

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

7th May 2022 at 5.00 pm

Attendees – Russell Grove (in the chair), Tanya Masters (Secretary), Adrian Thurlow, Loise Rowling, Cally Osmond, Paul Wickham, Greti Rieger, Stephanie Wood, Keith Wood, Barry Marsh, Carolyn Marks, Gabby Crompton, Douglas McDonald, Karina Stafford, Peter Richardson, Lisa Wolbers, Van Davy, Robert Lillico, Lynne Lillico, Jackie Bridel, Duncan Bridel, Helen Thurlow, Andrew Cordwell, Troy Rushton, Elizabeth Nelson, Paul Toohey, Nigel Tisdale, Dorothy McDonald, Malcolm McDonald, Annette Blinco, Stuart Gan, Cathy Lyons, Meena James, Larry Nelson, Tony Gardiner, Stephen Parsons, Ann Parsons, Catherine O'Reilly, Brendan O'Reilly, Gary Phillips, Alison Phillips, Alison Deans, Alex Bray, Michael Bray, Peter Romey, Kerry Caloyannidis, Bev Lapacek, Aalfe Wolfdring, John Hill, Jill Easterbrook, Bev George, David George, Bill Blinco, Jane Borton, Mary Knaggs, Vicki Davison, Malcolm Davison, Susan Poulsen, Amanda Winley, R Nagarajan, Malathi Nagarajan, Penryn Maddrell. (62)

Apologies – Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, Amanda Thomson, Vic Brown, Heather Brown, Margaret Brown, Chris O'Brien, John Steinbeck, Jan Steinbeck, Pauline Toohey, James Boyd, Lindsay Boyd.

Business Item

Acknowledgement of Country

Russell Grove 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 2/4/22 was included in the notice of meeting sent to membership on 30th April 2022 and is available on the website.

Matters arising from previous meeting minutes –

Van Davy and Andrew Cordwell have combined their individual Notices of Motion into one notice to facilitate a single debate on the topic. The amended Notice was included in the notification of the meeting sent to membership on 30th April 2022.

Mary Knaggs had requested that her acknowledgment in Other Business should have read:

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“ Mary Knaggs thanked Karina Stafford and others for helping clean up the beach after the recent flood waters and high tides.”

Minutes of previous meeting with the above amendments were thus accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed : Malcolm McDonald Seconded: Bev Lapacek

Covid 19 Update

No recent changes, however Russell advised that any changes. Would be in line with NSW Government regulations.

Financial Reports

Treasurer; Elizabeth Nelson had provided the financial reports for March . A link to these reports were including in the notice of meeting email sent to members on 30th April.

Resolved - “That the March 2022 financial reports be accepted”. All agreed.

Proposed: Libby Nelson Seconded : Lynne Lillico

SUB COMMITTEES

Hall

Victoria Crawford apologized for her non attendance at today’s meeting.

Russell Grove reported the following:

Victoria Crawford is currently streamlining the hall booking process and is still looking for a volunteer to take over this task from Rebecca Jacobs. Victoria is happy and willing to help with this, but needs someone who is able to check the booking site preferably daily.

Requirements :

Need to check the Hall bookings daily

Respond with any clarification , confirmation and costs

Ensure the Treasurer (Libby Nelson) is aware of booking and deposit amount

Ensure that Malcolm Davison is aware of booking. He organizes keys and inspections.

There has been a general clean up and reorganization of equipment as well as a number of repairs made to various pieces of equipment in the kitchen. All is now fully operational.

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Russell explained to the meeting that rental of the hall is a major part of our revenue raising. He advised that it is expensive to maintain this 70 year old building, and relies a great deal on volunteers to support PBPA.

Russell thanked Ian Wood in particular, who generously gives his time as a handyman.

RFS and CFU Report

There was no separate report, however Paul Toohey reported that two new members had joined the Community Fire Unit. He invited any one else interested in the CFU to speak with him.

Safety Advisory Group

Paul Toohey reported :

- There had been no further progress with regard to resolving the problematic mobile phone reception throughout Pearl Beach.

He also advised

- that there had been no progress with regard to improving the safety of the intersection at Diamond Rd and Pearl Beach Drive, despite the Central Coast Council acknowledging the need.

The defibrillators have had some recent repairs, however the impact of the 3G network being phased out on the defibrillators is going to be costly, as it will require replacements of parts that were not expected to have to be replaced for several years. In addition, batteries and pads need to be replaced at a cost of \$1950.00.

The total cost will be \$5000.00

Lynne Lillico reported she had written multiple times to CCC regarding large and deep potholes in various streets in Pearl Beach, in particular Diamond Rd and Cornelian Rd. To date no action has been taken.

