

MINUTES OF NORTH ARM COVE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
held at the Community Hall at 10.00 am on 9 June 2012

MEETING OPENED at 10.05 am

ATTENDANCE: 15 members and 1 non-member as per attendance sheets including committee members: Len Yearsley (Chair), Susan Carter, Peter Freeman, Doug Kohlhoff,

APOLOGIES: Tony Hann, Louise Harvey, Kerryan Griffin, Peter and Sandy Chappelow, Rob Van Zandvliet, Steve Soper.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 14 April 2012 were distributed and accepted

Moved: Susan Carter

Seconded: John Aaltonen

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: - Stephanie Hunter questioned what happened about the long jetty prospect at Heros Beach – Len replied it had been withdrawn from the submission.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

From	Date	Re	Action
Craig Beaumann, Hansard note 15 March 2012 p 9741	undated	Acknowledging NACRA's development of NAC website	File: Website
Kris Koch, Parks Assets officer, GLC	19 April 2012	Advising of Recreation Boating Infrastructure Strategy to be placed on public exhibition	File: Boat ramp
Lisa Schiff, Director Planning GLC	3 May 2012	Invitation to attend Community meeting Hawks Nest on 23 May	Meeting attended by Tony and Len. File: Correspondence
Sue Bookallil, Admin Support Assistant, GLC	2 May 2012	Requesting NACRA's meeting schedule for next 12 months	To Susan Carter for response. File: correspondence
Jillian Meyers-Brittain, Community Liaison Co-ordinator, NSW Fair Trading	April 2012	Free Seminars in Port Stephens re incorporated bodies on 5 June and 7 June 2012	Len to attend 5 June. File: correspondence
Tony Hann, NACRA Vice-President	20 April 2012	Notice of Motion Advising of General Meeting procedures changes	To be raised at June General Meeting
GLC Communicator and leaflet re Waste Transfer Station	undated	Re State Waste Levy	To be raised at June General Meeting
GLC	8 June 2012	Invoices for \$7000 each as project payments 2 and 3 to complete BBQ pergola at hall	To be paid week ending 15 June 2012. File Hall BBQ

Report from Janine Reid on Oyster Sustainability	undated	See Reports below	File – Oyster leases
Maureen Kelly, Hall Committee	30 May 2012	Acknowledging agreement with NACRA withdrawing from BBQ project	File – Hall BBQ

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

To/From	Date	Re	Action
Dave Bortfeld, GLC/Len Yearsley By email	28 March 2011	Boat ramp possibility at Beauty Point and Hall BBQ at NAC	File: boat ramp and Hall BBQ
Glenn Handford, GM GLC/Len Yearsley by email	24 May 2012	Our response to Recreation Boating Strategy 2012	File: Boat ramp
Andrew Braybrook, Manager, Community Affairs, GLC/Len Yearsley	27 May 2012	Re NACRA's withdrawal from Hall BBQ project at payment of final \$14 000	File: Hall BBQ
Andrew Braybrook, Manager, Community Affairs, GLC/Len Yearsley	28 May 2012	Advising that Ray Smith, Hall Committee Chairman, noted that Len had 'misrepresented his position'.	File: Hall/BBQ
Sue Bookallil, GLC/Susan Carter	1 June 2012	Advising meeting dates and email contacts	File: Copy to GLC
Ian Lyall, Manager Aquaculture from Janine Reid	7 June 2012	Asking that some oyster leases be removed as they have not been in use for 20 years	File:-Oyster leases

Motion that the correspondence be received

Moved: Doug Kohlhoff

Seconded: Pete Freeman

Carried

REPORTS

Treasurer's – Louise Harvey

Interim Treasurer's Report	14th April - 9th June 2012	
Total Balance as of Last Meeting	\$	17,442.48
NACRA	\$	16,619.26
Friends of Fame Cove	\$	823.22
Petty Cash	\$	9.55
Plus		
Interest	\$	20.20
Total Income	\$	20.20
Nil Expenditure		0
New Total for NACRA Including FOFC & Petty Cash	\$	17,462.68
Financial Members		93

Motion that the financial report be accepted

Moved: Maureen Kelly

Seconded: Stephanie Hunter

Carried

Firewise –Len said there was nothing to report, has not resumed contact with Darrin Briggs since returning from Europe.

Boat ramp and water access - Len advised Council on 29 March that he had contacted Jerry Beasley of Walker Corp who indicated his willingness to discuss the possibility of a boat ramp at Beauty Point or some other suitable location even before other development commenced. At the Council Community meeting on 25 May 2012 Lisa Schiff, GLC Director of Planning, advised she was meeting with Jerry Beasley the next day and would raise the issue and advise NACRA re the outcome. Lisa has since advised that the meeting with Jerry Beasley was cancelled and has no further outcome at this time. She will advise NACRA of outcome when the meeting is rescheduled.

Water Street - Len said that drainage work with an engineering of \$30,000 budget, is completed but activity seems to be restricted to the drain, the road surface and planting, with no work planned for rock revetment, dinghy storage or launching pad. Len advised he would raise the matter with David Bortfeld at a meeting on 25 May 2012, David indicated that funds had not yet been allocated to finalise these works. His next allocation of Parks Gardens funding will be June and he has given no indication of funds being made available to complete the Water Street project at this time. Marie Pickles said the drain lip had not been completed so the rocks were unstable. Marie added that some grasses had been planted and trees had yet to be planted. Len will follow this up with Dave Bortfeld.

