

**PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday 2 November 2019 at 5:00 PM**

**WELCOME**

Peter Romey (in the Chair), Russell Grove, Lynne Lillico, Gabby Crompton, Donna Higgins, Bev Kingston, Gary Phillips, Paul Wickham, Louise Rowling, Alison Phillips, Greti Rieger, Jill Easterbrook, Sue Lancaster, Annie Karbowiak, Klaas and Aafke Woldring, Malcolm McDonald, Bev Lapacek, Barbara Grantham, Heather Brown, Vic Brown, Robert Lillico, Tony Higgins, Jane Borton, John Hill, Val Taylor, Ros Sumner, Ross Christie, Bill Abbott, Rebecca Jacobs, Tony Grantham, Kay Williams, Bill Blinko, Paul Barclair, Ann Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Margaret Brown, Lynette Rich, Phil Rich, Alan Compton, Sabine Kirschke, Di Swalwell, Cecile Ferguson, Margaret Westcott, Jane Borton, Mary Knaggs, Vickii Davison, Peggy Todd

**APOLOGIES**

Libby Nelson, Russell Grove, Jeanette Sims, Richard Sims, Dorothy McDonald, Glen Taylor, David Brown

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

**MINUTES OF 7 SEPTEMBER MEETING**

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

**ITEMS**

**1. Presentation by Gosford SES**

Deputy Commissioner Werner Klumpp and volunteer Wendy Whitmore from Gosford SES briefed the meeting about the role of the SES in emergencies. He clarified that the SES is responsible for responding to damage from storms, floods and tsunamis whilst the fire brigade is responsible for fires. All agencies assist each other if requested. The SES can be contacted on **132500**.

Deputy Commissioner Klumpp responded to questions about the role of the SES, and the members expressed their appreciation for the presentation.

**2. Hall Upgrade Project**

The President advised that the Hall Building and Maintenance Committee propose to develop a feasible staged program of work for some components using PBPA funds and volunteer labour if the grant applications are unsuccessful.

**3. Grant Program Updates**

The President advised that to date there had been no decision in regard to the two current grant applications for funding to support the Hall upgrade project i.e. the Community Infrastructure (CCC) and Community Building Partnership (NSW govt.) programs. The Australia Post grant application submitted on behalf of the Association by PBSAG for additional fire trailer equipment was unsuccessful.

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive**

Refer above **ITEMS**.

The Executive has agreed to proceed with the purchase of a hanging system for the Hall which would enable artwork to be displayed without damage to the walls/paint work. The Executive noted that the system would improve the useability of the Hall, and enhance its attractiveness to external hirers. Malcolm Davison advised that the Art and Craft group would donate some funds towards the purchase, and that Jocelyn Maughan had donated a painting which could be raffled to help offset the cost.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer's report on Income, Expenditure and Accounts Balances for August/September 2019 was presented by Vice President Malcolm Davison.

### **Events and Publicity**

Publicity Officer Lynne Lillico reported on recent and current events of the Association. She also presented the successful *Tides of Time* 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend as a series of slides.

It was noted that the *Jazz in the Arboretum* was very well received by the audience although attendance at the event was down on previous years and the financial return on the event was disappointing. The raffle at the event raised \$926 for the RFS.

### **Finance Working Group**

No report

### **Policies and Procedures**

No report

### ***The Gem***

Donna Higgins, Editor asked that all contributions from completed events be sent now and the remainder be sent as soon as the event has occurred. The summer issue of *The Gem* will be published at the beginning of December.

### **Hall Storage**

No report

### **Hall Building and Maintenance**

Refer **ITEM 2**.

### **PBSAG**

Malcolm Davison reported that the street representatives had recently attended a Neighbour Alert meeting and would soon be delivering important fire readiness information sheets to residents. The members raised a number of queries about the system and the various fire warning text messages. The President agreed to arrange for a briefing by PBSAG/RFS representatives at the December General Meeting.

PBSAG has lodged a grant application for \$19,430 for a Solar Plus Battery System for the Hall.

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

Peggy Todd reported on the *Bungaree Commemorative Weekend* on 22,23 & 24 November. She advised those attending the Corroboree on the beach to bring their chairs and to remember that it is an alcohol-free zone.

## **Community Groups**

### The Arboretum

Anne Parsons reported that the group is very hopeful of success regarding their Koala grant application. It is also investigating setting up a 'Bush Tucker Garden'.

The group has had success cultivating Native Guava plants, which are critically endangered. Staff from the Royal Botanical Gardens recently visited the Arboretum to collect some of these plants, as they are possibly the only ones surviving in the wild due to Myrtle Rust.

### Rural Fire Service

The Mid September "Get Ready Day" was well attended. It was noted that the Government had mandated that employers are not allowed to penalise employee fire fighters who miss work due to fire fighting.

### Bush Care

The group worked at Paul Landa Reserve today, planting and weeding.

### Dune Care

No report

### Water Watch

Paul Wickham reported that we will possibly receive rain in January. The current water temperature is 21degrees.

### Tennis and Bowls

The Tennis/Bowls social day is planned for Sunday 8 December with a 3pm start. Attendees need to register their attendance with Judy McFarlane.

### Plodders

Twelve members enjoyed the stay in Kiama. On 19 November the Plodders will visit Mt Penang Gardens with lunch at the cafe there. 17 December Plod will be a mystery walk at sunset plus champagne.

### Art and Craft

Bev Lapacek asked for volunteers to help set up tables for the November Exhibition. She also reported that Craft Group numbers are very low and they are seeking new members.

### Pearl Beach Singers

A new Musical Director and pianist is being sought for 2020.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

There are 5 new members: Alexander Irvine, Trish Affleck, Nicola Simpson, Phillip Galbraith, Lucille Atkins, Alexander Irvine.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Donna Higgins reported on a 'Buddy Group' proposed by local resident Louise Rowling. A meeting will be organised for early December seeking local residents' ideas regarding the needs of our aging

community, especially those with dementia and/or physical disabilities and those who live alone. The vision is to develop a 'helping community', matching people who have specific needs with other members of the community who can meet some of those needs.

The passing of long time Pearl Beach resident Keith Leggo was noted by the members.

Kay Williams reported Council had repaired a drain following her letter reporting the problem, so she had then sent a letter of thanks.

Gary Phillips reported on a letter he received from Council advising that the road surface of the final bend of Pearl Beach Drive coming into Pearl Beach will be resurfaced to improve grip for vehicles.

Malcolm Davison reported that matters of vandalism should be reported to Crime Stoppers, not the local police.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

Executive Committee Meeting at 3:00 PM Saturday 7 December 2019

General Meeting at 5:00 PM Saturday 7 December 2019