

**Minutes of the NORTH ARM COVE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING  
held at the Community Hall on 8 December 2012 at 10 am**

**1. Welcome** Stephanie Hunter opened the meeting at 10:02am

**1.1. Present:** 16 members and 2 non-members; including committee members Stephanie Hunter, Tony Hann, Len Yearsley, Kath Kohlhoff, Doug Kohlhoff

**1.2. Apologies:** Kerryan Griffin, Barry Young, Jan Carter

**1.3.** Stephanie Hunter asked if people speaking at general meetings could stand and speak clearly to assist those of our members who had hearing difficulties.

**2. Minutes of general meeting held on 10 October have been published**

**Moved: Maureen Kelly                      Seconded: Deirdre McCullough                      Carried  
That the minutes General Meeting of the 13 October 2012 be confirmed.**

**2.1. Business arising Nil**

**3. Correspondence**

**3.1. Inwards**

From	Date	Re	Action
Craig Baumann Robin Parker	5-6/11/12	Fame Cove developments	Watching brief
Office of Environment & Heritage		Fame Cove developments	Watching brief
EPA		Fame Cove developments	Watching brief
Sam Haddad		Fame Cove developments	Watching brief
David Bortfeld	19/11/12, 22/11/12, 23/11/12	Heros Bay plan: community involvement	To be discussed at this meeting
GLC	16/11/12	Marine Discoveries Talk	Placed on Web

**3.2. Outwards**

To/From	Date	Re	Action
Craig Baumann (2), Robin Parker (2), Gary Davey, Jan Williams and Len Roberts /Len Yearsley	25/10/12 (16/11/12)	Fame Cove developments	Watching brief
David Bortfeld	19/11/12, 22/11/12, 27/11/12	Heros Bay plan: community involvement	To be discussed at this meeting
NSW Government	30/10/12	Grant Submission: Community Partnerships	Await response
GL Council	09/11/12	Grant Submission: Community Grants Program	Await response
Moira Hooper	20/11/12	Her new role on Hall Committee	

**Moved: Tony Hann    Seconded: Len Yeasley    Carried  
That correspondence be accepted**

**3.3. Business arising from Correspondence**

**a) Heros Bay Plan: community involvement**

GLC (David Bortfeld) is working on a management plan for Heros Beach. We are now waiting a response from David Bortfeld regarding further action.

#### 4. Motions on Notice

Tony Hann had placed a motion on notice some 6 months or so ago. This was intended to ensure that there would always be opportunity for full consideration of important issues affecting the wider community. As at this stage the new executive has not had an opportunity to discuss this proposal in detail, the motion will be held over until that discussion has happened.

#### 5. Reports

##### 5.1. Treasurer's report

Kath Kohlhoff reported the financial and membership figures (as shown below).

<b>NACRA Income</b>	<b>to 30 Nov</b>
Member subscriptions	100.00
Tax refund	218.05
Donations Social day	81.40
Interest	0.33
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>399.78</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>to 30 Nov</b>
Hall hire Social day	18.00
Social day purchase	105.17
<b>Total Expend.</b>	<b>123.17</b>

<b>Balances</b>	<b>As at 30 Sep</b>	<b>To 30 Nov</b>
NACRA	2987.40	3264.01
Friends of Fame Cove	775.22	775.22
Petty Cash		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3762.62</b>	<b>4039.23</b>
Credit Union	3808.62	4102.20
Awaiting deposit	50	20
Less unpres chqs	-96	-82.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>3762.62</b>	<b>4039.23</b>

<b>59</b> financial members at 1 Dec 2012
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Moved: Kath Kohlhoff

Seconded: Jim Hunter

**Carried**

**That the Treasurer's report be accepted**

##### 5.2. Hall Committee

Maureen Kelly reported that the S355 committee now had another member less as treasurer Rob Furley has resigned for family reasons. GLC changes to S355 committees will take place in early 2013 therefore our committee elected an 'interim' chairperson: Moira Hooper and an 'interim' treasurer: Bob Griffin. The pergola fit-out is going ahead with seating already in place. The Pizza oven is getting plenty of use. There is no charge just bring along wood. It's there for community use - allow 2 hours for heating up oven before cooking. Hire: If the *entire* facility is booked for a function, hirer is to place notice at pergola area notifying residents that "ALL BUILDING HIRED", however, if hirer does not require pergola area, a mutual agreement may be reached for others to use pergola facilities at the same time. It is not envisaged this situation will arise too often.

##### 5.3. Firewise

Len Yearsley reported that advice from Darrin Briggs is that preparations are being made for a burn off to the north and west of NAC sometime after Christmas, when the weather is expected to break, as there was no opportunity in spring.

Darrin has accepted the NAC list of residents (12 in number) that may require assistance with Emergency Evacuation in catastrophic circumstances and is to forward it to our Council Emergency Management Committee for their consideration.

Forms for reporting bush fire hazards have been delivered to those who requested them at the last meeting and a link to the form is also on the Cove website (on the Fire Brigade page).

There was discussion of the fire on Thursday 6 December at the entrance to the Cove. Communication was seen as a real issue. This incident highlighted the need for residents to have plans for “staying” as well as “leaving” as the Cove could easily have been cut off. The Firewise sub committee will look at the implications flowing from this incident.

A person is coming to talk to the Fire Brigade about Fire Protection Plan for the Village. Stephanie Hunter will ask if she can also come and talk to the Resident's Association.

#### 5.4. Fame Cove

Len Yearsley reported on advice from Lisa Schiff that Council has been appointed as consultant to prepare Future Development Footprint for site and is commissioning studies of Flora, Fauna, Hydrology, Marine, Sea bed, Land use. Council Ecologist and Environmental Systems staff are also involved “*to determine what if any development is approved*”. “*Council is happy and approves all reputable consultants involved*”. “*Studies are needed to allow re zoning and best possible development outcome*”. “*Council is aware of some ecologically sensitive areas and would work to protect these*”.

Stage 1 Studies : The studies for the building on the top of the hill are not expected to be completed until the new year and is to be consider separate from the above because of their earlier submissions and part 3a intervention by the Minister. She agrees this is not ideal but the applicant has rights to apply separately as no rezoning is required.

The Community and NAC is to be informed and advised and Lisa Schiff said she would welcome the opportunity to speak at a local meeting when details are known.

There followed a lengthy discussion of the issues involved with some reservations expressed that this issue is occupying an inordinate amount of time of the meetings.

#### 5.5. Boat ramp, water access

Stephanie Hunter advised that Great Lakes Council has costed the investigation into the suitability of Medina Bay at between \$8000 and \$10,000.

Moved: Susan Carter

Seconded: Kath Kohlhoff

**Carried**

**That reports be accepted**

### 6. General Business

#### 6.1. Priorities Survey: Overview of results

Doug Kohlhoff reported that the response to the survey was very satisfactory with 49 surveys completed before the closing date – which represented 76 adults – as some surveys were completed by couples rather than individuals.

There were a number of good suggestions added to the survey and these will be looked at later as part of a more detailed analysis.

The survey asked people to rate 12 items from the existing priorities list plus three additional items as A, B or C priorities or N if they thought the item wasn't needed. To compare the relative preferences for this report, Doug used a weighting system which gave 3 points for each A rating, 2 for B, 1 for C and nothing for an N rating.

All items on the list were rated as important by some people but seven items stood out above the others.

At the very top of the priorities came

- **the public jetty** and
- **the boat ramp.**

These were separated by just one point.

