

**NORTH ARM COVE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2014 COMMUNITY HALL, COMMENCING 10.00AM
AGENDA**

Present:

Apologies:

Minutes of last meeting held

Business arising from last General Meeting 8/2/14

1. Motions on Notice

2. Correspondence

General:

Feb 14 Email to editor, Myall Coast Nota re BBP grant thanking Hunter Concrete & Hunter Quarries.
20/2/14 Email from Col Williams re update on storm damage in 2013
27/2/14 Email from Maria Pickles re tank installation update and reply from Stephanie Hunter
2/3/14 Email to John Knight re Council progress on Village Map.
6/3/14 Email to John Knight requesting bank details for direct deposit, part payment for sign writing NAC map.
14/3/14 From Community Centre Management Committee re support for Heros Bay upgrade
9/4/14 Email to Andrew Briggs, RFS re meeting to discuss fire break at North Arm Cove
April 14 Minutes of EcoNetwork Community Forum held 28/3/13

Council/Local Government:

17/2/14 Email to Glenn Handford GLC re North Arm Cove water quality
Feb 14 Letter to Don Page Minister for Local Government re missed Maitland Cabinet meeting
16/2/14 To Barry O'Farrell attaching correspondence to Brad Hazzard, Michael Gallacher and Hon. Don Page re Fire Hazard issues.
18/2/14 Email to Glenn Handford GLC requesting update on Village Map
18/2/14 Email to David Bortfeld re costing of boat ramp and engineering work, Medina Bay with cc to Glenn Handford.
19/2/14 Reply from David Bortfeld re above.
21/2/14 Email to Craig Baumann re Maitland Community Cabinet.
24/2/14 Email to Mayor/Councillors GLC re Council Meeting (Heros Bay) with cc to David Bortfeld GLC
26/2/14 Replies from Barry O'Farrell & Brad Hazzard's office confirming receipt of letter sent 16/2/14
1/4/14 To Development of Regional Boating Plans for NSW – submission.
2/4/14 From Hon. Brad Hazzard re jetty
2/4/14 From Ron Hartley, GLC re stormwater drainage
3/4/14 From (on behalf of) Hon. Michael Gallacher re jetty
4/4/14 Request from GLC to complete Project Report related to village map grant.
4/3/14 Email from Andrew Blatch GLC re NAC map.
6/3/14 From Don Page MP re community concerns (Jetty/Fire safety etc.).
6/3/14 Email to Michael Gallacher attaching details of Bush Fire Community Meeting.
6/3/14 Email to Craig Baumann and Bob Baldwin re above asking for support.
6/3/14 Email to Andrew Blatch confirming receipt of above and attaching quote.
6/3/14 Email to Bob Baldwin re boat ramp/jetty attaching details of RFS Community Protection Plan.
13/3/14 To Glenn Handford re offsetting cost of Public Liability Insurance
20/3/14 Email from Lisa Schiff GLC re meeting 2/4/14 at Community Centre
20/3/14 Email to Glenn Handford re budget allocations (Jetty/Boat Ramp & amenities Heros Bay).
29/3/14 Email to Darrin Briggs RFS re proposed fire break
2/4/14 Email to David Bortfeld re meeting to progress Heros Bay
2/4/14 Email to Ron Hartley re Stormwater Drainage update
8/4/14 Email from Malcolm Hunter, GLC re investigation into water quality

Reports

3.1 Treasurer

Treasurer's Report March from 1/2/2014 to 31/3/2014		
Balances	Opening	Closing
Friends of Fame Cove	750.22	750.22
NACRA	4359.13	4149.52
Proj Garden Tank	5200.00	952.00
Proj Map Sign	2000.00	1157.95
Proj Waterfront Amen	10579.00	10579.00
Website cost provision	86.50	86.50
	22974.85	17675.19
Beyond Bank	23020.75	17675.19
Unpresented Cheques	-45.9	0.00
Total	22974.85	17675.19

Plus Income to 31 Mar	
Interest	20.65
Website Sponsorship	400.00
Total Income	420.65

Less Expenditure to 31 Mar	
NSW CBP Grant	4248.00
GLCouncil Grant	842.05
Insurance	630.26
Total Expenditure	5720.31

Closing Balance	=	17675.19
Financial members	=	75

3.2 Social Club

Nothing to report

3.3 Website

Invoices sent out for advertising renewals. Most earlier problems with website have been addressed. Doug Kohlhoff noted that more articles are needed for the website.

