

North Arm Cove Residents Association
General Meeting 10 am 9 February 2018

Minutes

Welcome and acknowledgment of country Jim Parnell President.

Attendance: as per attendance sheet

Apologies: Gayle Chappell

Welcome to New Members

Minutes of Previous Meeting 15 December 2018 were read and accepted.

Proposed: Trish Woodrow Seconded Tony Hann

Agenda was suspended to allow members who wanted to leave early to hear the presentation on Electricity Deals provided by Michael Pickles

Main points

The current deal has been negotiated with Energy Australia. Red Energy had also been consulted however rates were not low enough.

Available to residents who hold a NACRA membership number. At present there are 50 plus interested members however we need more to sign up as interested.

The deal proposed is the Secure Saver Deal which is published on the website for Energy Australia. The rates will be \$1.54 daily rate and \$33.83 usage charge including GST and a discount of 32% for paying on time which will reduce the usage rate down to 23.01 c including GST.

Daily supply charge cannot be discounted at present. Power and Poles are a separate company. Most people are paying \$1.31 or \$1.41 with GST for the daily rate. The new pricing as at June 2019 will be \$1.54.

Residents should at the time of taking this deal up must not be locked into a current contract.

Electricity bills are ex GST and therefore confusing for residents when discussing rates with providers, especially for a minor discount.

Michael examined a number of local bills and found that there would be savings such as a bill of \$480 per quarter would be reduced to to \$440 per quarter.

The feed in tariff for those on solar will be 11.1 c plus GST.

The deal would be in place for 2 years and rates will reduce if there is an overall reduction for electricity nationally. There is no lock in contract with this deal. Off peak and other rates may have different pricing, depending on the meter installed at the residence.

The deadline for the deal is the end of March. NACRA will supply Energy Australia a list of interested residents and they will be contacted by phone. Residents will need their NACRA membership number and current electricity bill handy to discuss details.

We need 100 households to make this deal work and to establish a buying block for the long term such as with NBN and gas.

Pindimar and Bundabah can be invited to join the deal, however would not be eligible for NACRA membership under the NACRA constitution. These residents could be associate members or a partnership for this deal could be made between NACRA and Pindimar/Bundabah Residents Association.

Thanks expressed to Michael Pickles for his work on getting better rates for Cove residents.

Actions: NACRA Executive will supply members with their membership number by email.

NACRA Exec will organise a letterbox drop to encourage more residents to take up the deal.

The meeting then returned to Agenda Items.

Treasurers Report: There have been no transactions since the last meeting. The balance is \$52011.12.

Motion: Treasurers Report Accepted and that a cheque to the value of \$596.89 be drawn for payment of Public Liability Insurance Renewal. Proposed Bill Mollar Seconded: Alan Woodrow.

Correspondence In: Fame Cove Report, Medina Bay Access Committee update, Public Liability Insurance Renewal.

Correspondence Out : Acknowledgement of Susan Carter for her work as Secretary of NACRA. Thank you to Peter and Sandy Chappelow for toilet cleaning.

Correspondence Accepted:

Business Arising from Minutes 15 Dec. 2018

- Fame Cove Committee – Len Yearsley reported that The Fame Cove Sub Committee has by agreement not met with Tea Gardens Farms Representative Stuart Murray of Site R&D since 12 November 2018 as it was anticipated there would be little activity on site over the Christmas period. This Committees next scheduled meeting with Stuart is Monday 11 March 2019. We note: it was anticipated the D/A, Construction Certificates allowing the commencement of earth works of two asphalt roads W1 /W2 and E1 are approved. 7 D/As have been lodged for dwellings. It is anticipated this construction activity will have some noise impacts on Bundabah, North Arm Cove Villages and Fame Cove. The use of explosives is not contemplated. Heavy equipment is expected on site.
- Medina Bay Update – Medina Bay Access Plan is with Council surveyors and Staff need to calculate the VOLUMES required for the access road & a plan for the drainage works. After those calculations, then a costing for these works needs to be calculated.

Action: Contact John Blackburn and invite him to update NACRA at the next meeting.

- Dinghy Racks – Contact Kerrie Simpson for the model used at Smith’s Lake. History of racks not good across the Council area. Boats in racks as storage can be addressed by the Ranger. NACRA to ask people to remove boats stored and then progress to the Ranger. A proposal for managing the racks will be presented at the next meeting as Council has not been available to provide advice.

Action: Prepare proposal for consideration of NACRA after visit from Kerrie Simmons MDC.

- Signage: Gayle Chappell and Maria Pickles have prepared an initial mud map of existing and new signage for the Cove. It is noted that Council does not have funds for new community signs however does have funds for compliance.

Signs in place at present:

11 Speed Signs – 4 x 80 kph and 5 x 50 kph, 2 x 60 kph

Kangaroos – 5

Illegal Dumping x 4

Tree Preservation x 3

Old People/Children x 1

Summary of new signs proposed:

60 kph from Goorengi Road x 4 on both sides of the road.

50 kph x 8

Slow Down – People and Wildlife live here. X 3

Watch for cyclists x 3

Illegal Dumping x 4

Tree Preservation x 6

Members made notes on the mud map which will be taken into consideration for preparing a submission to the regional traffic committee.

