

**MINUTES OF NORTH ARM COVE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
held at the Community Hall following the AGM on Saturday, 11 August 2012**

MEETING OPENED at 10.21 am with Tony Hann as Chair.

ATTENDANCE: 20 members and 3 non-members as per attendance sheets including committee members: Len Yearsley, Susan Carter, Kerryan Griffin, Tony Hann, Doug Kolhoff, Peter Freeman, Louise Harvey.

APOLOGIES: Peter and Sandy Chappelow

THANKS to outgoing President and committee were expressed by Tony.

REMINDER – membership due 30 June 2012

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 9 June 2012 were distributed and accepted

Moved: Maureen Kelly Seconded: Jan Carter **Carried**

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES - :nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN

From	Date	Re	Action
Andrew Braybrook, GLC Mgr Community Services	11 July 2012	Thanking NACRA for involvement in pergola extension	File: Hall BBQ
Alexandra MacVean, GLC Snr Strategic Land Use Planner	18 July 2012	Draft Local Env't (LEP) and Development Control (DCP) Plans – meeting dates. Submissions by 24 August 2012 and advice re submissions	Meeting 2 August attended by Tony Hann, Stephanie Hunter. New file: GLC Draft LEP/DCP
Kris Koch, GLC Parks Asset Officer	24 July 2012	Draft Rec Boating strategy to be considered at GLC meeting 14 August 2012. Preview report on GLC website from 10 August 2012.	File: Boat ramp
Craig Beaumann, MP	24 July 2012	Call for nominations for Port Stephens Volunteer of the Year Award (by 24 August 2012)	File Misc Correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

To/From	Date	Re	Action
NACRA/Len Yearsley		Acquittal and report on grant for pergola extension	File: Hall BBQ

Moved: Doug Kohlhoff Seconded: Jan Carter **Carried**

REPORTS

Treasurer's report

It was moved that the report as presented to the AGM be accepted.

Moved: Len Yearsley Seconded: Pat Brennan **Carried**

Firewise Len drew attention to the following:

NAC is to be involved in trials of a new Village Community Protection Scheme. Preliminary work has commenced and we will be advised of the details soon.

The next stage of the fuel reduction burn has been approved for the area north of the village and will be carried out as soon as conditions permit .

Distribution of Bushfire Survival Plan literature by NACRA Firewise sub committee will be carried out when the balance of literature is provided by Darren Briggs, who recommends we all commence our summer property protection plans now.

Boat Ramp and Water Access Len said that while he was seeking information from Council regarding a meeting with Walker Corp re the possibility of a Village Boat Ramp at Beauty Point or some other suitable location on Walker Corp land, David Bortfeld GLC advised that as a result of community pressure from several groups and individuals Councillor Len Roberts is to seek funding for a feasibility study of Medina Bay as a possible boat ramp site. It will include survey, sea grass studies, drainage, engineering, civil works and necessary criteria to assess the cost effectiveness of the proposal prior to community consultation if feasible. This will be similar to the feasibility study conducted at Heros Bay. Council feels that there are only about 20 people interested in using a boat ramp. Tony added that it is the North Arm Cove Community Support Group, headed by John Blackbourne – not NACRA – that is requesting the investigation of Medina Bay. Len added that negotiations for the Walker Corp Site couldn't continue till the Medina Bay site had been investigated. Given the amount of interest, it was suggested that a forum be opened on the Website for discussion.

Fitness Trail Len reported that David Bortfeld advised NACRA should submit a preliminary plan and indication of community support and usage. This is a matter for the new committee.

Heros Bay Master Plan Len said that funds are included in GLC's current budget. David Bortfeld recommended the community, through NACRA, advise him of how they wish to proceed with the planning and determination of what facilities are required. Len recommended a public meeting of all interested parties chaired by David Bortfeld. This should be a priority matter for the new committee.

Hall BBQ area Len reported that all \$21,000 grant monies have been utilised and a finalisation report completed and forwarded to Communities NSW. The fitting out and of the project is now a matter for the Hall Committee. A letter has been received from Andrew Braybrook GLC thanking NACRA for its involvement in providing Grant funding and our ongoing commitment to the community. Maureen added that a meeting with Council's electrician is scheduled and it was hoped that 'the fitout' be finished by Christmas, perhaps including a woodfired pizza oven.

Website Doug reported that about 240 households per month are accessing the site – and a sub-committee meeting would be held soon.

Rubbish dumping Tony said that hidden cameras are posted around GLC area, including NAC, to capture pictures of people dumping. He referred people to the website for more information.

Five year plan – Tony said this had been drafted, but needed to be consolidated then put up for public display at a general meeting

Draft LEP – Tony said that NAC will be changed from Rural/Residential 2 to RU5 and classified as 'village'. He said that our waterways zoning is also being zoned W1 which is called a natural waterway (rather than recreational or working) because NAC is in a marine park. Under this classification there is no

provision for recreational boating but Council can permit certain activities eg moorings, jetties, boat ramps.

Foreshore erosion – Tony mentioned the difficulty of finding the appropriate government authority to get information about how to protect foreshore land from erosion.

Rates – Tony said there are some anomalies about the way NAC properties have been valued – some have been devalued by 18% and others by 22%. He said he has gained information from the Valuers General Office and this is available on the website.

Motion that the reports be accepted

Moved: Maureen Kelly Seconded: Maria Pickles

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Membership Subscriptions – Tony reminded the meeting that memberships were due.

Hall Hire fees Maureen said that the hall hire fee has gone up from \$11 to \$16 for two hours. She mentioned that the Hall Management Committee had worked hard to keep the fees down.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – 13 October 2012

With no further business, Tony declared the meeting closed at 11.20 am.

SUBMITTED – Susan Carter

Approved as a true and correct record:

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Tony Hann (Chairman)

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Date