

NORTH ARM COVE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 14 JUNE, 2014 COMMUNITY HALL, COMMENCING 10AM

Present: 13 members including committee members Stephanie Hunter, Doug Kohlhoff, Kath Kohlhoff, Annette Searle and Len Yearsley, plus one guest speaker.

Apologies: Lawrie Searle, Susan Carter, Jim Hunter

Stephanie welcomed all and noted the guest speaker would be arriving at 11am.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held 12 April 2014 have been published.

Moved Doug Kohlhoff that minutes of the last meeting be accepted, seconded Gary Sylvaney. Carried

Business arising from General Meeting 12 April 2014

a) Road Map:

Road map now installed and visitors have been seen using it. The surface of the map has been treated to make graffiti removal easy. Pull off area is still rough and Council are still to spread gravel and tidy up. Stephanie has sent letter of thanks to John Knight of Display Power signs thanking him for his professionalism and patience with this job. Map has two QR codes so it can be read on a mobile device and there is also a link to the NAC website. Jim Pegram congratulated the committee on behalf of the meeting on finally getting this task done after approximately eight years negotiating with council.

b) Warden System:

Maureen Kelly noted the warden system to be revised and asked whether it has been finalised. There is some debate on what to call the 'wardens'. Kath Kohlhoff referred to a Red Cross brochure that refers to community 'neighbours' and it was suggested this be taken up. A letterbox drop will be organised as soon as the letter is finalised. Maureen Kelly suggested that the letter could also be included as an insert in Cove News.

1. Motions on Notice

Nil

2. Correspondence

General:

nil

Council/Local Government:

14/4/14 Letter to Janine Reid from Department of Primary Industries re NACRA submission on Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy 2014.

6/5/14 Email to David Bortfeld re approvals for Casuarina and other items.

20-23/5/14 Emails to/from Community Building Partnerships (Kim Summerhayes) re progress of Waterfront Amenities Project

25/5/14 Email to Jamie re village map installation

25/5/14 Email to Ron Hartley re storm water drain, Water Street.

25/5/14 Email from Ron Hartley re above and work at Casuarina.

Moved Annette Searle that correspondence be accepted, seconded Gary Sylvaney. Carried.

3. Treasurers Report

Treasurer's Report June from 1/4/2014 to 31/5/2014		
Balances	Opening	Closing
Friends of Fame Cove	750.22	750.22
NACRA	4149.52	4413.84
Proj Garden Tank	952.00	952.00
Proj Map Sign	1157.95	1157.95
Proj Waterfront Amen	10579.00	10579.00
Website cost provision	86.50	86.50
	17675.19	17939.51
Beyond Bank	17675.19	17939.51
Total	17675.19	17939.51
Plus Income to 31 May		
Interest	19.32	
Member subscriptions	45.00	
Website Sponsorship	200.00	
Total Income	264.32	
Less Expenditure to 31 May		
Total Expenditure	0.00	
Closing Balance	=	17939.51
Financial members	=	78

Jim Pegram enquired as to payment for insurance. Kath Kohlhoff replied that it has been paid.

Moved Kath Kohlhoff that Treasurer's report be accepted, seconded Maria Pickles. Carried.

4. OTHER REPORTS:

4.1 Website

We are delighted to welcome Barneys Tank Cleaning as a new sponsor to the North Arm Cove Website. Another new sponsor will also be added to the website as soon as artwork is finalised. Our valued sponsors not only help fund the ongoing hosting of our website, but also contribute to the resources available to this Association.

4.2 Firewise

Stephanie Hunter has contacted Darren Briggs re firebreak - it is still under discussion. RFS looking to carry out additional hazard reductions between village and Gooreengi Road. Trevor queried what areas to be done, but Stephanie advised none designated yet. RFS are looking to extend hazard reduction area to reduce fuel load. When these plans are finalised they will be put up for display.

