

NORTH ARM COVE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING Saturday 14 February 2015 at the Community Hall, commencing 10.00am

MINUTES

Present: Eighteen members including committee members Gary Sylvaney, Susan Carter, Tony Hann, Kath & Doug Kohlhoff, Len Yearsley, Annette Searle.

Apologies: Jan Carter, Pat Brennan, Peter & Sandy Chappelow, Stephanie Hunter, Lawrie Searle, Cheryl Yearsley

Minutes of last meeting held 13 December, 2014

Moved Len Yearsley that minutes of the last meeting be accepted, seconded Tony Hann, carried.

Maureen Kelly noted that Robert Mirabito's name was incorrectly recorded.

Business arising from the minutes on 13 December, 2014

It was noted that, due to conflicting bookings, the Council presentation on Drainage planned for this meeting has been postponed to a special meeting at 5pm on Tuesday 24th February at the Hall.

2. Correspondence

General:

nil

Council/Local Government:

- 15/12/14 Emails to Ron Hartley GLC re dinghy ramp at Casuarina and Better Boating grant conditions and his replies.
- 16/12/14 To Glenn Handford following up from meeting
- 19/12/14 From Foundation for Rural & Regional renewal advising grand application for tank upgrade at Casuarina Park (Where every drop counts) unsuccessful.
- 24/12/14 From Ron Hartley also enclosing correspondence from Andrew Staniland re dinghy ramp locations and new drawings.
- 7/1/15 From Andrew Staniland re meeting on site to discuss dinghy ramp and Doug's reply.
- 13/2/15 To Peter Chappelow and Len Roberts (as Estuary Management Committee members) from Doug Kohlhoff in response to a phone call re NAC water quality.

Matters arising from correspondence.

Doug received advice that NAC residents were pilloried by one of the Oysters Farmers at the recent Estuary Management Committee for polluting the Cove. Doug went back to the minutes of February 2014 where the meeting had resolved to write to Council. Council investigations at that time found no evidence of leakages.

Some members mentioned that they had seen suspected leaking septic tanks during walks around the waterfront. Kath said that if residents notice any septic overflows, they should be noted and reported to Council.

Moved Maureen Kelly that correspondence be accepted, seconded Gary Sylvaney, carried.

Reports 3.1 Treasurer

Treasurer's Report		
from 1/12/2014 to 31/1/2015		

Balances	Opening	Closing
Friends of Fame Cove	725.22	725.22
NACRA	3614.93	3623.57
Proj Garden Tank	546.40	0.00
Proj Map Sign	315.90	315.90
Website cost provision	86.50	86.50
	5288.95	4751.19
Beyond Bank	5288.95	4751.19
Total	5288.95	4751.19

Plus Income to 31 Jan	
Interest	0.64
Member subscriptions	20.00
Total Income	20.64

Less Expenditure to 31 Jan	
NSW CBP Projects	546.40
Gen. expense NACRA	12.00
Total Expenditure	558.40

Closing Balance	=	4751.19
Financial members	=	54

Moved Kath Kohlhoff that Treasurers Report be accepted, seconded Annette Searle, carried.

3.2 Website

Some changes are already in place on the website but they are part of a larger project which is still in progress. Biggest change is losing Annette Searle as contributor, however she has offered to still contribute where possible. Emails are now automatically generated to go out advising subscribers of current content.

4. OTHER REPORTS:

4.1 Firewise

In between fighting fires, Ian Cook has had lengthy discussions with GLC and others. He hopes to be able to present the outcomes of his work to the community in the near future. Ian, together with Andrew Blatch from GLC, met with the Hall Committee on Wednesday 11 February to outline proposals to make the Hall a Neighbourhood Safer Place. Planned alterations to the hall include a 50,000 litre steel tank dedicated to fire fighting and protection for windows and under-floor areas. The hall will be considered as a "safer place" but will still not be a "safe place". There was also discussion about telephone communications for the hall.

4.2 Road Map and street signage

Tony Hann report that the funds left over from the village map project will be used to get a sign placed on top of the map to indicate it is in fact a map (and not a piece of artwork). Also planned is a sign on approach to the village indicating there is a map ahead. Tony would also like to put up a sign indicating "a dumper has been fined" as a warning to potential dumpers

4.3 Hall Committee

The committee is endeavouring to get a sink (cold water only) installed on other side of pergola. Maureen Kelly also mentioned concerns that rubbish is being put into the wrong bins.

4.4 Community Garden Network

This project has now been completed and a report is being prepared for submission to CBP. The garden now has a new tank; irrigation system and 16 garden beds installed and Maria Pickles gave special thanks to NACRA for their support with this project. The gardeners are now starting work on the winter crops. Tony Hann asked who the vegetables belong to. Maria said they belong to the community garden network and residents who contribute via goods/donations. There are also garden sponsorships available for an annual fee of \$30.00.

4.5 Aquaculture – OISAS

This topic was covered under correspondence.

