Minutes of NORTH ARM COVE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING held at the Community Hall on 13 October 2012 at 10 am

1. Welcome

- **1.1. Present:** 14 members and 9 non-members as per attendance sheets including committee members Stephanie Hunter, Tony Hann, Kath Kohlhoff, Len Yearsley, Doug Kohlhoff, Kerryan Griffin
- 1.2. Apologies: Barry Young, Pat Brennan, Ira Knight, Darren Briggs (Special Guest)

2. Minutes of general meeting held on 11 August

Moved: Maureen Kelly Seconded: Doug Kohlhoff Carried That the minutes General Meeting of the 11 August 2012 be confirmed.

2.1. Business arising To be dealt with elsewhere in agenda

3. Correspondence

3.1. Inwards

From	Date	Re	Action
Craig Baumann		0 11	Decision whether to apply is required at this meeting.
David Bortfeld	28/09/12	Suggestion re possible grant application	To be discussed at this meeting

3.2. Outwards

To/From	Date	Re	Action
Community members/ Firewise sub committee	28/09/12	Firewise booklets and Firewise guests at GM	
David Bortfeld	25/09/12	Requesting suggestions re suitable grant applies	

Moved: Tony Hann Seconded: Len Yearsley Carried

That the correspondence be accepted

4. Motions on Notice

5. Reports

5.1. Treasurer

NACRA Income to 30 Sep				
Member subscriptions	390.00			
Website sponsorship	30.00			
Interest	0.45			
Total Income	420.45			

Expenditure	to 30 Sep
Hall hire	96.00
Fair trading	51.00
Total Expend.	147.00

Balances	As at 30 June	To 30 Sep
NACRA	2713.95	2987.40
Friends of Fame Cove	775.22	775.22
Petty Cash	9.55	
Total	3498.72	3762.62
Credit Union	3429.62	3808.62
Awaiting deposit	59.55	50
Less unpres chqs		-96
Total	3489.17	3762.62

financial members at 10 Oct 2012

Moved: Kath Kohlhoff Seconded: Peter Chappelow Carried

That the treasurer's report be accepted

5.2. Hall Committee

Maureen Kelly reported 'Smithy' is retiring as President from the Hall Committee, he will however be staying on as a de facto committee member. The pergola BBQ is due to arrive any day now, it will be placed under the roof area, and will be bricked in by 'Cookie'. The wood fire pizza oven is due to be purchased shortly. Aluminium seating will be placed around the perimeter of the pergola. Recently the Hall committee made a donation to the Community Garden Network, as project seed money. The Hall Committee on a previous occasion provided seed money to help with the establishment of the Tennis Club. Melbourne Cup Day will again be hosted by the committee, with free entry, complimentary drinks and all the usual trimmings. Maureen said this is a really great day, and will commence at 11:30. Council is still on track for providing a public toilet but there are still no major details.

5.3. Firewise

Len Yearsley reported that the Firewise Sub Committee has distributed 300 copies of the Bushfire Survival Plan booklet to all residences with letterboxes in NAC. Special thanks to Stephanie Hunter, Doug Kohlhoff, Barry Young for their part in letter-boxing. Len also gave apologies for Darren Briggs who was to attend the meeting today, as he is still busy with post fire activity at Barrington Tops.

Moved: Doug Kohlhoff

Seconded: Kath Kohlhoff

That the efforts by Len Yearsley in organising the distribution of booklets
and funding the letters be acknowledged

5.4. Fame Cove

The Fame Cove sub committee has been reactivated with Len Yearsley as chairperson.

Len Yearsley reported that Glenn Handford, General Manager GLC, has notified NACRA that development proposals for Fame Cove are once again under consideration. GLC has proposed to act as a consultant in the preparation of a Strategic Plan for the site bounding the Eastern Shoreline of NAC and including Fame Cove. We will now be advised of developments. Present proposals for Stage 1 include:

- 1. Large building (described as house) 3000 sq. metre 8 bedroom 13 car garages, staff accommodation, hilltop, ridge-line location at entry to NAC.
- 2. Jetty for large private craft on eastern shoreline NAC. *It is expected the above will be before Council in 3 to 4 months.*

5.5. Boat ramp, water access

Since the August General Meeting, we have confirmed that a group called the *North Arm Cove Community Support Group* met with Cr. Len Roberts and as a result he put a successful motion to the August Council meeting that an investigation be conducted into the suitability of Medina Bay as a location for a boat ramp. Council will now call for tenders to have the appropriate surveys carried out.

