

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

6th MAY 2023 at 5.00 pm

Attendees

Karina Stafford (in the Chair), Tanya Masters (Secretary), Amanda Winley, Nigel Tisdale, Paul Barclaire, Vickii Davison, Malcolm Davison, Matt Fallon, Karen Moses, John Utting, Malcolm McDonald, Dorothy McDonald, Victoria Crawford, Ian Crawford, Mary Knaggs, Peter Romey, Kerry Caloyannadis, Klaas Woldring, Aafke Woldring, Lynne Lillico, Margaret Moore, Peter Richardson, Peter Connor, Heather Brown, Penryn Maddrell, Bronwen Young, Gerarda Luck, Peter Doddrell, Jane Borton, Peter Richardson, Penryn Maddrell.

Apologies

Peggy Todd, Pauline Toohey, Paul Toohey, Douglas McDonald, Marianne Hulsbosch, Hans Huslbosch, Adrian Thurlow, Helen Thurlow, Robert Lillico, Russell Grove, Bev Lapacek, Kate Lindsay, Ross Lindsay, Vicki Powell, Gabby Crompton, Bev Allen, John Allen

Business Item

Acknowledgement of Country

Karina acknowledged the traditional owners –

“As we gather in the name of the Pearl Beach Progress Association, we acknowledge the GURINGAI people as the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet, and pay our respect to their Elders-past, present and emerging; and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of this area.

Minutes of Previous General Meeting

A link to the Draft Minutes of the previous meeting on 1/04/ 23 was included in the notice of meeting sent to membership on 27/04/23 and will be available on the website once ratified.

Business Item

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

It was proposed that the Minutes from the April meeting be accepted.

Proposed: Gerarda Luck

Seconded: Peter Romey

Financial Reports

The Financial reports for March were emailed to members on 27/04/23.

A summarized version was presented to the meeting by the Treasurer Amanda Winley. Amanda pointed out that the results presented were for March when there had been little happening after the hectic period over December, January and February.

The April results show an upward trend, and Amanda congratulated the hard working team for the increase.

She also pointed out that would be substantial costs in the coming few months; most notably Building and Public liability Insurance. In 2022 the insurance had been \$12000, however it is expected to increase to 18 -20,000 for 2023.

Moved that the financial reports be accepted. All agreed

Proposed: Nigel Tisdale

Seconded: Mary Knaggs

Prior to the Committee reports, Karina thanked the Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary for their hard work. Applause from those present.

REPORTS SUB COMMITTEES

Hall Management; Report - Victoria Crawford

Refurbishment

Victoria advised that prior to the General Meeting there had been a productive meeting regarding the hall refurbishment. Victoria advised that there had multiple ideas presented, however anyone who still wished to contribute suggestions can do so by emailing her on : vfc1951@gmail.com.

She reported the community and Hall Committee needs to work out a Master Plan to include :

- what needs to be done
- how it can be done and financed

Business Item

- timetable for completion

She suggested some things would need to be addressed in the very near future and other things may take up to 10 years to complete.

Victoria indicated that all suggestions would be considered by the Hall Management Committee and a schedule would be presented to a Special General Meeting in July to approve the plan and costs.

Further, she indicated that there are a number of village “professionals” who are able to offer their advice.

The Committee would be looking at sources of Grants.

Hall Compliance

The original builder has now rectified the back deck stairs and the Certifier has approved the deck and store. Awaiting the issue of Certificate of Occupancy.

The 2023 annual fire safety inspection was conducted on 24/4/23 and the Annual Fire Safety statement has now been issued.

Safety Advisory Group

Paul Toohey apologized for his absence. Nigel Teasdale updated progress with a number of current projects.

- The Telcos essentially believe we are too small a village to warrant them putting in additional infrastructure. It seems unlikely that PB will be included in the PUMP grant due to this “telco apathy”.
- Still waiting for approval for the Spearpoint with the application having been in since March, now promised to be early June.
- Dr Gordon Reid has passed on the SAG request for supplying a monitoring device to Minister Rowlands. This would hopefully provide a definitive date about the poor reception many in the community receive.
- The Emergency response beacon has now been installed. Just waiting on Council signage to explain its use.
- A successful Beach Safety talk was held on 17th April by Louise Lambert and Craig Healy.
- The Community Fire Unit is still desperately short of members. Please consider joining if you are able. Nigel reminded the meeting that the CFU training is not as arduous as the RFS training.

Business Item

Events and Fundraising : Report- Gerarda Luck

Gerarda displayed a list of events and community functions that were coming up over the next few months.

