

**PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Draft)**  
**Saturday 4 May 2019 at 5:00 PM**

**WELCOME**

Peter Romey (in the Chair), Di Swalwell, Donna Higgins, Tony Higgins, Bev Kingston, Lynne Lillico, Russell Grove, Jane Clarke, Vic Clarke, Libby Nelson, Larry Nelson, Robert Lillico, Alison Phillips, Vic Brown, Heather Brown, Ann Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Bev Lapacek, Di McGregor, Tony McGregor, Susan Lancaster, , Louise Rowling, Ian Crawford, Victoria Crawford, Mary Knaggs, Valerie Taylor, Bill Abbott, Dorothy McDonald, Malcolm McDonald, Bronwen Young, Peter Conner, Chris Rhodes, Paul Wickham, Jeanette Sims, Richard Sims, Sabine Kirschke, Marjory Hathaway, John Palmer, John Allan, Greg McPhee, Linda McPhee, Helen Thurlow, Adrian Thurlow, Ross Christie, Ros Sumner, Gaby Porter, John Haymes,

**APOLOGIES**

Gabby & Alan Crompton, Gary Phillips, Barbara and Tony Grantham, Pat and Carolyn Everett, Klass and Aafke Woldring, Peggy Todd, Andrew Cordwell, Annie K, Karen Ferguson, Paul Barclair, Deb Rhodes, John Hill, Jill Easterbrook

**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 plans have been amended and the DA application paperwork including the Statement of Environmental Effects and Heritage Impact Statement is in progress. The objective is to have the DA lodged by next week or soon after.

The project may be eligible for a grant under the My Community Project scheme and an application is currently being prepared, by Ross Christie and the President. Given that on average the total grant money available within each electorate will be \$260,000 and the grant allocations will be made on public voting, the program is likely to be very competitive.

**2. Hall Lighting & Sound Upgrade**

Gary Phillips is preparing a set of instructions for the operation of the new sound equipment.

Upgrades to the power points has started, and the new lighting is currently being installed under the supervision of Paul Wickham.

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

An article is being prepared for the *Peninsular News* and contact is being made with the Federal Member about coastal track. Peninsular News journalist Marilyn Vale has walked the coastal track and is impressed by its potential.

**4. Diamond Road Repairs**

The President reported that he received a letter from CCC stating that they had made repairs to Diamond Road in 2018. He responded to this with photos of the worst sections of the road and a conversation with the Director, Roads, Transport, Drainage and Waste, who agreed to investigate further.

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

The proposed Debate has been cancelled. Rachel Shea is seeking loan of old film/videos of Pearl Beach for digitalisation. Owners will be supplied with free digitalised copies of their old footage. \$483 of 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary merchandise was sold at the Book Fair and \$322 was raised for online sales of 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wines.

## **6. PBPA Policies and Operational Guidelines**

The Policies and Procedures Working Group have placed the draft operational guidelines document for the Association on the website for feedback by mid June 2019. The guidelines will be finalised by the Executive and presented at the July meeting. Hall users in particular are encouraged to review the Hall hire guidelines and provide comments.

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive**

Refer above **ITEMS**

### **Finance**

The Treasurer reported on the summary of the Association income and expenditure for March 2019 and account balances. All fixed term accounts have now been transferred to Bendigo Bank.

We currently have \$94,742.14 in the bank but it is noted that \$11,000 is money held on behalf of several beach front residents collected for the preparation of a report for beach scraping which did not proceed.

The Finance Committee is currently working on the budget for 2019-20.

### **Events and Publicity**

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

- the two Showcase concerts on 25 and 26 May
- the 3 Music concerts on the June long weekend, 8 and 9 June
- the Aboriginal History Group's Weaving workshop on Tuesday 16 July
- Christmas in July on 20 July
- the Glee Club concert *Nine Decades of Musical Memories*, Friday 23 and Saturday, 24 August.
- Jazz in the Arboretum, 6 October.

Victoria Crawford reported on the Book Fair. Book sales raised \$5,022.70, coffee shop \$325, cake stall \$883, raffle \$1,400, fine arts \$680, making a total of \$8,311.60. The event involved 50 helpers and many donations from local residents. This is the main fundraiser for the Hall yearly expenses. Victoria advised the meeting that she intended to step down as coordinator, so a volunteer to take over the role was needed. The members expressed their appreciation for the efforts of Victoria and her team.

