

**PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday 7 March 2020 at 5:00 PM**

**WELCOME**

Malcolm Davison (in the Chair), Lynne Lillico, Robert Lillico, Donna Higgins, Bev Kingston, Gary Phillips, John Haymes, Malcolm McDonald, Bev Lapacek, Barbara Grantham, Heather Brown, Vic Brown, Jane Borton, John Hill, Val Taylor, Tony Grantham, Ann Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Lynette Rich, Phil Rich, Sabine Kirschke, Gaby Porter, Paul Toohey, Peter Connor, Alison Phillips, Marjory Hathaway, Louise Rowling, Murray Bergan, Ernest Elstermann, Keith Wood, Stephanie Wood, Kay Williams, Jill Easterbrook, Greti Rieger, Paul Wickham, Adrian and Helen Thurlow, Warwick Teale, Annie K, Karen Ferguson, Mary Hyland, Ken Davison, Pim and Tom Sarti, John Palmer, Robin Bellamy, Prue Watson, Aafke Woldring, Jane Preston, Bronwen Young, Susie Elstermann

**APOLOGIES**

Peter Romey, Mary Knaggs, Russell Grove, Rebecca Jacobs, Libby Nelson, Glen Taylor, Jane and Vic Clarke, Lyn Capella, Gabby Compton, Allan Compton, Ross Christie, Ros Sumner, Andrew Cordwell, Paul Barclaire, Dorothy McDonald, Pauline Toohey

The President Peter Romey sent his apologies and tonight the meeting is chaired by Vice President Malcolm Davison

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

**MINUTES OF 1 FEBRUARY MEETING**

The Minutes of the 1 February General Meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**ITEMS**

**1. Hall Upgrade Project**

Following the passing of the Draft Resolution to accept the CCC grant at the February General Meeting, the President and the Building and Maintenance Sub-committee were 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. Quotes are now being sought from the builders who provided estimates, and a PBPA supervisor is being sought.

There are challenges working with and/or supervising volunteers. The insurance company that covers the Hall has also stated that they do not want volunteers involved in building works. It has been suggested that tasks such as painting and staining could be reasonable tasks for volunteers.

**2. Hall Storm Damage**

During the recent storm, a large tree from a neighbouring block fell on the back of the Hall. There are now two places where the roof needs repairs. The kitchen roof was damaged by the tree, with leaks through the hole in the kitchen roof as well as tile damage from the branches which fell on the roof. The second leak is around the skylight in the storeroom, with some books stored for the book fair being damaged. This damage was not caused by

the fallen tree but by heavy rain getting in through worn skylight seals. The insurance company gave approval for the branches to be removed from the roof and the property, but stated that this must be done by a contractor, not volunteers. They have also requested a quote which has been submitted for approval. The cost of the work to date plus the quote from a builder to repair the roof is \$6,500. Members need to be aware that the insurance company states that any task which could possibly be related to insurance must be completed by a contractor, not volunteers. When inspecting the roof, the builder noted issues with leaves in gutters and that some of the gutter guard needs replacing. He recommended the leaves be blown off the roof at least twice per year.

### **3. ANZAC DAY**

To be covered in Events

## **REPORTS**

### **Treasurer**

In the absence of the treasurer, Malcolm Davison presented the report on Income, Expenditure and Accounts Balances for January 2020, and noted that the \$66,000 grant from CCC has been deposited in a fixed term deposit.

### **Events and Publicity**

Lynne Lillico announced the upcoming events, including a request for items for the Easter Raffle. These can be delivered to either Barbara at 4 Opal Close or Greg at 55 Coral Crescent.

Lynne also announced that unfortunately, if an Anzac Day coordinator is not found very soon, the event will need to be cancelled.

She also announced that Bev Kingston has very generously donated \$1,000 for this year's music scholarship, in the name of Jill Roe.

Alison Phillips, who is coordinating the Easter Book Fair this year, has requested donations of books and collectables to be left on the side veranda. She stressed no more cook books, as she has been inundated with them. She also passed around a roster sheet for those who can assist with restocking books on tables, serving at the Back-Deck Café or on the Cake Stall to add their names.