- May 7th A Song for Life. Concert in aid of Lifeline (CC) tickets \$65 Humantix
- Sunday 14th May . Community BBQ and Breakfast. Now sells local fruit and veggies, honey, jams and eggs.

Gerard also advised that there would be a “jam making” session in the Hall kitchen at 9am on 17th May.

- 20th May PBPA and Irvine Family Scholarship concert commencing at 10am. See later notes.
- May ; 1st and every 3rd Wed. Winter Classic cinema. Occasional night-time movies will also be screened.
- Car Boot sale. Gerarda highlighted a new initiative to be held on Saturday of the June long weekend. Stalls in the hall will have a \$25 donation fee. Please see Kerry Caloyannadis to book a place.
- Beatles rebooted in the Arboretum. A joint fundraising event with PBPA and the Arboretum. Victoria Crawford said tickets were on sale (online) and selling well.

Gerarda thanked Alison and Gary Phillips for their hard work coordinating the Book Fair, which successfully included a few extra fundraising stalls.

Overall \$11,500 was raised.

Victoria also said that a further \$2000 had been raised at the January Book Fair. There will be a “debrief “ meeting with all stakeholders to work out what could be improved.

She also thanked Malcolm McDonald for organizing the Trivia night which was a huge success. This event was not a fund raising initiative, but rather a fun community event

Environment Group : Report - Mary Knaggs

- Mary thanked Penryn Maddrill who co-ordinated the building of nesting boxes. Eleven highly motivated people came to the workshop and built 19 boxes which will be placed in their backyards over the next week.

Malcolm Davison also thanked Penryn for organizing the workshop. Karina asked whether this project would be ongoing. No decision made as yet.

Mary went on to thank Bunnings at Umina for donating \$1000 worth of materials used for the project.

- Mary outlined the proposed Environment sub-committee talk to be held on June 3rd in the hall. There is no General meeting on that day. Aussie Ark will talk about it's projects and potential vision to create long term futures for threatened Australian species.

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A donation will be requested at the door.

REPORTS WORKING PARTIES

Updating of PBPA Constitution and Guidelines: Convenor Victoria Crawford

The draft version of the updated Constitution was sent to all members and friends on 27/4/23. Additionally it is available on the website. Victoria reported that she has been receiving feedback with varying suggestions.

If the Committee can incorporate these changes they will do so. If this cannot occur for whatever reason, Victoria advised she would speak with the member personally and explain. Additionally she would be available after the GM to speak with anyone present. She reported that the revised Constitution was predominantly based upon the Model Constitution sent to all associations such as PBPA by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

A Special General Meeting will be held in July to present the final draft to members .

Victoria asked members to please contact her (vfc1951@gmail.com) with any further suggestions or concerns.

Central Coast Council Liaison: Convenor Peter Richardson

Peter reported that following the joint meeting with Rik Hart (CCC Administrator), a written update from Boris Bolgoff (Director of Infrastructure) had included the following:

1. Review of heavy patching proposals and monitoring on a priority basis
2. Several sections of Diamond Rd are scheduled for renewal in 23/24 and 26/27 financial years .
3. The traffic calming application that was submitted to CCC in 2022 is awaiting TfNSW guidance and determination. The proposal was for a reduction in the speed limit in the village to 40km with a further reduction to 10km in the vicinity of the café and playground.

Consultation with the community will occur prior to any changes in traffic limits occurring.

- Regarding to PBPA's request for an upgrade public utility and sanitary bins to be provided , the response was that no sanitary bins would be provided. However, an assurance was given that the public toilets will be cleaned on a daily basis.
- It was further advised that despite previous assurances that the stabilization of Pearl Beach Drive was budgeted for, (having reportedly set aside \$ 150,000, this has now been assessed by Geotech as non critical. There will be a further investigation in 2023/2024 fiscal year.
- There has been no update on the Lagoon CZMP stormwater action plan to include silt traps. This is despite \$200,000 being initially set aside for this rectification process.

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- Also no update on the Mt Ettalong Lookout renewal.

Welcome New Membership

Karina welcomed new members Magdalen Malone and William Bissett.

RURAL FIRE SERVICE AND COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT

Neither Lindsay Boyd nor Luke Stevenson were able to be present at today's meeting. Nigel Tisdale reported that there had been a call out to a house fire at Umina approximately an hour prior.

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Dune and Bush Care

Stephen Parsons apologized for his absence. Malcom Davison reported that Bushcare and Dunecare helpers had met this morning and planted about 15 Acacia Sophorae on the from dune area. These plants had been proved by Keith Rachow and were very much appreciated. This area had been cleared of asparagus fern in previous months.

