solar power has been installed and completed at a cost of \$45000. It was noted that over several days following the installation, the hall had consumed no power from the grid, and was already putting kw back into the grid. The fire sprinkler system is expected to be installed by the end of next week.

However the problem with the spearpoint installation remains. The department of Water and Sewerage continues to maintain that the hall is not "residential use" and is therefore not entitled to fee free installation of the spearpoint. There appears to be no category for a community organization such as PBPA and have advised that a cost of \$7000 is likely payable.

The SAG committee have enlisted the support of our state member, Leisl Tesch.

The current budget deficit is expected to be \$537.00.

Paul wished to thank the following people for their commitment to the project, and the enormous amount of time and hard work they have provided as well as volunteering their expertise: Nigel Tisdale, Paul Barclaire, Brian Lancaster, John Steinbeck, and Luke Barton . In particular, he wished to especially mention Ben Kearney (RFS) who has volunteered his considerable expertise to help with the CSC.

Paul Wickham wished to acknowledge the work of the entire SAG team.

All present expressed their thanks by acclamation.

It was resolved that the Safety Advisory Groups report be adopted.

Proposed: Malcolm Davison

Seconded ; Mary Knaggs

Business Item

Events and Publicity

In Lynne Lillico 's absence, Malcolm McDonald presented the Events report. He reported that the weekend's Christmas in July event was well attended and great fun.

PB Classic Cinema Club. Next feature film will be 'High Noon'.

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' with the audience being encouraged to join in the singalongs.

Pauline Toohey encourage attendance with Friday night in particular being 'local's night' Ticket cost is \$25.00, bookings now open.

Pauline also asked if anyone had any news for Gem, please contact Margaret Wescott by 12th August.

OCTOBER

Saturday, 8 October - Food and Wine Fare 10 am to 5 pm. Seven of the regulars are returning and we welcome six new and exciting exhibitors. There will be catering on the back deck.

Sunday 16 - "An Afternoon of Australian Celtic Music" Featuring - "Tri - a Trio of Four"

The concert will be co-ordinated by Andrew Alter. Tickets will be available from 15th

August: cost \$25

Saturday 22 October – Trivia Night. with Malcolm McDonald co-ordinating the evening.

7pm for 7.30pm start, BYO Drinks and Nibbles. Ticket cost \$15. Tables of 8 however we will encourage single or doubles to share a 'Locals' table.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 12 – 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 – rums. Tickets now on sale now, and selling well.

DECEMBER

Saturday 10 December - Community Christmas Lunch/Dinner now being finalized.

Russell asked those members present about their preference for daytime or evening events. Almost all agreed that evening events were preferable.

Friday 23 December - Community Christmas Carols in the Arboretum (weather permitting).

Moved that the Events report be accepted.

Proposed: Bev Lapacek

Seconded; Pauline Toohey

Business Item

War Memorial Upgrade

Mary Knaggs advised that work on the War Memorial will commence on Monday. She explained to those present what work was being carried out and that the PBPA had received a grant for the work. The stone mason is also completing the paving and installing yellow safety strips on the steps.

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Arboretum and Environment Group

Mary Knaggs spoke about events and happenings at the Arboretum. She said the Ephemeral Art Show had been successful, and a questionnaire would be circulated in the near future for community feedback.

Sunday the 21st August, 10am to 2pm The Australian Plant Society (Central Coast Branch) will run a propagation workshop for Arboretum volunteers.

The workshop will be followed by the Arboretum's anniversary BYO picnic.

The Arboretum AGM will now be held on Sat. 3rd September. Mary encouraged people to join if they passionate about flora and fauna.

The current Treasurer will not be continuing hence the Arboretum committee will be seeking a volunteer to take on this role.

Bush Care

Malcolm Davison said the Bush care groups meets the 1st Saturday in the month and is working in 4 main sites of the village. They are desperate for new helpers to maintain control of weeds and unwanted vegetation.

Malcolm also spoke to encourage people to join in Salsa evenings on Wednesdays at 6.30. It is a lot of fun and dancing skills are not necessary. Cost is \$20

Plodders

Bev Lapacek advised that the next walk would be on Tuesday 16th August from Patonga down the fire trail to Pearl Beach, The beautiful native flowers will be blooming.

The 6 night walking trip to Mudgee is almost booked out. There can be room for 2 or 3 more if another cottage is rented. Please contact Bev if you would like to join in.

Bev also advised she will be holding a Big Birthday Bash in the hall on 29th October. This special birthday will be raising funds for the Guide Dogs Association so please note it in your diary.

Business Item

Welcome New Membership

Russell welcomed the new members below, and acknowledged those present. He thanked them for joining the PBPA

Robyn Stafford
Marcel McKay :
Vicki Powell:
Peter Doddrell:
Hamish Sewell:
Bronwyn Powell:
Marilyn Crameri
Gareth Gumbley.
Susan Poulsen :
Marianne Hulsbosch :
Hans Hulsbosch:
Narelle Maxwell:
Ian Hennessey :
Ron Saunders
Hamish Duncan

QUESTIONS and DISCUSSIONS FROM THE FLOOR

As reported earlier, it was requested that the Secretary provide a copy of the letter sent to the PBPA from CCC containing the email address for reporting illegal dredging of Green Point creek activity to all the members and friends.

It was reported that Pearl Beach Real estate has joined forces with Accom. rental business. It was suggested that an invitation could be extended to provide the members with an update about the best way to respond to Airbnb issues that arise from time to time.

Russell advised that Lindsay Boyd from RFS had apologized for his non attendance at the meeting. He had reported that the RFS was called to a fire in Diamond Rd at 1am recently. This was apparently due to a BBQ not being monitored effectively.

The next General Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 3rd September at 5pm.

The following month the Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday 15th October.