The Two Turkeys, who are catering for the Titanic Night, informed the meeting that the organisers had been told that they (the organisers) were responsible for moving and reassembling the stage. The Executive had previously made a decision that only trained members could move the stage, so this will be followed up with the organisers.

Stephen Parsons reported that 24 people assisted with Clean-up Australia Day on Saturday 1 March, collecting 34 kg of rubbish.

### **Finance Working Group**

No report

### **Policies and Procedures**

The Vice President reported that PBPA now has a 'Safe use of Ladders' policy which will be displayed in the Hall and that for insurance purposes, all who use ladders in the Hall must follow the policy.

### **RFS**

John Hill reported on regional and local RFS issues.

### ***The Gem***

Donna Higgins reported that the Autumn GEM has been published and that the next Gem is due at the beginning of Winter. She also announced that due to other commitments, she unfortunately will no longer be continuing as Editor, and is seeking someone who would like to take over this role.

### **Hall Storage**

No report

### **Hall Building and Maintenance**

The Vice President formally thanked Tom Sarti for his wonderful contribution running the Hall Bookings for many years. Tom is stepping down from this role now that bookings are on-line. He also thanked Pim Satri for her wonderful contribution over the years mowing lawns and gardening. Both were presented with small gifts in appreciation. It was noted that both are already life members of PBPA.

Pim responded on behalf of herself and Tom, and mentioned a few issues she has noticed – missing tea towels and platters, the fire trailer being parked in a prime position (for deliveries, brides etc.) which she believes should be moved. She would also like a group organised to collect the leaf and branch debris on the streets, the beach and the reserve near the beach. Stephen Parsons informed the meeting that he had been informed by CCC that they were cleaning the patrolled beaches first, and would then clean beaches such as PB and Patonga.

### **PBSAG**

Paul Toohey announced that the results of the PBSAG current grant application for an emergency centre will soon be announced, and that he is constantly looking for more grants.

He also reported that PBPA had sent a letter to CCC requesting a life guard at PB during the busy season, but the reply from CCC was not very promising.

Neighbourhood Alert reminds everyone to be still be aware of changing weather conditions and that the fire season has not finished.

Paul Toohey also reminded everyone who experiences poor mobile phone coverage to respond to the email listed in the Gem as PBSAG needs the street information before the problem can be investigated.

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

In appreciation for the \$1,000 donation from the Australia Day BBQ, Mingeletta has donated to PBPA a beautiful crocheted rug/wall hanging.

### **Community Groups**

#### The Arboretum

One of the bridges in the Arboretum was badly damaged in the storm, and it is expecting that CCC will be repair it next week.

The Koala Project is steadily progressing. It has been announced that there are now 123 types of trees with leaves that are suitable for koalas to eat and that Koala Detection Dogs are the best way of locating koalas in forests.

#### Bush Care.

Stephen Parsons advised that the Bushcare group worked at Middle Creek with some weeding and some planting.

Dune Care  
No report

Tennis and Bowls  
No Report

Plodders

Bev Lapacek advised that the first plod for the year will be by bus to Kincumber, then walking to Davistown RSL for lunch and catching the ferry back to Woy Woy.

Art and Craft

The next meeting will be at Gaby Porters home

Pearl Beach Singers

Bev Lapacek advised that the singers are both delighted and relieved to have a new leader Trish.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Kay Williams referred to the survey for the Development Plan for Mt Ettalong.

She is concerned that there are important engineering concerns regarding stability that need to be addressed first. It was noted that the survey is open until the 16/3/2020 and can be accessed in the GEM.

The Vice President referred to a brochure supplied by Greg McPhee with advice on staying healthy during the Corona Virus epidemic. He noted that there is currently a lot of information available in the press, but that the brochure was available for anyone who would like to read it.

**NEW MEMBERS**

The meeting welcomed two new members: Keith and Stephanie Wood

**NEXT MEETINGS**

Executive Committee Meeting at 3:00 PM Saturday 4 April 2020  
General Meeting at 5:00 PM Saturday 4 April 2020