A separate team tackled bitou, ochna and asparagus fern on the now difficult to safely access headland track.

Malcom reminded all that Bush care is the 1st Sat and Dune Care is the 2nd Sat each month .

Arboretum

Victoria reminded all that there would be the usually working bee at the Arboretum on the 3rd Sunday in the month (21st May).

She reported that a Landscape Architect has been engaged to prepare a Masterplan for the Arboretum. We have received a grant for an ecological survey from the Central Coast Protection of the Environment Trust fund.

Main areas of concern are the entrances and equitable access to at least the main pathway and new wetland boardwalk. Also looking to explore "connection to Country" and The Boardwalk will require approximately \$450,000 to repair.

We also plan to extend the verandah to enable people to be seated under shelter and accommodate 30-40 people

Plodders

Bev Lapacek apologized for her absence and wanted to remind all that Plodders walk on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Lats walk, 25 people "plodded" from Hawkesbury River Station to the massive Rock at Parsley Bay, followed by lunch at a local café. Next walk 16th May to Chocolate and Fudge Company at Gosford.

Business Item

OTHER BUSINESS

Anzac Day

Malcolm Davison reported a large crowd attended the excellent Dawn Service on ANZAC day. He thanked Paul Wickham and Greti Rieger who did a fabulous job with the microphones and electrical setups. He also thanked Phil Rich, John Steinbeck, Erika Scott and Peter Romey for their contributions; as well as Jackson Hood who played the Last Post and Lily Frost. Malcolm also thanked Colonel Mick Campion and Kareme Danis for their speeches. Finally, all the wonderful chefs who baked Anzac biscuits for the morning tea.

Malcolm reported that our local member Liesl Tesch had phoned him the next day to say the service was remarkable and “the best on the coast”.

Karina then thanked Malcolm for organizing the morning.

Future Monthly Meeting options

Karina reported that the issue of the frequency of monthly meetings had been discussed at the last Executive meeting. She reported that we already do not have general meetings in June or January, and the proposal would reduce the number of meetings further from 10 to 6 ; plus the AGM in October.

The proposal would be that there would be held on the 1st Saturday every month- either a Community meeting or a General meeting. (excluding June and January as above). Karina requested that anyone who had suggestions for community meetings to please let her know. Some suggestions already were :
Talks by RFS and a Referendum forum.

Karina explained that the reason the change was being considered was to allow time between meetings for projects to be completed and committee tasks carried out. Currently, very little change is reported from month to month in some areas due to time constraints.

Additionally, many on the committee are busy with subcommittees, working groups and community events. It is hoped that each general meeting will be able to focus on “real change and progress “ since the previous meeting.

Karina proposed a trial of 6-12 months.

Malcolm McDonald raised the issue of the requirement to present such a change with notice to the community. He also queried whether such a change was within the guidelines of the Constitution.

NB Constitution states that at least SIX General Meetings to be held per year.

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Karina advised that she wanted to bring it to the attention of the meeting and a resolution would be put to the next General Meeting in July. All members will be provided with a copy of the proposal in their usual meeting notification sent out by the Secretary.

The proposed schedule of meetings during the trial period was displayed.

Additional Events : Pearl Beach Showcase and Scholarship Concerts

Lynne Lillico reported that PBPA has been working with the CC Conservatorium of Music for over 15 years. The concerts were initially the idea of the Irvine Brothers (former residents of Pearl Beach) who wished to foster positive relations with the Conservatorium and encourage young talented musicians.

The event will be held on Saturday 20th May with tickets costing \$15 day ticket or \$10 per concert.

Concert 1 -11am Pearl Beach Junior Showcase

Concert 2 - 2.30 pm Pearl Beach Music Scholarship concert., with the 2nd concert featuring a performance by Aaron Carey and Mia Cross.

Prizewinners

Piano Scholarship : \$1000 sponsored by Irvine Family

Pearl Beach Music Scholarship : \$1000 sponsored by Pearlys

People's Choice awards: \$500 sponsored by Russell Grove in memory of his late wife Frances Grove.

Peoples Choice Runner up \$250 sponsored by McGrath Real Estate

Lynne also spoke about the Pearl Beach bowlers going to Ettalong Beach to compete and raise money for Guide Dogs Assn. Last year the event raised \$3400.

Cinema Club is happening. Lynne thanked Peter Romey for stepping in to ensure the film 12 Angry Men could be shown.

Next film will be An Affair to Remember

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

All present were invited to stay for refreshments and general community socializing.

Next General Meeting Saturday July 8th.

Business Item