

North Arm Cove Residents Association: General Meeting
Saturday 11 February 2017 at the Community Hall commencing at 10:00 am
Minutes

1. Present 19 members including committee members Doug and Kath Kohlhoff, Tony Hann, Len Yearsley, Gary Sylvaney, Susan Carter, Bill Moller

Apologies: Christine Sylvaney, Cheryl Yearsley, Trish and Alan Woodrow

1.1. Change in Committee Membership with Maureen Kelly's resignation and Bill Moller accepting the invitation to join the committee. Maureen Kelly's contribution to the committee was acknowledged by acclamation.

2. Minutes

Moved: Tony Hann	Seconded: Gary Sylvaney	Carried
That the minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2016 be confirmed		

2.1. Business arising

Council's special rate variation proposed at the *Community Engagement meeting* was rejected by the government, but the 6% levy Great Lakes residents pay will presumably continue to run for another year. Great Lakes residents pay on average 14-16% more in rates than the other two areas.

Council was given \$15million by the State Government as "compensation" for amalgamation. Of this, \$1million is for small community projects. Of the remainder, the recommendations revealed \$9 million was to be allocated to Manning, \$4 million to Gloucester, and only \$1 million to Great Lakes. This is because of the state of bridges and roads in the other two areas. We are paying higher rates, will continue for the next 4 years, and the compensation for being merged goes elsewhere. The question of whether we can be 'demerged' was raised. That looks unlikely because of the staffing changes already in place eg two GM's have left.

Guests at last meeting – Karuah pharmacy report that the trial for delivery of pharmaceuticals is proving successful. Various people commented that they were happy with the system.

3. Correspondence

To/from (6) Jordan Deveny, Replas re <i>delivery</i>	8-12/12/2016
To/from (5) Indeewa Chandrawansa, RMS re <i>progress on dinghy ramp project</i>	12/12/2016-3/2/2017
To/from(5) Daniel Aldridge, MCC re <i>Approvals required for Community Precinct Project</i>	13-23/12/2016
From NSW Premier & Cabinet re <i>Application for bbq at Casuarina not successful</i>	16/12/2016
From/to Drew Morris, MCC re <i>Marine Parks approval of Dinghy Ramps</i>	5/1/2017
To Council re <i>concerns regarding speeding on village roads</i>	11/1/2017
To/from Ron Hartley, MCC re <i>Engineering issues related to Community Precinct Project</i>	1/2/2017 – 7/2/2017
From Elizabeth Hall re branches overhanging roads	17/02/2017

Moved: Len Yearsley	Seconded: Pat Brennan	Carried
That the correspondence be accepted		

Matters arising

An email has been sent to Council by the Association about the overhanging branches. A number of other community members have contacted Council - Doug will follow up with Tracey Farrant.

4. Reports

4.1. Treasurer's Report

February Report
from 1/12/2016 to 31/1/2017

Balances	Opening	Closing
Friends of Fame Cove	675.22	675.22
NACRA	5046.47	5126.98
Proj Stronger Comm.	47940.00	47940.00
Proj Waterfront Amen	23188.44	1108.04
Website cost provision	119.50	119.50
	76969.63	54969.74
Beyond Bank	76969.63	54969.74
Total	76969.63	54969.74

Plus Income to 31 Jan	
Interest	95.51
Member subscriptions	70.00
Total Income	165.51

Less Expenditure to 31 Jan	
NSW B.Boating Projects	22080.40
Hall Hire	85.00
Total Expenditure	22165.40

Closing Balance	=	54969.74
Financial members	=	66

Moved: **Kath Kohlhoff** Seconded: **Bill Moller** Carried
That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

- 4.2. **Waterfront Amenities Project** Work has now commenced on construction of the dinghy ramps. It is understood that the new drain will be where the existing drain is, and will be covered. This should mean no trees need to be removed.
- 4.3. **Boat Ramp and Water Access sub-committee** Council have received a copy of the draft report from Royal HaskoningDHV – Drew Morris (MCC) has a copy of this but Council is not ready to release it yet. NACRA does not yet have a copy.
- 4.4. **Casuarina Park** – David Read and his team have generously undertaken some clearing work in the reserve. Friends of Casuarina Park will undertake further work on the site after the summer heat.
- 4.5. **Hall Committee** – Maureen reported that the stage has been reduced providing more usable hall space. She said that wiring will be tidied up, the dishwasher will soon be installed, the Committee is seeking help from council to provide a sail shade of the play equipment, and an honour board of past presidents is planned. Future events planned include International Women's day, Christmas in July etc.
- 4.6. **Community Precinct** Planned discussions have been initiated with Council staff on the project.
- 4.7. **Fame Cove** This matter returns to the Land and Environment Court on March 24. It appears Mr Lee has applied for permission to quarry some 2 500 semi-trailer loads of rock for on-site use. It will require blasting and crushing which will have both visual and noise ramifications for the Cove. Some of the roads he has built are four times as wide as a normal bush track.
- 4.8. **Aquaculture** – Janine reported that one of the chemical containers used to refloat the sunken boat off Water Street lies submerged and is a hazard. Bob and Janine will continue to follow up with Waterways. There are no oysters in NAC now after the huge stock losses during the heat a few years ago. Oyster posts are adequately marked but those near Bundabah are in a very poor condition. Within Port Stephens, the Pacific Oyster is starting to recover and Sydney Rock Oyster production has increased - back to the 2006-7 level.

Moved: **Janine Reed** Seconded: **Tony Hann** Carried
That Janine write to fisheries on behalf of NACRA asking that unused and submerged oyster posts be removed..

Moved: **Pat Brennan** Seconded: **Barry Young** Carried
That reports be accepted.

5. General Business

- 5.1. An Association "logo" is needed to go beside the Roads and Maritime logo on a sign near the dinghy ramps. It was agreed the committee would decide.
- 5.2. Child and Youth Activities in the Cove – Gary Sylvaney asked for response from meeting about providing activities for children and youth in Cove. He suggested a survey so we can decide if there are enough children to warrant activities.
Moved: **Gary Sylvaney** Seconded: **Bill Moller** Carried
That Gary develop a written survey to be attached to Cove News to ascertain numbers, ages, when they are in the Cove and desired activities.
- 5.3. Trevor Vandenberg mentioned that tar had been dumped in the bush where it will contaminate Cove waters and drew attention to the dangerous new Hunter Quarry entrance in the 110 KPH zone. Colin Crews explained that a new road was being built to allow trucks to enter highway
- 5.4. Clean up Australia – Sunday, 5 March at 8.00 am to be organised this year by Rob Van Zandvliet.

6. Next General Meeting will be held on 8 April 2017 at 10am.

7. Closure 11.25 am