4.3 Grants - Garden Club

Garden Club grant: Over \$800 remains from the original grant and some minor additions to the project will be proposed to use these funds. These plans will be finalised at the Garden Club AGM in June.

4.4 Status of road map

The completed map has been delivered and installed. Work to be done on the pull-off area by Council.

4.5 Heros Beach

Although grant applications for work at Heros Beach were to be delayed until Water Amenities issues are resolved, Stephanie Hunter advised that following discussion among the committee, it is too good an opportunity to pass up. An Executive meeting will be held shortly to confirm details of this grant.

Jim Pegram asked what grant we are applying for and Stephanie advised this is the Community Partnerships Grant. Jim was of the understanding that council were going to undertake this work and queried what the funds would be used for. Stephanie Hunter advised that this would involve amenities including dinghy rack, children's playground etc. and that the engineering work would be undertaken by council, referring to Water Street and Casuarina as examples where council has done work and NACRA have not been invoiced. Doug said that council's plan is a 'vision for the future' and doesn't necessarily guarantee funds. He also pointed out that if Council applies it only receives 50% of any grant money for these projects and then has to fund the balance.

4.6 Hall Committee

Maureen Kelly advised that the replacement for the old sign at the community centre (showing phone numbers for hall booking, garden network and tennis club contacts etc.) has still not arrived despite constant reminders and the preparedness by Management Committee to undertake to re-site and erect the new sign.

Mowing around the hall is now to be done by Council. There was some concern that the solar switch (which needs to be on at all times) was open to vandalism, however it is now to be hard wired into the circuitry.

A Masked Ball is to be held as fundraiser for the children's playground equipment.

Bob Griffin has resigned as Treasurer of the Hall Committee and a farewell lunch will be organised.

4.7 Aquaculture – OISAS

Janine Reid requested a meeting with Craig Baumann to discuss the letter received from the Department of Primary Industries in response to our submission on Oyster leases. Craig had previously invited NACRA to write to him re this matter and had made representations on our behalf to Katina Hodgkinson, Minister for Primary Industries. He forwarded her response on to NACRA, which made it clear that the leases are a priority and will stay.

Stephanie Hunter felt that there was no point in pursuing this matter further at this stage.

Janine also submitted the Aquaculture Production Report for 2012/2013 (available as a separate document).

4.8 Waterfront Amenities Project (Water Street & Casuarina)

a) Water Street

Further work at Water Street is indefinitely stalled while we wait for the drainage issues to be resolved. This presents difficulties for us with granting bodies: both CBP and BBP. We can apply in August for extensions but there is no guarantee that we will get them. We need to get as much as we can done on Casuarina in the meantime.

b) Casuarina Reserve

Landscaping has been commenced and so far it shows definite improvement, as the site now actually looks somewhat like a park. Apparently Council is already seeking approval from relevant bodies for the ramp. It is

understood the ramp they are considering would be up to 15m in length and 3.7m in width but surfaced with packed gravel rather than concrete. A groyne would be placed to the left of the drain and there would be still space between that and the ramp for a jetty in the future. We are still awaiting a final design.

c) *General*

Doug advised he received a phone message from Andrew Stanilands GLC to say that he is expecting some action on drainage plans for Water Street in around two weeks. The existing drainage system is not working as rocks are too small and keep washing away and falling over. Kayak rack is still to be installed and some levelling and seating done. Maria Pickles noted that parking is still a problem at Water Street. Council has been made aware of this. Kerryan referred to flooding at Casuarina and noted there was a mound built to stop water but this appears to have gone. Gary Sylvaney advised that the mound had in fact been removed but this should not cause any problems to residents. Stephanie Hunter advised that more drainage work would probably be done in the Cove in the next financial year, which is not far away. Council workers have already been seen inspecting drainage and placing markers.

