

**PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday 1 February 2020 at 5:00 PM**

**WELCOME**

Peter Romey (in the Chair), Russell Grove, Lynne Lillico, Donna Higgins, Bev Kingston, Gary Phillips, Malcolm McDonald, Bev Lapacek, Barbara Grantham, Heather Brown, Vic Brown, Jane Borton, John Hill, Val Taylor, Rebecca Jacobs, Tony Grantham, Paul Barclair, Ann Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Margaret Brown, Lynette Rich, Phil Rich, Sabine Kirschke, Di Swalwell, Mary Knaggs, Peggy Todd, Gaby Porter, Paul Toohey, Caroline Marks, Barry Marks, Peter Connor, Duncan and Jackie Bridel, John and Jan Steinbeck, Victoria and Ian Crawford, Alison Phillips, Chris Rhodes, Sabine Kirschke, Marjory Hathaway, Louise Rowling, Keith Wood, Stephanie Wood, Kay Williams, John Allan, Marijke Greenway, Cheitie Simpson, Ross Christee  
Libby Nelson, Jeanette Sims, Richard Sims, Dorothy McDonald, Gabby Compton, Allan Compton, Ross Christie, Ros Sumner, Jill Easterbrook, Barbara Hastings, Greti Rieger, Paul Wickham

**APOLOGIES**

Glen Taylor, Robert Lillico, Aafke and Klaus Woldring, Vickii and Malcolm Davison, Jane and Vic Clarke, Lyn Capella

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The President acknowledged the original owners of the land, the Guringai people and their elders, past and present.

**MINUTES OF 7 DECEMBER MEETING**

The Minutes of the 7 December General Meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**ITEMS**

**1. Hall Upgrade Project**

The following Draft Resolution for acceptance of the CCC Community Infrastructure Grant Program was sent to all members a week prior to this February General Meeting. i.e.

*The members of the Pearl Beach Progress Association present at the General Meeting of 1 February 2020 resolve that:*

*The Central Coast Council Community infrastructure Grant Program offer of \$66,000, with up to \$24,000 cash (plus \$9,000 in kind based on 300 hours of volunteer labour) to be contributed by PBPA on a \$2 to \$1 ratio basis, be accepted and the President be authorised to sign the grant documentation;*

*The President and the Building and Maintenance Sub-committee be authorised to enter into negotiations with suitable contractors, and with the approval of the Executive Committee, to engage a contractor to carry out the works including the supervision of PBPA volunteer labour;*

*The PBPA members engage in a fundraising program, including special events and possibly supplementary grant program applications, to generate as much of the cash*

*contribution of up to \$24,000 as possible; and  
Any shortfall in the up to \$24,000 cash commitment following on from the fundraising  
program be met with funds from the PBPA account.*

Moved: Tony Grantham, Seconded: Russell Grove

The Resolution was overwhelming supported.

## **2. Pearl Beach Road and Traffic Issues**

Due to lack of time at the December meeting, this report was held over until the February General Meeting.

The President reported that PBPA had raised several issues with CCC.

- A proposal for one-way traffic in PB parade was suggested as a way to cope with heavy traffic during holiday periods. CCC stated that this would cause traffic congestion near the shop/café, particularly when delivery trucks are unloading and garbage trucks are collecting rubbish.
- A request for resurfacing to Diamond Road and PB Drive was made, as both have bad potholes. CCC stated they have done some work filling potholes, will do more as needed but nothing special is planned.
- Concern was raised about the danger of the curve at the bottom of PB Drive. CCC stated that they had already added line markings, warning signs and railings so there are no plans to widen the road however that part of the road would be re-surfaced.
- Cracking along the edges on the southern side of PB Drive on the approach to entering the village was reported. CCC stated they will be stabilising this area in 2020/2021.
- A request was made for a stop sign at the intersection of PB Drive and Diamond Road. CCC stated that the sight distance requirements are in accordance with specified requirements so they will not add stop signs.

## **3. Pearl Beach Amenities Block Upgrade**

Due to lack of time at the December General Meeting, this report was held over until the February General Meeting.

In 2017 PBPA made a submission to CCC to upgrade the amenity block and include wheel chair access. We were advised that there were no funds available. The President advised the meeting that he had been contacted by a council employee to discuss the design for a new disability-compliant amenity block to replace the existing facility to be build this year. The President has since been advised by CCC that there are no plans and no money for this project and that the person no longer works for CCC. The President has requested CCC's position in writing.

Vic Brown suggested thanks should be passed on the CCC employee who has been maintaining the amenity block daily for the last 12+ years, cleaning, hosing down and moving sand.

## **4. Pearl Beach Buddies**

Donna Higgins informed the meeting that the Buddies Group will not come under the umbrella of the PBPA as it, as a volunteer group, will not qualify for PBPA insurance. The Buddies group has no funds, so that appropriate volunteer insurance will be unaffordable and therefore volunteer activities will need to be clearly specified to limit physical risks.

A village letter box drop will take place mid-February to inform every one about the group and to invite them to the first Monday Drop-in.

The Monday Drop-in Coffee afternoons will commence Monday 24 February from 4.30 – 6pm. Table games will be offered, along with guest speakers and the opportunity to meet and chat with other locals over a cup of tea/coffee.

A gold coin donation will be charged and the group will pay the current \$10 hire fee. The next stage, following this step, will be to organise a system for matching people who need help in their homes/shopping/ coffee outing etc. with those who can assist them.

