

**Minutes NACRA General Meeting, 10/04/10.**

Meeting opened 10.10am.

**Committee present:** L Harvey, J Cabban, P. Chappelow, M. Nolan, L. Yearsley, S, Hunter.

**Apologies:** S. & R. Gee, D. & B. Brown, J. Carter, G. Kilby, J. & K. Pirie,

**Minutes:** Circulated.

**Business Arising:**

1. Firewise group. There have been several meetings, as reported in the Cove News. A series of street meetings will be held, community TBA of dates. These will address preparing your property and evacuation course of action. Len Y. is preparing an email list to notify residents; also, State Govt. warnings come by landline and mobile phones.
2. Hazard reduction: Late winter/early spring. A team from Sydney will come to do the clearing. Residents will receive a letter advising them of dates.
3. Insurance: Len is investigating the possibility of amalgamating NACRA and the Theatre Group under one cover. The Theatre Group would need to de-incorporate. Discussions are under way with Council to see if we can be exempt from insurance cover as a not-for-profit organisation.
4. Annual Subscription: Because cost of insurance is so high, the annual membership subscription of \$5.00p.p. does not cover this.
5. Motion: M. L. Yearsley, Seconded J. Blackbourn, that membership fee be increased to \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple.  
 Objection: This discriminates against single members who will be paying \$10, whereas individual members of a couple are only paying \$7.50.  
 Amendment: That annual subscription be increased to \$10.00 per person.  
 Moved: L. Yearsley, seconded M. Nolan. CWD.

Moved: J. Blackbourn, seconded M. Nolan, that previous minutes be accepted. CWD.

**Treasurers Report:** Attached.

Moved:K. Griffin, seconded P. Chappelow that report be accepted CWD.

**Reports and General Business:**

1. Bulahdelah resident David Halliwell, owner of a holiday van at Jimmy's Beach for 26 years, addressed the meeting regarding his concerns relating to Great Lakes Council's proposal to upgrade Jimmy's Beach, Hawks Nest and Seal Rocks caravan parks which will involve us as ratepayers. Total cost for upgrade could be as high as \$10,000,000 based on 2009 figures; \$3.6m for Jimmy's Beach. Under the proposed new Plan of Management, council plans to block vehicle/pedestrian access to the existing car parking close to the beach. Council will finance upgrade with loans from Land & Property Management Authority. At present Jimmy's Beach income \$750,000/year. Council hopes to raise this to \$1.2m; increase of 60% in fees, 15% either way equals \$1m variance. At present 95 onsite vans (income \$450,000) would be cut back to 48. If council cannot meet their commitment by attracting more tourists, ratepayers could be left paying for loans. Not good business. David Halliwell urged everyone to make a submission, closing date May 7, 2010.

2. Clean Up Australia Day - Peter Chappelow reported that he was unable to Co-ordinate this. It was well attended with the main problem areas being outside the village area, in the bush. This could be as a result of an increase in tipping fees. Thanks to Tony Hann for organising this event this year.

3. Environmental Group – working in Promontory Way, but very short of volunteers. Lantana has been removed and there has been extensive planting. There is to be an aboriginal site and heritage awareness session run by the Dept. of Conservation starting from Heros Beach on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

4. Tennis Club- D. Bortfeld from GLC has advised the Tennis Club to apply for a grant in order to extend the slab and erect a shelter shed. The lights are now connected, and signs are being made, donated by J. Knight, who owns a sign business. There is to be a free tennis day and sausage sizzle on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Usage of the court has been high this past month.

5. Review of resources. David Bortfeld sends his apologies; he has forwarded the Consultants report, which was received by the President on 8<sup>th</sup> April and therefore not included in the Correspondence for this meeting. The Chairman read out the salient points to the meeting, and the Report is included in the June correspondence. The report covers the findings of the Consultant on her visits to reserves at Casuarina Park and Water Street, as well as discussions with relevant authorities re the boat ramp and jetty.

Surveyors have been asked to survey the Hall site and Heros Beach with regard to future use.

Comment by J. Blackburn – pleased that the committee is moving on with the boat ramp and feels that we will have a boat ramp in the not too distant future. He thanked the committee for continuing to pursue this.

6. Letter of resignation from committee from Brian Dirou. Thanks to Brian for kick-starting the boat ramp and for other contributions to the committee.

7. Maureen Kelly advised that a considerable amount of rubbish had been “dumped” at the Hall, and that a skip would be placed there over the Christmas holiday period.

8. The president advised that the Secretary would be away for the next two meetings and that she would be standing down as Secretary at the AGM. He called for expression of interest in this role from the meeting.

9. A DVD of Black Saturday is available in the Library. It graphically depicts the catastrophic fire event.

**No further business.**

**Meeting closed at 11.10am.**

#### **Correspondence 10/04/10 to 12/06/10.**

##### **In.**

08/04 – letter and report from D. Bortfeld, GLC on the findings of the Consultant on the review of Water St. and Casuarina Park (Cove Gateway).

09/04 – letter of resignation from Brian Dirou.

12/04 – Flyer from GLC re working bee to remove Senna from fringes of Booti Booti Nat. Park. On 19<sup>th</sup> Apr.

28/04 – Flyer from GLC advising of presentation on Great White Sharks on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

02/06 – Flyer from GLC advising of showing of documentary entitled “Byron Underwater” on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

“ - Flyer from GLC advising of a Field Day at Cellito Beach covering Worimi Culture, rain forest ecology and beach dynamics on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

##### **Out.**

10/04 – letter and cheque to Tennis Club

10/04 – letter of thanks to B. McCulloch for his contribution to the Fire Wardens Scheme.