Di Swalwell reported on Anzac Day, which was attended by approximately 180-200 locals and visitors. She thanked Russell Grove in particular for his pre planning, as well as Jeanette Sims, Paul Wickham for audio visual, Di McGregor for her talk and Vic and Heather Brown. A donation of \$370 was raised for Central Coast Legacy. The members expressed their appreciation for the efforts of Di and her team.

The Literary Lunch with Ben Quilty is sold out.

### **Policies & Procedures**

Refer **ITEM 6** above.

### **Rural Fire Service**

John Allan reported that an extension is currently being erected adjoining the existing fire station, increasing the floor size by 50%. This room will be used for training purposes.

The Volunteer Service believes 2 fire trailers which can be moved to wherever they are needed are essential for the village. To allow for rotation 10 people would be needed to be trained per trailer. The members took the Area Commander for a drive around the streets of Pearl Beach to help him appreciate the need and encourage him to support the funding required.

### **Hall Building and Maintenance**

The new sound system and lighting installation are being finalised.

### **PBSAG**

The President advised that he had followed up PBSAG's concern re the condition of the Pearl Beach Amenities Block and reported that CCC has indicated that it is in better condition than many other amenity blocks in CCC and is therefore low on their list of priorities.

Paul Toohey and Russell Grove presented PBSAG's proposal under the My Community Project so apply for a grant to equip the Community Hall as an Emergency Centre for consideration.

The President advised that the Executive have resolved to recognise the extensive work done by PBSAG and to support the planned submission in principle, but given the limited grant funds available has requested PBSAG to reduce to the scope of work and to check with SES/Police to confirm that the concept was acceptable. The meeting indicated its support for the proposal to equip the Hall as an Emergency Centre and to support the application in principle.

The meeting also noted that a submission was being prepared under the My Community Project for the Hall upgrade project, and that priority be given to the Hall project if each community group is limited to a single submission. Applications are due in by 15 May and the results will be determined by public voting.

### ***The GEM***

Donna Higgins, Gem Editor reported that the results of the online survey of members supporting the Gem being an online edition only were as follows: 40 for and 4 against. As a transition, the next edition will be both online and in hard copy and the edition after that will be online.

### **The Aboriginal History Group**

The Aboriginal History reported that they are developing a program for Naidoc Week, which is the last weekend in November.

Note: The Aboriginal History Group in conjunction with the Art and Craft group will be running a weaving workshop on Tuesday, 16 July.

### **Community Groups**

#### The Arboretum

Victoria Crawford reported that on 9 March the Arboretum held a morning tea to farewell Carol Serventy, patron of the Arboretum, and Julie Anne Phillips, who was a Committee member, a volunteer, and wonderful maker of morning teas.

Following the sighting of more foxes, the National Parks rangers will be baiting traps.

#### Bush Care

Stephen Parsons reported that the group worked at Paul Landa Reserve this morning, and will return next month to tackle the extensive weed issue. The Council Bush and Dune Care coordinator will try to organise a contractor to assist with tasks that are too big for the group.

#### Dune Care

The Council coordinator will visit Fay (long term Dune Care coordinator for Pearl Beach who is in poor health) and organise some assistance for the group.

#### Water Watch

Paul Wickham reported on the latest local rainfall statistics, with the March rainfall recording 46% above the average and April rainfall below average. The water readings in the creeks indicated good quality water. The current temperature in the ocean and pool is 22 degrees.

#### Tennis and Bowls

A social day will be held on 26 May. A BBQ lunch will be provided at the cost of \$10.

#### Plodders

There will be no Plod in May. The next Plod will be held on Tuesday 18 June.

#### Art/ Craft

The group will be hosting Australia's Biggest High Tea in support of the Cancer Council on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm - cost \$15. Donations of cakes and sandwiches were requested.

#### Pearl Beach Singers

The Pearl Beach Singers are currently rehearsing for the Glee Club Concert.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

New member - Karen Moses

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Lyn Capella is seeking donations of unwanted blankets and sleeping bags for the homeless. Donations should be given to Lyn or Bev Lapacek.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Executive Committee Meeting at 3:00 PM Saturday 6 July 2019

General Meeting at 5:00 PM 6 July 2019