Asbestos at Hall Site-David Bortfeld confirmed asbestos had been reported in the landfill adjacent to the tennis court. A contractor has been engaged by GLC and the clean up will cost \$8,600. Maureen reported that Smithy collected pieces and reported to Andrew Braybrook. She added that the whole area had been filled and levelled recently.

Re Paper Subdivision North Arm Cove – Len confirmed there had been no formal response from Planning NSW to NACRA's 26 question submission submitted 30 March 2012.

Fun and Fitness Trail – Len raised this with Dave Bortfeld on 25 May 2012. He suggested NACRA should prepare a justification indicating community support, predicted usage and preliminary design, indicating that any project would be prioritised along with other outstanding projects for NAC. i.e. boat ramp, jetty, reserve upgrades, hall toilet, tennis building, vegetable garden, master plans for Heros Bay and Hall Site Master Plan.

His current priorities are Master plan for Heros Bay Reserve and further investigation and design of the jetty proposed for Casuarina Reserve. Stephanie suggested that a grant may cover costs of establishing the Fitness Trail.

Website – Doug said thank you for contributions from Maria and Janine and reminded people that anyone can submit an article. He said the NAC website was number one on Google search and the site was accessed from about 290 different IP addresses (households) per month.

Bulk Electricity Supply –Len reported that Deidre McCulloch and Jim Pegram had previously indicated the benefits of negotiating as a whole community. Tony had said a sub-committee would be necessary to gather the facts and negotiate with the suppliers. Tony offered to act as the coordinator but would not progress the idea unless there is more community involvement.

Stephanie said there is a website called *thebigswitch*, on which different suppliers advertise bulk supply within a wider geographic area than just the NAC village. Stephanie suggested this may be the best way ahead. Len asked if any interest and it was agreed to let the matter lapse.

Hall BBQ area NACRA received on Friday, 8 June the invoices from Council for the completion of works by the builder. Len suggested that NACRA's commitment to the Communities NSW contract for CBPP Project 4746 runs out after final payment of \$14,000 which is the balance of the \$21,000 grant, and will withdraw from the project, leaving completion to the hall committee. Len has advised Andrew Braybrook GLC and Council S355 Hall Committee in writing and there is acceptance by all parties. Maureen said BBQ was in Tea Gardens, the plumbing had been fixed so roof water runs under the hall to the tank and the leak into the corner of the library seems to be fixed.

Reporting and finalisation with Communities NSW by NACRA cannot be advanced until payment is made a Completion Certificate, Funds Acquittal and other documentation is provided and the project is handed over to the Hall Committee.

NACRA Executive believes outstanding works are a subject for Council and Hall Committee and need not involve NACRA which is not party to the day to day matters of the 355 hall Committee. NACRA offers its cooperation and will encourage its members and committee to assist in any endeavours to complete and fit out this project.

Fame Cove Development Len reported that Lisa Schiff indicated that the developer has not responded to Planning NSW DGRs expected by 23 April 2012 and cannot be found in China – she intends to go to the Minister of Planning recommending that the Part 3A be considered.

Indication was given by the Planning Department that the Part 3a could remain and the application stand until it is revoked by the Department and Minister. For now, the existing rural sub-division with four lots remains.

The Department, at the time of meeting, could not offer an explanation re the file number change.

Community Meeting 23May 2012 Hawks Nest .Len reported that he and Tony saw two presentations – one regarding traffic flow along the waterfront at Tea Gardens to retain it as two-way; and one regarding a waste transfer facility to NW of the industrial area.

Tony asked a question about erosion of coastal properties and Lisa Schiff agreed to follow up.

Issues regarding a Boat Ramp for NAC were raised by several speakers. Cr Len Roberts and Council Officers indicated they did not consider the matter closed and Lisa Schiff's involvement with Walker Corp is an indication of their concern.

Notice of Motion : Len said that, in the absence of Tony, the notice of motion advising of General Meeting procedures changes will be carried over.

Aquaculture Production Report 2010/2012. Janine Reid submitted a written report saying that in Port Stephens, Sydney rock oyster production fell from 9 309 bags to 6515 bags, a 30% drop. This is in keeping with statewide trends. Because it is obvious that the oyster industry is in decline, Janine wrote to Manager Aquaculture, Port Stephens Research Centre, asking that unused and derelict leases be removed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Community Garden Maria Pickle said permission, fencing and start up funding had been provided by Council for a garden on the north side of the helipad. She invited people to a meeting 10am to 12 noon on Saturday, 16 June.

Fair Trading meeting Len said that he was unable to attend the meeting on 5 June 5.30pm at Raymond Terrace re: Incorporated Associations and proposed changes to legislation, but expected NACRA would be advised of any changes.

Christmas in June Maureen Kelly noted that the Hall Management committee would hold Christmas in June on 23rd.

Committee Changes Len announced due to personal commitments involving extended absences from the Cove, he will not stand as President of NACRA after the next AGM. He added that Susan Carter (Secretary), Louise Harvey (Treasurer) and Kerryan Griffin have also indicated they will not be available for Executive or Committee positions of NACRA following the next AGM.

NEXT AGM AND GENERAL MEETING Notice to Members that the AGM and election of Committee Members will be held on 10.am on 11 August 2012 at the North Arm Cove Hall. The next General Meeting is 10.45 am approx. following the AGM. Maureen said the nomination form would be published in the Cove News. Membership subscriptions fall due 30 June 2012.

With no further business, Len declared the meeting closed at 11.00 am.

SUBMITTED – Susan Carter

Approved as a true and correct record:

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Len Yearsley (Chairman)

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Date