

**PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday 7 September 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, Jeanette Sims, Adrian and Helen Thurlowe, Richard Sims, Jill Easterbrook, Sue Lancaster, Annie Karbowiak, Paul Toohey, Klaas and Aafke Woldring, John Palmer, Ian and Victoria Crawford, Larry Nelson, Malcolm and Dorothy McDonald, Bev Lapacek, Barbara Grantham, Heather Brown, Vic Brown, Chris Rhodes, Robert Lillico, Tony Higgins, Jane Borton, Mary Knaggs, John Hill, Val Taylor, Ros Sumner, Ross Christie, Bill Abbott, Rebecca Jacobs, Tony Grantham, Duncan Bendall Charles, Greg McPhee, Lyn Capella, Pauline Toohey, Kay Williams, Bill Blinko, Karen Ferguson

**APOLOGIES**

Malcolm Davison, Libby Nelson, Jane Clarke, Di Swalwell, Vic Clarke, Barry and Carolyn Marks, Margaret Brown, Ann and Stephen Parsons, John and Jan Steinbeck, Deb Rhodes, Linda McPhee

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

**MINUTES OF 3 AUGUST MEETING**

The Minutes of the 3 August General Meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**ITEMS**

**1. Hall Upgrade Project**

The members were advised that the two My Community grant applications for the Hall were not successful.

The President advised that he has submitted an application for the CCC Community Infrastructure Grant program to support the Hall Upgrade Project, following a request to the Executive for authority to do so. Two builder's quotes were required for the application. Based on these quotations, the application was for \$66,000, with \$33,000 (including \$9,000 in kind based on 300 hours x \$30/hour) contributed by PBPA on a \$2 to \$1 ratio.

The President also advised that he has written to the CCC about requesting that the Association be exempted from the payment of annual rates for the Hall (annually more than \$4k). This submission followed a discussion by Russell Grove and Ross Christie with the CCC Mayor at the anniversary celebration of the Arboretum.

**2. CCC My Community Grant Program**

The President highlighted the unsatisfactory method by which grant approvals were determined. There were 17 projects competing within the Gosford electorate. The 3 successful applicants were two Umina life saving clubs with sizeable memberships and a Gosford community garden group. The Hall upgrade application was 10th and the Hall emergency centre project was 13th in the voting. However, it was estimated that only around of 1.1% of eligible voters actually cast a vote.

### **3. PBPA 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday 2019**

The President reported on progress with the organisation of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, including the completion of interviews for the oral history project by the end of September. Russell Grove made a further request for donations for the raffle.

### **4. Storing PBPA documents ‘in the cloud’**

Gary Phillips reported on the setting up of storing PBPA documents “*in the cloud*” to facilitate ongoing access and to improve corporate governance. Access accounts have been set up for Executive Committee members.

### **5. Pearl Beach road & traffic Issues**

The President advised that he had been contacted by Gosford MLA Liesl Tesch, who advised that she would be attending the next meeting of the CCC traffic committee, and needed some documentation about current road and traffic issues in Pearl Beach. The President is preparing a report summarising these issues.

### **6. Executive Committee 2019-20 nominations**

The President advised that nominations for the 2019-20 Executive Committee would need to be received by the Secretary one week before the AGM. It was noted that Gabby Crompton and Di Swalwell were retiring from the Executive. Nominations were encouraged from the membership.

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive**

Refer above **ITEMS**.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Russell Grove, Vice President on the income, expenditure and account balances for July 2019.

It was noted that the Treasurer queried CCC’S charges to the Association for the tennis court reserve for the *Hot Dogs on Parade* event on 8 September, but that there was no agreement by CCC to waive the charge.

### **Events and Publicity**

Lynne Lillico, Publicity Officer reported on recent and current events of the Association.

### **Finance Working Group**

No report

### **Policies and Procedures**

No report

### **The Gem**

Donna Higgins reported that the spring edition has been distributed.

### **Hall Storage**

No report

## **Hall Building and Maintenance**

Refer **ITEM 1**.

## **PBSAG**

PBSAG reported that the Tennis Court defibrillator problem is related to the security connections, and the unit would function properly in an emergency

It was reported that PBSAG's My Community Grant application for emergency support at the Hall had been unsuccessful. It was confirmed that the operation and maintenance of the new fire trailer is the responsibility of the RFS. The Australia Post grant application for additional fire trailer equipment is pending. Both RFS and SES have organised fire season *Get Ready* safety training sessions in September/ October.

PBSAG have organised a Neighbourhood Alert Officers meeting for 10 September at 6 30 pm.

Interference with the beach safety equipment is a concern. It was noted that a proposal to erect fake security cameras is being considered.

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

Peggy Todd reported on the *Bungaree Commemorative Weekend* on 22,23,24 November. A flyer is being distributed.

## **Community Groups**

### The Arboretum

Victoria Crawford reported on the recent 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary celebration and the forthcoming AGM on 14 September 2019 in the Hall.

### Rural Fire Service

John Hill tabled an RFS report detailing current statistics e.g. "Call-outs" and events, including the Pearl Beach *Get Ready Day* on 13-14/9/19.

### Community Day

Annie Karbowski reported on the forthcoming Community Day on 21/9/19, from 9-11 am, a joint initiative of Bush Care and Dune Care. Volunteers are to meet in the park at the end of Agate Street. A sausage sizzle will be provided.

### Dune Care

Greg McPhee provided details of Dune Care activities. An update on Faye's health was also given.

### Water Watch

Paul Wickham gave a current report on local rainfall, water conditions and weather/ water temperatures.

### Tennis and Bowls

Robert Lillico thanked the membership for the increase in recent numbers playing bowls.

### Plodders

Bev Lapecek reported on recent and current events (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month), including the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, trip to Kiama and the forthcoming walk down to Pearl Beach from the waratah patch. Information was given about the Gosford Open Garden weekend on 28-29/9/19 from 10am-3pm, including 61 Crystal Avenue, Pearl Beach.

### Art and Craft

Bev Lapacek reported on the Art and Craft group activities on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month.

### Pearl Beach Singers

The membership was informed that a new Musical Director and a new Pianist would be required as the Irvines are retiring.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

No new members.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Queries about procedures for the sound equipment and movement of the stage were made. These instructions are being documented and the requirement for compliance are being added to the PBPA Policies and Operational Guidelines.

The members were reminded that orders for the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration wines will need to be made by 15 November for a Christmas delivery.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Executive Committee Meeting at 3:00 PM Saturday 12 October 2019

Annual General Meeting at 5:00 PM Saturday 12 October 2019

General Meeting at 5:00 PM Saturday 2 November 2019