

**NORTH ARM COVE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**  
**to be held at the Community Hall on 13 April 2013 at 10am**  
**AGENDA**

1. Welcome, present and apologies (*please sign in at the door*).

Minutes of General Meeting held on 9 February 2013 (*available on website*).

- 1.1 Business Arising

2. **Motions on Notice**

3. **Correspondence**

**Great Lakes Council**

24/2/13 To Glen Handford GLC re pump-out trucks

25/2/13 To Glen Handford GLC re roads and drainage

13/2/13 To General Manager GLC re Fame Cove Project

**Storm Damage**

8/3/13 From Col Williams re storm damage

19/3/13 To Col Williams re storm damage

10/3/13 To Jamie Condie GLC re storm damage

**Invitations**

February 13 From Catchment Management Authority re Marine Discovery Series and Project Aware

**Email correspondence**

March 13 to sponsors/prospective sponsors for renewal of website advertising

March 13 various to Wade Holmes GLC re road map and signage for North Arm Cove

March 13 various from Wade Holmes GLC in response

Mach 13 various to Jamie Condie re Col Williams storm damage

March 13 various to Col and Joan Williams updating on GLC correspondence re storm damage.

4. **Reports**

**4.1 Treasurer**

<b>NACRA Income</b>	<b>To 31 Mar</b>
Member subscriptions	60.00
Website sponsorship	670.00
Donations	5.00
Maps	45.00
Council Grant	2000.00
Interest	4.31
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2784.31</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>To 31 Mar</b>
Insurance	621.46
Stationery	29.00
Social events	97.14
<b>Total Expend.</b>	<b>747.60</b>

<b>Balances</b>	<b>As at 31 Jan</b>	<b>To 31 Mar</b>
NACRA	3274.36	5311.07
Friends of Fame Cove	775.22	775.22
Petty Cash		
<b>Total</b>	<b>4049.58</b>	<b>6086.29</b>
Credit Union	4104.55	5793.40
Awaiting deposit	10	435.00
Less unres chqs	-64.97	-142.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>4049.58</b>	<b>6086.29</b>

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**4.2 Hall Committee**

Nothing to report at present.

#### **4.3 Firewise**

*Burn off:* RFS Inspector Darren Briggs advises all preparation for the burn off to the north and west of the village are completed and approved for the brigade to commence when ready and conditions suitable.

*Village Protection Plan:* Still a work in progress and expected to be completed by Spring 2013. To be presented to the community prior to next fire season.

*Assisted evacuation list:* To be held by Darren Briggs for implementation in an emergency situation.

*Fire restrictions:* Have been lifted

*Village fire trails:* Darrin Briggs suggested NACRA put in a written request re maintenance and day lighting of strategic and designated fire trails around NAC. Some sections are becoming rutted, dangerous and in some cases, unusable following recent heavy rain. GLC will be requested to provide funding for maintenance as part of the village fire plan.

#### **4.4 Fame Cove/North Arm Cove Sub Committee**

*Hilltop Development:* Lisa Schiff GLC Director of Planning advises that all details requested from the developer have not yet been completed and are undergoing final assessment. It is anticipated the application will be before April or May Council meeting. All those who have made formal comment will be advised.

*DA for Fame Cove dwelling:* Still relevant. Minister revoked only Part 3a provision of the Act not the DA as previously believed.

*Footprint for balance of land:* GLC has not yet met with the developer to discuss his requirements, however they now have stronger understanding of the portions of the land worth of conservation.

With new planning legislation, Rural Land is to transition to Environmental Land statewide. This will apply to GLC Local Environment Plan (LEP). Legislation remains basically unchanged.

*Paper subdivision legislation:* New legislation affecting the Rural Land and Paper Subdivision surrounding the village of North Arm Cove has been enacted by the State Government.

#### **4.5 Boat Ramp, water access**

Sub-committee to prepare an action plan and look at issues that will affect the public. This project will require a great deal of work by the sub-committee and involvement and co-operation of local residents. Council's response still pending on survey of Medina Bay. Advice to be sought from Boat Committee as to whether to proceed.

#### **4.6 Social/fund raising**

The 'Sausage Sizzle' planned for 22 February was cancelled due to bad weather and will now be held on 24 May. Maria Pickles has been invited to show pics and give a talk on her recent trip to Iran.

