

**PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Draft)**  
**Saturday 6 April 2019 at 5:00 PM**

**WELCOME**

Peter Romey (in the Chair), Gabby Crompton, Di Swalwell, Donna Higgins, Gary Phillips, Bev Kingston, Lynne Lillico, Malcolm Davison, Russell Grove, Robert Lillico, Annette Blinco, Alison Phillips, Gary Phillips, Vic Brown, Heather Brown, Ann Parsons, JulieAnne Phillips, Paul Barclaire, Bev Lapacek, Vickii Davison, Di McGregor, Tony McGregor, Susan Lancaster, Stephen Parsons, Louise Rowling, Karen Moses, Ian Crawford, Victoria Crawford, Mary Knaggs, Jane Borton, Valerie Taylor, Aafke Woldring, Tony Grantham, Barbara Grantham, Bill Abbott, Barry Marks, Carolyn Marks, Dorothy McDonald, Malcolm McDonald, Bronwen Young, Peter Conner, John Palmer, Jill Easterbrook, John Fall, Chris Rhodes, Paul Wickham, Greti Reiger, Jeanette Sims, Bill Blinco

**APOLOGIES**

Alan Crompton, Jane and Vic Clarke, Libby Nelson, Jackie and Duncan Bridel, Glen Taylor, Deb Rhodes

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The President acknowledged the original owners of the land, the Guringai people.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the General Meeting on 2 March 2019 were acknowledged as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**ITEMS**

**1. Hall Upgrade Project**

The President confirmed that the plans for the Hall upgrade have been amended by Brian Mazlin to incorporate feedback received from the second round of consultation, mainly to increase the storage area and to improve access to the store.

Clarke Dowdle and Associates are completing the Statement of Environmental Effects and Peter Romey will prepare the Statement of Heritage Impact.

The President advised that a current survey for the Hall has not been located, and request that any members who can assist with locating the survey.

**2. Hall Lighting & Sound Upgrade**

Gary Phillips reported to the meeting on the installation of the new sound equipment, which will be completed for the Scholarship concerts in May. Training in the use of the new equipment will be provided. A question about the installation of the hearing assistance equipment, available for some time was asked. This enquiry will be investigated further.

Paul Wickham reported on the status of the grant application for an upgrade of lighting equipment, which has been completed and is waiting sign off by Community Grant government personnel.

**3. Pearl Beach-Umina Coastal Track**

The President reported that the Association is escalating this matter by informing local media, in particular *The Peninsular News*, and he has provided a journalist with extensive background material.

**4. Pearl Pde & Amethyst Ave Traffic Issues**

The President has been in contact with CCC regarding holiday period traffic congestion in Pearl Parade. The CCC has advised that this issue will be considered by the CCC Services (Roads) unit for a response.

#### **5. Diamond Road Repairs**

The President detailed the series of letter and emails that have been sent to CCC about this matter since February 2018 and including promises of action by the Council. The concern about pedestrian injury heightened at holiday time was emphasized.

#### **6. Pearl Beach Drive Stop Sign**

The President, with assistance by Richard Stewart of PBSAG, has written to CCC requesting a STOP sign at the corner of Pearl Beach Drive and Diamond Road. CCC has advised that they will conduct a traffic survey to assess amount of traffic and sight lines to determine whether the intersection meets STOP sign requirements.

#### **7. PBPA 90th Birthday 2019**

Nil report.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Executive**

Refer above **ITEMS**

#### **Finance**

The February 2019 income and expenditure reports were presented to the meeting by Russell Grove, Vice President. Account balances were also reported, with most separate accounts now having been transferred to the Bendigo Bank from the Commonwealth Bank.

#### **Events and Publicity**

Lynne Lillico reported on recent and future events of the Association (refer Hall noticeboards) and highlighted:

- the two Showcase Scholarship concerts on 25 and 26 May
- the Music concerts on June long weekend, 8 and 9 June
- the Aboriginal History Group's Weaving workshop on Tuesday 16 July
- the Glee Club concert *Nine Decades of Musical Memories* on Friday 23 and Saturday 24 August
- Jazz in the Arboretum on Sunday 6 October.

Victoria Crawford informed the meeting that the Easter Book Fair on Saturday 20 April required volunteers for serving tea, coffee and hot cross buns and also to assist with the packing up after the Fair. It was announced that no more books are required.