Community Support Centre (CSC)

Paul advised that work is continuing as scheduled on the CSC. With increasing costs beginning to impact, Paul advised that the group is organizing to lock in purchase of plumbing material etc.

He reported to the meeting that Mary Knaggs has created a Q and A information sheet about the Centre and would be available to any member on the website. Mary distributed several copies to members at the meeting.

Russell Grove thanked Paul for all his hard work on the project. He also thanked Mary for completing the Q and A for members; and Peter Romey who had prepared a heritage impact paper. This paper had enabled Rebecca Harvey from CCC to inspect the building and declare that there would be no negative impact on the building.

Resolved that the SAG committee report be accepted. All agreed.

Proposed ; Libby Nelson

Seconded: Annette Blinco

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Events

Lynne Lillico listed the coming events which are in the Gem and also in multiple emails sent to members. Lynne thank Alison and Gary Philips for all their hard work with the Easter book fair.

Alison Phillips and the volunteer helpers did a fantastic job of moving and selling books. Net result \$7,854.00 this includes: Raffle \$ 1, 340.00; Café \$ 585, Fine Arts Stall \$ 528.

There were 22 venues participating in the Easter Art Trail, and the participants seemed happy with the number of people around.

Dawn Service on Anzac Day was co-ordinated by Malcolm & Vicki Davison. Unfortunately it rained and the service was moved to the hall. A large crowd turned up; at least 150 crammed into the hall, and those with dogs stood out the front. Wonderful volunteers helped with the morning tea, and made numerous varieties of Anzac Biscuits enjoyed on the enlarged Memorial Hall back deck. Lynne especially thanked Malcolm and Vicki as well as Jackson Hood who played the 'Last Post' and Colonel Michael Champion, John Steinbeck and representatives from Turkey and NZ gave presentations. \$250 was raised for Legacy.

Lynne thanked the Pearl Beach Bowlers who played in a charity day with Ettalong Bowlers. The day raised \$3400 for the charity Guide Dogs Assoc.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 4 May: 'CLASSIC CINEMA CLUB' - we have 22 registered as members, and on Wednesday 15 came along to see 'The Producer' satirical black comedy, and we started the afternoon with a ten minute quirky film "Dinner for One".

Saturday 14 MAY George Washingmachine 'Swing into Jazz - Memorial Hall Supported by Trio of top musicians, 7.30pm and tickets now on sale, contact Lynne, card/cash

Ticket sales are slow, and Lynne urged the community to support this, the first of our important events for this year. These events need to be supported by the community, otherwise we will not be able to continue holding them. A lot of work goes into the promotion and co-coordinating by a few people.

Thur 19 May – 2pm - Biggest Afternoon Tea, fundraising for Cancer Council. Pearl Beach Arboretum. Donation appreciated, and please bring along a plate of something to enjoy. Contact Bev Lapacek,

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Fri 20, Sat 21, Sun 22 Central Coast Conservatorium & Showcase & Scholarship Concerts

Time: 2.30pm each day. Proudly supported by the Irvine Family and Pearl Beach Progress Association. Please support these young and talented musicians.

SPONSORS

'Irvine Family' Piano Scholarship \$1,000.

Pearl Beach Scholarship, 'Pearly's' Cafe' \$1,000.

'Peoples Choice', Russell Grove in Memory of Frances \$500.00

New award, 2nd place 'Peoples Choice', Coast Realty \$250.00

Tickets \$10 or Two concerts \$15. Drinks & Nibbles each day, for a donation. Bookings Lynne 4344 2319

Pearly's Cafe are offering a 10% lunch discount for Showcase and Scholarship ticket holders.

JUNE

Sunday 5 World Environment Day' (PBEAT) art and community installation weekend
Details: Refer to PBEAT Website . *A variety of events are planned*

Sat 11 at 7.30pm and Sun 12 at 2pm Bouddi Music Festival – Wagstaffe Hall

Saturday 11 PBEAT launch (afternoon) - Contact: PB Arboretum Secretary (see later notes for more details)

JULY

Saturday 9 Arboretum organising a 'Music Bush Dance' afternoon.

Saturday 23 Two Turkey's organising Christmas in July function, contact them for tickets.

Resolved that the Events Report be accepted; All agreed

Proposed; Malcolm McDonald Seconded; Malcolm Davison

Fundraising:

Adrian Thurlow reported that no fundraising events were scheduled until June /July. He asked if anyone had any new ideas about raising funds they would be gratefully received.

Russell informed the meeting that the PBPA was very fortunate in having local community support. He reported that three local Real Estate agents had each donated

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\$500 towards fundraising raffles. Individual members of the community donated \$2000 and \$5000 to help sponsor the Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail along with local businesses.