The final submission will be presented to NACRA prior to progressing to the Traffic Committee.

- Toilet provided for Australia Day and 2010 funding. NACRA to apply for funding from MCC Events – Deb Tuckerman

Correspondence In: Medina Bay Access Committee update

Out: Support for Medina Bay Access Committee.

Appreciation to Sandy and Peter Chappelow – Toilet Cleaning

Business Arising from Correspondence.

Reports and projects

Southern Area Reference Group – Notes from February SRG attached to the Agenda and provided for members. See Annexure.

Bottle and Can Recycling in the Cove – Lyn McKee – Submission to TOMAR has been made for an account for NACRA so that residents can make a donation to NACRA when re-cycling bottles. The approval is due in March. It is proposed that one day will be organised when residents can bring their bottles and cans and place in a trailer so that they can be transported to a recycling centre.

Action: NACRA to advise residents when registration is approved and also the day for recycling.

Heros Beach Development and Rehabilitation – Barry Young has the previously approved plans and was not available to attend the meeting. Toilets are not approved for this site as the location would be too close to the water. There are funds available for remediation from Mid Coast Council. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Exercise Equipment: Council has suggested that a proposal for outdoor exercise equipment would be supported. There have been a number of proposals over the years developed in various stages by NACRA. Now new outdoor installations are available and popular in nearby communities. Barry Young is working on a proposal for NACRA members.

Proposed Changes to Tree Preservation Orders – proposed policy from Mid Coast Environment Group – Maria Pickles has posted information on the NACRA website. Residents are advised the current tree preservation orders are in place.

Discussion on illegal activities including clearing of land, dumping of rubbish, removal of trees on both urban and non-urban blocks. Residents aired concerns that some illegal activity is having an impact on the environment of the cove.

Tony Hann asked that Council be informed that Cove residents are not happy with the reluctance of council to prosecute illegal activity including felling of trees, clearing of land with a DA and placement of containers. Supported by the meeting.

Action: Complaint to be registered at the SRG.

Tony Hann suggested that the remote camera be booked for the Cove and placed in the areas north of the village to capture and deter dumpers including car dumpers.

Action: Booking of camera through Adam Fardell MDC to be requested.

Thanks to all participants and members at the meeting expressed by Jim Parnell.

Meeting Closed 11.00 am

Note: A number of members who are non-urban block owners were present at the meeting and after the meeting closed discussed issues and use of social media for contacting non urban block owners across the state. Trevor Vandenberg is the nominated contact for the group.

Action contact Richard Pamplin regarding Council's progress in appointing a project officer to start the process for resolving the paper estate issues in MCC area.

Next Meeting is scheduled for the 6 April 2019.

Annexure

Report from the Southern Area Reference Group Meeting 9 Feb 2019

Chair Daniel Aldridge, Manager Community Spaces Recreation and Trades, Mid Coast Council

News from Council.

The Focus of capital budgets is on Roads and Transport with a budget of \$100 million dollars, this is expected to take 2 years and address most of the \$160 million back log of works. Asset maintenance will not be provided unless it is a compliance issue. Compliance has a better budget for maintenance than Community Spaces and Recreation and Trades.

Halls will be managed by Alison Anthony and a specific officer will be appointed to work with Hall Committees. Dan Aldridge is the Manager for building programs and maintenance for Halls.

Bottle Recycling is available at Tuncurry Tip – this model could work for Tea Gardens

North Arm Cove Actions - Waiting for Action on the following items:

- Signs for the corner of Carrington and North Arm Cove (A white line will be sufficient) Prefer line option Kuma
- Kumar and Doug meeting arranged to discuss signs along Eastslope Way 50km/h sign required in middle of street. Email to be sent to LR. Awaiting response With RMS
- Casuarina Park – Increase in signage required. Response required from Richard Wheatley Email to be sent to LR Awaiting response Approved through Traffic Committee awaiting installation.

Following items are in abeyance at present.

Exercise Equipment – Advice is that a grant would be supported. Initial investigations have suggested that usage would be low. A review is recommended. NACRA

Recycling Bottle location – to be further investigated once the system is operational.

Casuarina Park Dinghy Ramp – needs extending. Unlikely to be funded from Council as it is too expensive – possible seek a local solution at North Arm.

Containers on blocks that are illegal – continue to liaise with Adam Fardell – NACRA Exec requires more info on the containers that are illegal.

Active Actions

Drainage Issues – full list of issues is required for the next SRG meeting. Robert Scott Director of Engineering Services will attend.

Heros Beach proposal for upgrade – toilets will not be considered as there is less than 150 metres from possible location to the waterway. Restoration of the beach – contact Gerard Tuckerman – to be funded from the Environmental Levy.

Toilet Cleaning –Need for cleaning noted by Dan Aldridge.

Porta Loos for Australia Day 2010 – contact Deb Tuckerman for funding.

Signage – New signs should be funded as part of Roads and Transport from Council. Contact the Traffic Committee. RMS is responsible for speed signs. Council's Traffic Engineer via council@midcoast.nsw.gov.au.

Dinghy Racks – Contact Kerrie Simpson for the model used at Smith's Lake. History of racks not good across the Council area. Boats in racks as storage can be addressed by the Ranger. NACRA to ask people to remove boats stored and then progress to the Ranger.