5.6. Other reports

Moved: Deidre McCulloch Seconded: Tony Hann Carried

That the reports be accepted

6. General Business

6.1. Firewise Special Guests Kellie McLeod from RFS and the local Brigade

Kellie McLeod spoke to the meeting regarding the 'FireWise Plan' and asked if residents had completed the firewise questionnaire. Kellie intends to door knock to see what people don't understand. She strongly encouraged people to become members of the local brigade.

Kellie reminded people to have clear intention about a bush fire plan / stay or go. If the decision is to go – she has advised get out early as possible on the day/s before and let your intentions be known by those who need to know.

Both fire evacuation plans need to be considered just in case the road is cut off. Discussion followed regarding the pro and cons of leaving a notice pinned to the front door with special concern for property security.

Kellie will follow up with Darren Briggs the list drawn up previously by Fire Wise regarding evacuation plans for the community members who are 'frail aged or have disability'.

Mark Lewis said- this list could be added to an appendix/annex to the existing Disaster Plan. Mark advised that, under auspices of the Disaster plan, we fall under Great Lakes.

Kellie confirmed emergency notifications are broadcast via radio and all phones are called SMS hits towers and messages sent out.

Discussion followed regarding bush fire hazard / with a focus on unattended properties and vacant lots. Kellie advised Bush Fire Complaint forms are available from RFS. Darren can serve notice on land owners who fail to look after their land/property to remove the hazards. Doug Kohlhoff agreed to put a link on the Cove website to the form if possible.

After general discussion Kellie was thanked for her talk.

6.2. Possible grant application

Stephanie reported there is little time to complete the Grant Application. Following general discussion it was suggested that we focus on projects that have already been started but not completed.

Moved: Peter Chappelow Seconded: Maureen Kelly Carried That NACRA approach David Bortfeld - with a view to NACRA pursuing an application for a grant, subject to Council's support, which would contribute to the completion of the Water Street project or facilities at Casuarina Park with a preference being for finalising the Water Street project.

6.3. Five year plan

Tony Hann reported all projects for the five year plan have had their meaning clarified, with a description of what each project is listed against it. A survey is due to be launched for the boarder communities comments, and an invitation to prioritise the list, as well as add to the list. The survey will be a circulated with the next Cove News and also be accessible via the website. Doug Kohlhoff asked if those that can, could complete the survey on-line as this would facilitate analysis. The committee is aware some people in the Cove cannot access internet. Len Yearsley thanked Doug for a very interactive website.

6.4. Invitation to join sub committees

Stephanie has issued an invitation to those wishing to join any of the NACRA sub committees:-Firewise, Boat ramp/Water access, Fame Cove, Social/Fund raising. Maureen Kelly has offered to follow this invitation up by placing a request for NACRA in the Cove News.

6.5. "Paperless" meetings

Stephanie reported printing costs are limiting our capacity to produce printed papers and is urging members to access the website to access minutes and reports. It was also suggested that we could use the overhead projector. We will trial this at the next meeting which will be coordinated by Kerryan Griffin and Doug Kohlhoff.

6.6. Any other business

Stephanie reported that NACRA would like to introduce occasional social evenings will be

held at the hall. The first is set as a 'Happy Hour and sausage sizzle.' Sausage sizzle will be provided this time; bring your own drinks. October $26^{th}~5.30 pm - 8.30 pm$. Gold coin entry to defray hall hire costs.

Tony Hann advised the meeting of Council's purchase of 452 non-urban blocks.

The reporting line for Firewise within our community was discussed. Len Yearsley and Stephanie Hunter undertook to discuss the issue with Darrin Briggs.

7. Next Meeting: 8 December 2012

8. Closure 11.40am