4.6 Waterfront Amenities Project (Water Street & Casuarina)

The sub-committee had a meeting on site with Andrew Staniland and Ashley Carlson GLC on 12 January. David Read also attended the meeting. The original proposal was to have a 3m x 10m ramp at Casuarina and a slightly larger one at Water Street. All previous plans prepared by Council for Casuarina showed the ramp in the wrong position. The latest plans for both sites show 2.4m x 9.6m ramps. These will be suitable for hand-launching only of dinghies and kayaks. Hopefully the project will now progress although there is no timeline as yet. The Grant requires work to be completed by the middle of the year.

Council are planning to use recycled plastic, similar to that used in the park furniture in Casuarina, for the ramps. The plastic is very strong, but not strong enough for a vehicle, so this would definitely mean no vehicle launching. Doug said we can still argue for concrete instead of plastic, however plastic is apparently less affected by marine growth. There was no objection from the meeting for plastic provided that concerns about erosion undermining the ramp and keeping vehicles from driving on the ramp are appropriately addressed.

Maria asked what was happening re parking and Doug advised that this has been raised with Council but they want to wait until all work was finished before signs are erected. Council want to restrict parking without stopping people from dropping off a dinghy. The mooring capacity of NAC has increased to 70 vessels and people will most likely be wanting to leave their cars while they go sailing. Maureen Kelly suggested that a parking area could be made available by Council at another location. Doug will approach Council about this.

Len Yearsley mentioned the possibility of a boat ramp at Carrington, which would be available for use by the Cove community.

A grant application has been submitted to Council for a replacement water tank at Casuarina Reserve. An earlier application for the tank to FRRR was unsuccessful.

We are fortunate to have had David Read and his team undertaking work in Casuarina Reserve. This voluntary contribution is greatly appreciated. David is carrying out ongoing maintenance at no charge and the reserve has been used a great deal over the holiday period. Doug said he has expressed to David the Association's appreciation. Gary Sylvaney suggested we write a letter of thanks to David.

4.7 Community Centre Site Master Plan sub-committee

Way back in November 2008, Council resolved to develop, in conjunction with the community, a master plan for the Hall site. This master plan has not yet materialised. Since that time many developments have occurred at the site but not within the context of an overall plan.

There are a variety of current and future proposals which will also have an impact on the site: the Garden Network has proposed a walking track; the Hall Committee is organising a play equipment area; the community has identified an area for informal ball sports as a priority; the Tennis Club wants an area set aside for a future shed; and there are safety issues for parking and cars in relation to the children's playground. It appears that the Community Protection Plan currently in development will also have significant implications for the site.

In the absence of action from Council on this plan, the NACRA executive has established a sub-committee to endeavour to progress the development of such a plan. Susan Carter is convening this sub-committee.

Andrew Staniland has proposed a meeting with Susan Carter and Maureen Kelly on March 2nd at 2pm when he would be happy to look at the site and discuss the issues, and in particular the playground area. Susan Carter asked Maria for a copy of the planned walking trail.

Moved reports be accepted Gary Sylvaney, seconded Kath Kohlhoff, carried.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Issues of concern to local residents

Significant problems with TV reception and mobile phone coverage in some parts of the Cove were discussed, as was the lack of adequate regional medical services particularly during the summer period when the population of the region is at its highest.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Bob Baldwin re the issue of poor TV and mobile reception and lack of medical facilities, noting that a survey will be undertaken to collect further information. These issues (including the survey) could also be included in Cove News. Jim Hunter suggested we invite Bob Baldwin to a general meeting where these issues can be put to him.

Maureen raised the issue of poor mail delivery (mail going to wrong addresses etc.). All agreed that the mail delivery service has declined recently. It was suggested that any concerns regarding Cove mail delivery problems should be addressed to Cath at the post office.

5.2 Community survey

A new community survey which will address issues of concern is expected to be online sometime in March. Having a large number of responses to these surveys does help the Association lobbying Council and Government on behalf of the community.

5.3 Clean Up Australia Day

Clean up Australia is on 1st March, assembly 8am at the Hall and all volunteers welcome. Bring a hat and fly spray. Rubbish collection bags will be provided. Maria noted that chipboard has been dumped in the bush and that council need to organise removal as it is too much for a domestic trailer. Trevor advised a group of non-urban title holders are planning to drag rubbish out of the bush and assemble it in one place for council pick up.

5.4 AGM 2015: It was noted that there were problems holding the AGM in August this year as the President, Vice President and Treasurer will all be on leave.

Jim Hunter moved that the AGM be held in October this year, Maureen Kelly seconded, carried.

Gary Sylvaney moved that unless circumstances at the time require the Executive to convene it, the August meeting of the Association be cancelled, Maureen Kelly seconded, carried.

5.4 Resignation of Secretary, Annette Searle

Annette and Lawrie Searle are moving to Karuah, so Annette has submitted her resignation as NACRA's Secretary. Doug Kohlhoff expressed appreciation of her contributions to NACRA and her assistance both to him and to former President Stephanie Hunter who was unable to attend this meeting. Maureen Kelly thanked Annette for her contributions to Cove News. The meeting thanked Annette by acclamation and she was presented with a small souvenir of North Arm Cove. Doug called for a volunteer to replace Annette as Secretary.

Next Meeting

Next General Meeting Saturday 11 April 2015 at the Community Hall commencing 10.00am

Minutes prepared by Annette Searle

Approved as a true and correct record:

Doug Kohlhoff, President

Date