Gary Sylvaney brought up the fact that funding for dinghy launching only is relevant until August. Doug Kohlhoff has been liaising with Community Building Partnerships on this issue. We have already had two extensions, one to March and one to August. Doug has been asked to get back to CBP in August if we still have a problem. It all hinges on plans for the dinghy ramp becoming available so that work can commence.

Moved Kerryan Griffin that reports be accepted, seconded Gary Sylvaney. Carried.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Street Signage

Wade Holmes, GLC will be approached re the following new street signage when he returns from overseas:

- 50km indicated speed in Eastslope Way.
- Sign indicating Eastslope way house numbering.
- 50km sign for entrance to Cove Boulevard
- Several "watch out for children" signs in key areas
- Sign on Ridgeway for public toilet.
- Change to speed sign on entry to North Arm Cove (in wrong position).

Stephanie advised that Wade Holmes is still overseas and as soon as he returns this list will be submitted to him.

Added to the above list should also be a small **i** sign for map.

Jim Pegram also asked whether we could request a sign on Promontory Way crest for pedestrians – preferably double-sided. Stephanie Hunter stressed the importance of having these signs erected before there is a serious accident. Kerryan reminded the meeting that there have been some accidents in the past and asked if it was worthwhile getting in touch with the Traffic Committee. Trevor Vandenberg offered the information that in other areas they put a traffic register on the road and then collect data to decide whether signs are required. He suggested we approach council to install some of these measuring devices. The meeting was advised that one of these devices had been placed on North Arm Cove Road for a short time during the past year.

Doug Kohlhoff reported that the non-urban land sign near fire station has been replaced and appears to be facing the wrong direction.

Doug advised that the Traffic Committee might need to approve some of signs requested above. Len Yearsley mentioned the recent meeting at Tea Gardens where the subject of roads was raised and in particular, how council assess when roads are due for replacement. One method is to use a "shakeometer" to gauge road condition.

Jim Pegram referred to the 3% rate increase discussed at the Tea Gardens meeting and how this will be used for roads. This could benefit North Arm Cove and Len Yearsley suggested we get ourselves on the list for roadwork as soon as possible. Trevor Vandenberg also raised the question of rates being diverted to other areas and how little of this comes back to the Cove. Stephanie Hunter advised that NACRA would continue to pursue Council re this issue.

5.2 Council Mowing

Kerryan asked whether it was possible for Council to mow the strip of grass near the blackboard when they are mowing around the hall area.

5.3 Meeting with Len Roberts

Stephanie Hunter reported that the Executive Committee met with Len Roberts and invited him to inspect Casuarina Park and Water Street. He was very supportive and suggested that NACRA address a council meeting, advise of progress to date, how much money we have left in reserve and what our problems are. He felt that this might move things along.

6. Guest speaker Jane Burrage-Swift

Jane addressed the meeting on "Caring for the Community at Home". Among the services available to over 65's is:

- RFS scheme replacing batteries in smoke alarms.
- Telephone service to ring older residents daily to ensure they are OK.
- Social outings with a pick up service.
- Services for Dementia patients to give some relief to their carers for a few hours a week.
- Men's group called the "Codgers" who meet every second week at a hotel or restaurant.
- Men's shed (in planning).
- Outing to Karuah RSL every second month for lunch

A group called Community Options operates out of Forster sending case managers to look at individual situations for people with disabilities. Although not part of Jane's responsibility, there is community and clinic transport available for over 65's in the community. All volunteers are fully trained

Jane also stressed the importance of getting into the system even if people aren't quite ready for home care and also mentioned support for people with disabilities that enables them to stay at home longer. There will be multiple services available through the NDIS. Jane also left brochures on Neighbour Aid and Social & Recreational Services available to people 65 plus.

The meeting closed at 11.55am

Next Meeting

Next General Meeting and AGM 10.00am Saturday 9 August 2014 (to be held in Library Annexe).

Submitted by: Annette Searle

Approved as a true and correct record

Stephanie Hunter (Chairman)

Date