4. Other Reports

4.1 Firewise

The recent meeting called by RFS Tuncurry to present the Community Protection Plan left residents feeling somewhat frustrated, in that there was little new information. Perhaps the name Community Protection Plan is a misnomer, as it there was little in it that offered "protection" to Cove residents. The Plan consists of three maps, a survival map, a preparation map and operations map which is for the RFS. Two of these maps are on display, the survival map shows the area of flame and ember attack, and the second shows asset protection zones.

The main points to come out of the meeting were:

- Residents are responsible for their own safety
- Have your bushfire action plan prepared
- Leave the village early on days of extreme fire danger and above
- Fire trails are for the RFS to fight fires, not to be used as escape routes.

The possibility of an Neighbourhood Safe Ground for NAC is being investigated. The meeting resolved that a letter go to Superintendent Darrin Briggs requesting that he pursue with Great Lakes Council the preparation of a 60m fire break to the north and west of the village. The Residents Association has undertaken this.

4.2 Grants - Garden Club

Garden Club grant – The tank has been delivered and installed.

4.3 Status of road map

Public toilet at community hall to be added to map.

4.4 Grant applications

A grant is to be considered for Heros Beach as Plan B has been approved.

4.5 Boat ramp and water access.

Work on the dinghy launching ramps at Water St. and Casuarina Park is proceeding slowly. We are ready to move at our end as soon as the engineering specs are finalised and relevant approvals are granted. GLC is handling these on our behalf, but progress has been glacial.

Members of the Associations Exec. Committee were invited to meet with our local State and federal members to discuss a jetty and boat ramp for the Cove. Neither would support a jetty on the basis of emergency evacuation. Craig Baumann (State) has indicated his support for funding and we will follow up on this. He also offered support for the removal of unused oyster racks in the Cove, and a letter has been sent to him requesting this.

Federal member Bob Baldwin visited the Cove to see first hand all proposed sites for boat ramp and jetty. As this is a state matter, he left to confer with Craig Baumann, but we have heard nothing of the outcome. We will keep plugging away at this issue!

4.6 Stormwater/Drainage

Letter received from Col Williams to say "hole" on his property has been repaired by council. He thanked NACRA for their involvement in getting this work done.

4.7 Hall Committee

Nothing to report.

4.8 Fame Cove

Len Yearsley reported that Great Lakes Council has approved the DA for a 30m domestic jetty stairs and board walk to accommodate a 30m vessel at the entry to Fame Cove, with conditions. These include construction of the deck at RL 2.6, solar lighting and reflecting banding on all pylons. Full details can be found in the minutes of the 25 March GLC Council meeting. This will be a commercial size jetty to enable Whale and Dolphin Watch activities for guests and transporting tourists to Fame Cove when the Eco Tourist Development plans for the balance of the North Arm/Fame Cove sites are developed.

Community representatives were invited to an informal chat with Lisa Schiff staff and GLC consultants on 2 April. Lisa indicated that the developer of the proposed Eco Tourist Resort is now seeking a higher density development involving some Community Title of residential areas. The project is a State Significant Development, numerous consultants and architects have been appointed and are currently preparing Land Use Plans prior to a Gateway Determination by State Planners to enable a Zoning change to be considered by Council prior to detail planning commencing.

4.9 Aquaculture – OISAS

Council has inspected the waterfront. They could not see any evidence of sewage discharge but have taken some samples for testing and a written report is to come.

4.10 Ageing in NSW seminar

Len Yearsley attended the seminar conducted by the NSW Government Office for Ageing and Great Lakes Council to consider matters affecting the ageing population in this area. Major concerns were Local Transport; improved GP and medial services; poor emergency communications. The full report is attached and will be published on the website.

5. General Business

5.1 EcoNetwork community forum

Meeting closed at

Next Meeting