He encouraged all members of the community to support local activities.

Welcome New Membership

Russell welcomed the following new members to the PBPA.

Matthew Logan
Amanda Thomson
Meena James
Glenda Green
Cathy Lyons
John Coward

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Arboretum

Mary Knaggs reported that from the 11th June to 17 July, the Arboretum will host the 2nd Ephemeral Art Trail. Last year's event saw fabulous art sculptures being fashioned from native plants and seeds. This year there will be 20 artists making sculptures and art works. There will be local Pearl Beach artists helping with the art and craft workshops in the Arboretum Cottage. The program is on the website.

On the 5th June at 4pm in the Pearl Beach hall, the Arboretum committee are partnering with the Pearl Beach Environment group to host A World Environment Day screening of 'Regeneration Australia'. A \$5 donation is requested for refreshments.

Mary also advised that there will be a Bush Dance in the Arboretum on Saturday 9th July at 2pm.

PLODDERS

Bev Lapacek reported that 25 Plodders had a very successful 5 night trip to Blackheath. Despite the gloomy weather the group managed to complete most of the walks, with 12 people completing the Katoomba Falls night walk.

Bev has already booked some cottages for next years' 6 night getaway to Mudgee on 27th February. To date 12 people have expressed an interest. Please let Bev know if you have an interest in this trip.

Locally, the Plodders next walk on Tuesday week will be along the path from Blackwall to Woy Woy.

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Bev also reported that the Pearl Beach Singers would hold a concert on 19th and 20th August. Any budding singers please come along and join in on Friday afternoons in the hall. The choir will be starting back on Friday at 2pm.

War Memorial Upgrade

DA has been approved and the grant application has been very successful. Both State and Federal Governments have advised that a \$10,000 grant was successful. Russell pointed out that PBPA will not be accepting both, however a determination of the most viable grant will be made. He advised that the design of the War Memorial will not change, however it is proposed to rebuild using sandstone.

Buddies

Buddies is held monthly on 2nd Wednesday each month between 12 and 2 pm.
(1/3?)

A light lunch is provided and a donation is requested.

Water watch group

Paul Wickham ??? reported rainfall figures for the past 3 months have impacted on water quality, although the quality remains generally good.

Rainfall figures : February 283 ml
March 486 ml
April 350 ml

Other Business

1. Bev Lapacek asked for a volunteer to take over the organization of the Community Christmas dinner this year, as she will be away in December. Bev has organized this well attended event for many years.

2. Lynne Lillico called for volunteers to join the Events committee. The committee meets on the 1st Monday each month.

3. John Hill is still looking for 2 volunteers to join his short musical play.

4. Notice of Motion

Russell made the following points :

- that notice had been given to all members regarding the following motion.
- only financial members of the PBPA were eligible to vote.

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- speakers were requested to limit their input to 5 minutes.
- non members and friends were entitled to speak to the motion with the permission of the meeting.
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The following notice of motion was then presented to the meeting by one of the movers, Van Davy.

This May 2022 General Meeting of the Pearl Beach Progress Association expresses its disappointment at the decision of the Executive to adopt a neutral position in respect of the current application for an expanded liquor licence at the General Store and Cafe.

We note that the proposed development in Pearl Beach includes:

1. A liquor licence to sell alcohol to adults [18+], without serving food.
2. A liquor licence to sell liquor on premises, without food, from 10:30 am until 10:00 pm every day.
3. Take-away sale of liquor
4. Take-away sale of liquor from 10:30 am until 10:00 pm every day
5. Increased seating to include 120 patrons.

These variations have the potential to increase noise and anti-social behaviour throughout the residential and Heritage-listed village of Pearl Beach. These variations are likely to draw more unwanted commercial activity to Pearl Beach and create the pre-conditions for yet more non-local, hotel, tourist, traffic and commercialisation, followed by yet bigger development proposals from developers.

We note that the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority requires a Community Impact Statement to be prepared by the applicants and that this statement must include concerns our community has about the variations to the liquor licence.

We express our unequivocal opposition to the proposed development and ask the President to represent this opposition to the applicants, and to both the Central Coast Council and the Liquor and Gaming authorities.

Thus followed multiple speakers who were in general supporting the motion. Two speakers opposed the motion.

Initially a vote was taken on the voices, however as the decision was unclear on the voices, a second vote of raising of hands was requested.

The motion was carried : 36 For and 12 Against.

Several members of the Executive abstained.

Russell invited those present to have a drink and something to eat. He advised a donation would be appreciated.

The meeting closed at 6.45.

Next General Meeting JULY 2nd. No meeting in June due to the long weekend.