#### **4.7 Website**

The website sub committee decided to increase sponsorship advertising from 12 to 18 places and increase subscription to \$50 per spot. Existing sponsors to be signed up and six more sourced. Flyer sent out and response good to date with 9 of existing 12 signing up again (no refusals), three still to be contacted. Other local businesses to be contacted

Doug Kohlhoff advised that website is being redesigned to take the increased advertising and so it can also be accessed via mobile phone. Doug also suggested an email newsletter to be sent out on each Friday listing events/news to encourage people to access the website. Default setting on comments changed to encourage more comments.

#### **4.8 Environment – Janine Reid**

*Aquaculture:* The Oyster Industry Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy (OISAD) was reviewed last year. In 2011 NACRA made a submission with a follow up in June 2012. The review was to be on public exhibition in 2012 and gazetted in September that year. I have contacted Fisheries re progress of this review and was advised that it has been delayed. Fisheries will advise when it is on public exhibition.

The NACRA submission questioned why the area covered by the two oyster leases of Cove Boulevard and Eastslope Way should remain “priority lease” areas when large sections have not been used for over 20 years. If anyone would like to make a personal submission, it is not too late to do so. Fisheries have called for nominations of areas to be included/excluded from the priority zones. Write to Tim Gippel, Senior Policy Officer, Aquaculture, Locked Bag 1, Nelson Bay NSW 2315 or email [tim.gippel@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tim.gippel@dpi.nsw.gov.au). Further information can be found on the aquaculture pages of the Department of Primary Industries website.

The oyster leases are normally inspected in January when tides are low. Unfortunately the weather was unfavourable at the times I was available, so the inspection was made over Easter, however low sun made it difficult to see structures below the waterline. Lease OL86/140 is currently fallow and many posts are becoming overgrown with shells. Signage is OK. Lease OL86/138 has a small area on the southern end that contains trays of oysters. It was surprising to see that the posts have been removed in the unused area of the northern section of the lease. Apparently this occurred in February. The lease boundary posts are still in place but the smaller posts have been removed. Careful navigation is required in this area, as many posts have previously broken off below water level and there is no guarantee that partially submerged posts have been removed.

The majority of the remaining lease areas in North Arm Cove are not cultivated and most leases have areas of derelict posts. There are small areas of oysters on the leases either side of the channel leading into Bundabah Creek (OL96/076 and OL01/030) and some near the shoreline south of Bundabah. The remaining leases have no oyster trays or cages. The lease markers are mostly in place but it is difficult to be certain in the south area of Bundabah and during the inspection we hit a post with the propeller just west of Bundabah in an area outside the oyster leases.

## **5. Other Reports**

### **5.1 Clean up Australia**

Tony Hann reported that Clean up Australia was postponed from 3 March to 10 March due to bad weather. Seven volunteers collected approximately a tonne of dumped rubbish, mainly around main roads from highway. This year there was less building rubble due to less building and renovation activity in the village. Tony Hann would like to personally thank the faithful few who contributed their time and effort.

### **5.2 Draft LEP**

Tony Hann reported that this document was placed in public exhibition between June and August 2012. When passed by Council it will provide the framework for future developing and planning, covering zoning, building design regulation, foreshore building lines, heritage constraints, coastal risk areas and flood planning. It is a very important document for anyone wishing to develop land in the shire. Of particular interest to Cove residents are new building design controls, foreshore lines, zoning and flood risk prevention.

On 12 March, Tony Hann attended a meeting at Council to consider draft recommendations for flood planning and coastal erosion and a flood level datum was agreed allowing for a 0.9m rise in sea level by 2100 plus 0.5 freeboard and an allowance for a 1:100 year storm event. Implications for landowners wanting to build in flood-affected areas are not clear and while this is not prohibited, it would be wise to look at Council's flood maps and seek advice from Council Planning. Now that a flood line has been published, selling low-lying land may now also be problematical.

### **5.3 Foreshore Erosion**

Tony Hann reported that many Cove properties are affected by wave and wind erosion. At a public meeting in November 2012, NACRA asked Council for advice on suitable sea wall structures to counter this problem. Despite several repeat requests, the only advice we have received is that a DA is required

for any work (with the exception of simple repairs)

#### **5.4 Road Map**

NACRA has received a \$2,000 grant for the erection of a street map to direct visitors and contractors around the village. Proposal put to council re content and position of map, together with some changes to existing signs. On approval in principle from Council, a DA can be lodged, however no useful response from Council to date.

#### **5.6 Grant Application**

Stephanie Hunter proposed putting in more grant applications e.g. Better Boating, Credit Union. Need to ascertain what kind of projects they will fund and whether NACRA have a suitable project.

### **6. General Business**