The cake stall will be stocked from 8 am. Annette and Bill Blinko requested that contributions to the Fine Arts stall are left on the Hall veranda. Russell Grove distributed a flyer requesting produce for the Easter Hamper Raffle by Tuesday 16 April. Home delivery and pick up details were provided.

Di Swalwell reported on the organisation of the 2019 Anzac Day service. Morning tea helpers are required. It was requested that memorabilia displayed at the 2015 Anzac Day celebration be made available for this occasion.

#### **Policies & Procedures**

The Policies and Procedures Working Group have placed the draft Policies and Operational Guidelines document on the website for feedback by mid June 2019. It is intended that following this feedback period the document will be finalised and adopted.

### **Rural Fire Service**

No report.

### **Hall Building and Maintenance**

Refer above **ITEMS**:

- Hall upgrade project
- Hall lighting and sound upgrade

### **PBSAG**

No report

The president advised that a letter has been sent to CCC proposing the erection of a STOP sign at the intersection of Pearl Beach Drive and Diamond Road. The CCC has responded and has reported that they will complete a survey of the site and gather relevant data such as sight lines and speed of vehicles.

### ***The Gem***

Editor Donna Higgins reported that an option to produce and distribute the *GEM* on line is being considered. The current hard copy version has become restrictive and requires significant editing of articles contributed for publishing. In addition, colour photos are not able to be produced. A survey will be placed on the website for members to provide feedback about this proposal as well as other aspects of *The Gem*. It is also proposed that a hard copy publication providing information about current Association events and contact details will be published.

### **The Aboriginal History Group**

No report

Note: the Aboriginal History Group weaving workshop on Tuesday 16 July.

### **Community Groups**

#### The Arboretum

Victoria Crawford reported that at the 9 March morning tea the Arboretum farewelled Carol Serventy, who is moving to family at Lismore, and Julieanne Phillips, who is moving to Neutral Bay to be closer to family. Their individual contributions to the Arboretum were acknowledged by those attending.

Opera in the Arboretum was reported as another outstanding success: the rain stopped. Importantly, it was a significant legacy to John Greenway.

Wallabies have been observed in the main grassland area, nibbling on the wallaby grass.

Anne Parsons reported on the CCC Environmental Education Network that met at the Arboretum this morning with Arboretum and Association members and interested people from the community. Various programs with local schools are being planned.

The Arboretum has supported by written submission, a Sydney University project (NSW Koala Strategy). The President has also written in support of this project on behalf of the Association. Out of the 50 to 80 eucalypt species suitable for koala consumption, there are 29 species in the Arboretum.

#### Bush Care

Stephen Parsons reported that nine volunteers for Bush Care worked at Middle Creek this morning. Some weeding was completed in the dunes.

### Dune Care

The meeting was informed that Fay Austin is not well, and expressed its hope for a quick recovery. Jill Easterbrook offered to assist with the next Saturday's Dune Care.

### Water Watch

Paul Wickham reported on the latest local rainfall statistics, with the March rainfall recording 46% above the average. The water readings in the creeks indicted good quality water. The current temperature in the ocean was recorded at 22 degrees and in the pool 23 degrees.

### Tennis and Bowls

Robert Lilloco invited new members for Men's and Ladies' Bowls.

### Plodders

The Plodders next event is to The Living Edge Garden at Peats Ridge. Car pooling will operate.

### Art/ Craft

The next event is a joint weaving event with the Aboriginal History Group.

### Pearl Beach Singers

The Pearl Beach Singers are currently rehearsing for the Anzac Day service.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

No new members.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Further to discussion regarding the Pearl Beach-Umina Coastal Track, the members discussed a recent incident where Pearl Beach Drive was blocked by a broken down truck. The members noted that the bottom tight curve continued to be of concern, was of a narrow radius and the surface was slippery, with two recent minor accidents involving scooters reported to the Association. The President advised that this issue has previously raised with CCC, and recommended that members with concerns to convey these individually to CCC.

The President acknowledged three ladies who are leaving Pearl Beach and thanked them for their outstanding individual contributions:

- Penny Carle
- Julie Anne Phillips
- Carol Serventy

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

Executive Committee Meeting at 3:00 PM Saturday 4 May 2019

General Meeting at 5:00 PM 4 May 2019