#### **5. CCC Consolidated LEP & DCP**

Mary Knaggs reported that CCC are about to start community consultation on a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) to be finalised by June 2020. The meeting which will be relevant for The Pearl Beach area will be held at Woy Woy. A LSPS is a document that sets out the 20-year vision for land-use in the local area, the special character and values that are to be preserved and how change will be managed into the future.

If you would like help with a submission contact The Secretary PBPA. Mary Knaggs and Bruce Swalwel will try to help anyone with concerns with development in Pearl Beach. CCC recommends people lodge their concerns through [ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au). It was recommended that the 3 Ward Councillors be cc'd. (Chris Holstein, Richard Mehrtens and Troy Marquart)

PBPA has already made a submission which covers areas such as better tree management, no medium or high-density zoning, lot size and building height restrictions, environmental zoning for the Headlands and Lagoon/Wetlands, retention of special zoning for the Arboretum, requirement of DA's for short term rentals, concern over secondary dwellings and that resilience measures should be built into the planning controls so that the impacts of climate change are accommodated

Jane Smith has offered to run a planning workshop for local community groups, and will ask relevant Ward Councillors to attend. A show of hands at the meeting indicated strong interest.

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive**

The President reported that the Executive is looking at setting up a Bequest Fund, as a potential source of income for Hall upgrade and maintenance. As we need legal advice from someone with expertise in this field, we are requesting assistance from anyone with relevant contacts. If you can help, please contact Vice President Russell Grove.

As we need to enhance our source of revenue and as the Hall is our only asset, we need to improve the presentation of the Hall on the website to potential hirers. We are seeking any members who have expertise in presenting the Hall.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer's report on Income, Expenditure and Accounts Balances for January 2020 was presented.

### **Events and Publicity**

Holiday Fundraising included \$700 from the Community Christmas Dinner, \$1700 from the Bookstall and \$1,035 from Bingo.

The Australia Day BBQ raised over \$1000 for the Mingeletta Early Intervention Program, thanks to the generosity of sponsorship by PB Real Estate.

Jane Clarke and Di Swalwel were commended for their wonderful efforts organising the PBPA 90<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary celebrations last year.

Stephen Parsons requested support from members for Clean-up Australia Day on Saturday 1 March.

Registration will open at the Hall at 8am.

Lynne Lillico, Publicity Officer announced 3 new events for 2020.

- Max Cullen and Warren Fahey presenting Banjo Patterson and Henry Lawson
- Trivia night organised by Helen and Adrian Thurlow
- Bush Dance organised by Di Swalwel and Pauline Toohey

Local RFS Captain John Allan expressed his appreciation for the outstanding community support with donations to date exceeding \$33,000. PBSAG raised \$15,000 from the 2 Sausage Sizzles and raffles. A special mention was made for the organisation of these events by Carolyn Everett. The money will be allocated to the purchase of new radios, work lights, technical gear for the truck, fit-outs at the station, modifications to the trailer and hopefully a second trailer.

### **Finance Working Group**

No report

### **Policies and Procedures**

No report

### **RFS**

John Hill reported that the PB Brigade has been very active in December and January being called out almost daily to attend fires. Crews have been to the South Coast, Taree, several times to the Blue Mountains, Gospers Mountain, and Mangrove Mountain. There have also been several call outs in and around Pearl Beach.

The Community Fire Unit is now ready for active service.

### ***The Gem***

Donna Higgins reported that the next GEM is the Autumn issue due out at the beginning of March. It was requested that all contributions need to be received by 14 February.

### **Hall Storage**

No report

### **Hall Building and Maintenance**

No report

### **PBSAG**

Paul Toohey announced that PBSAG has launched an initiative for a lifeguard at PB during the peak 5-6-week holiday period. They are seeking support from PBPA and individual members to lobby council.

The Street Contacts have been working hard over the summer period gather 93 additional mobile phone contacts, and have been encouraging residents to have their Bushfire Survival Plans in place.

### **Aboriginal History Group/ Guringai People Working Group**

Peggy Todd reported that the Aboriginal Film nights were popular. She found the cheapest film hire rate to be \$300per film, so a lot of work was required behind the scenes to obtain affordable films and fund the event.

### **Community Groups**

### The Arboretum

The Arboretum has received another grant, this time \$20,000 for a new propagating shed with wheel chair access.

The Koala project is still in the planning stages. There is a lot of ground work to do, with the first important issue being fox control. An information day will be held when sufficient progress has occurred.

### Bush Care.

The Bushcare group worked at Paul Landa reserve, with morning tea being provided by the late Paul Landa's daughter Sophie. March Bushcare will be held at Middle Creek.

Stephen Parsons and Malcolm Davison met with CCC representatives to discuss the lagoon. Silt traps, silt treatment and a concept study of the weir are currently options to pursue.

### Dune Care

No report

### Tennis and Bowls

No Report

### Plodders

The first plod for the year will be on Tuesday 11 March.

### Art and Craft

The group has resumed for 2020, even though it is hot in the hall.

### Pearl Beach Singers

The singers will meet for the first time this year at the end of this month.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

A member of Brisbane Water Rotary announced a "Titanic Night" to be held in the Hall on Saturday 18 April.

The President advised that he will be absent next meeting and that Vice President Malcolm Davison will chair the meeting.

John Hill requested the meeting agree to .....respect for all who have died for their country.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

The meeting welcomed 5 new members: John Kennett, Karen and Bruce Donaldson, James and Lindsay Boyd

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

Executive Committee Meeting at 3:00 PM Saturday 7 March 2020

General Meeting at 5:00 PM Saturday 7 March 2020