

Minutes for Ordinary General Meeting

DATE OF MEETING	Saturday, 10 February 2024		
MEETING TIME:	2.00pm	MEETING LOCATION:	North Arm Cove Community Hall

ITEM NO.	ITEM	KEY INFORMATION	ACTION
1.	Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder this is an Association that requires member engagement and involvement- new members and Committee members are encouraged. Apologies: John & Terri Horton, Kerry Head, Margie and Tony Abbott, Andrew Isaac, Sylvia Marino, Susan and John Carter, Peter and Sandy Chappelow, John Kugel, Cristina Carvalho B.R. visually showed an email received from Peter and Sandy Chappelow on their departure from NAC 	
2.	Minutes from NACCAi 11th November meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were posted on website and are to be approved. BR advised on changes added to minutes previously issued and asked that they be approved Proposed: N.Tulley Seconded: L.Coroy Approved by those present 	
3.	Outstanding actions from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance issues, asbestos dumping BR gave a visual display on various compliance issues within the Cove. Additional asbestos dumping in Alathan controlled roads, advised them of such but no action to date. B.R. had discussion with MCC re issues including legal advice on wire mesh legality . Hope to have answer within a week. New structure of MCC Management Structure shown and discussion regarding restructuring of Compliance team Discussion of various non-urban property non compliances. The owner of one property discussed was present at meeting. BR advised meeting that there were boats, caravans, vehicles, container on site. Most vehicles unregistered. Council has been made aware however 	

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		<p>no reaction by Council to date. As owner was not a registered member of NACCAi and all discussion relating to these properties was complete, BR asked that they now leave the meeting . Owner refused stating he was member of community and entitled to stay. T.H. asked what was unlawful on this site. BR advised container was unlawful and said this was an example of future expectations when MCC doesn't take any action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnouts on Gooreengi Rd BR approached Robert Scott MCC Director of Infrastructure and Engineering Services in January. RS advised Council would look at various options to prevent future burnouts but could not promise any action but will see what can be done. Residents had contacted NOTA re this issue and it was reported in local paper • Combined community groups - Residents Information Package, community precinct long term plan Residents Information Package completed and distributed. Soft Copy on NACCAi website. Next project is long term plan for community precinct including parking, Yallarwah Park and information signage. We need MCC involvement and sign off. Next meeting 22/2/24 • Yallarwah Park signage Examples of proposed signage within Yallarwah Park shown on screen. \$1845 available A working bee was completed in November 23 in Yallarwah Park to spread soil and fertilizer. Coffee and cake was had by all participants at Coffee in the Cove afterwards. We have had no response to grant application for shade structures over the exercise equipment. • Heros Beach subcommittee terms of reference – motion to approve required Copies of the subcommittees TOR handed to those present. BR gave explanation of changes to existing TOR. BR advised that Brian Stevenson. was the de facto chair at the moment. Motion Proposed : D.Kohlhoff Seconded: T.Hann L.B. requested in future that more notice be given before voting for matters like this . 	

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		<p>T.H. questioned previous planning under the original subcommittee and was given some explanation by D.K. regarding this information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire awareness <p>B.R. thanked E.H. , D.T., and everyone else involved in the production and delivery of the Fire Awareness pamphlet including but not limited to J.K. J.H. T.N and all the others involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts trail proposal – moved to next meeting due to K Griffin overseas • Proposal by D Simovic for non-urban subcommittee – moved to future meeting since D Simovic wasn't going to be at this meeting . <p>D.S. did attend meeting , however, did not submit any information for this meeting and B.R. advised it was to be moved to next meeting.</p>																
4.	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current membership below as of 5/2/2024 <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="5">Paid To</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30 June 23</td> <td>30 June 24</td> <td>30 June 25</td> <td>30 June 26</td> <td>30 June 27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>102</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unfinancial members will have their membership cancelled. Membership fee is only \$10/person and if you wish to resign an email to President or Secretary would be appreciated <p>B.R. explained the 4 unfinancial people had till the end of February after which their membership will be terminated</p> <p>I.S. asked if non urbans were members to which B.R. replied in the negative</p>	Paid To					30 June 23	30 June 24	30 June 25	30 June 26	30 June 27	4	102	3	1	3	
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5.	Correspondence	<p>Correspondence: Listed below and available for viewing if interested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Building Partnership grant applications ▪ MCC re Heros Beach grant funding ▪ Alathan re dumped asbestos ▪ Kate Washington, MCC re burnout issues on Gooreengi Rd 	Available for all to see if interested															

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		website would be appreciated. B.R. expressed gratitude to D.K. for all his efforts in bringing the website to its present state.	

8. Other Business

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8.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update by Heros Beach subcommittee on preparation of community masterplan B.S. advised committee was reviewing all documentation supplied including the community survey feedback. B. S. advised how community viewed the requirements for Heros Beach , wanting the right solution and not relying on previous plans as the automatic solution. B.H. asked the approx. timing of the review and was advised somewhere between 6-12 months. T.N. asked if the committee was trying to comply to a budget allocation. B.S. explained there was a budget figure approx. \$159k however until Council appoints Project Manager no actions can be determined. B.S. advised that the wish list will exceed the budget, especially as the initial works would be to upgrade of stormwater overflow. We need to apply for more governmental grants to gradually achieve the wish list. T.N. stated that the stormwater issue was a Council issue and should be paid by MCC budget. ▪ Developing long term strategy for NAC and Carrington paper subdivisions B.R. explained how he wanted to push for a long-term plan for all paper subdivisions in NAC area. B.R. explained how he wants to submit a briefing paper on behalf of the North Arm Cove Community Association Inc (NACCAi) for the Member for Port Stephens, the NSW Government, MidCoast Council, major landowners, and landowner representatives. B.R. wants a long-term strategic plan to be developed for the future of the land between the Karuah Nature Reserve and Bulga Creek, including the land in North Arm Cove and Carrington paper subdivisions– an area of approximately 900 hectares currently zoned 	

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		<p>RU2 – Rural Landscape.</p> <p>The plan should be developed by a team comprising representatives of the NSW Government, Midcoast Council, major landowners, the North Arm Cove Community Association, and the North Arm Cove Ratepayers Association, with the team being led by the NSW Government.</p> <p>The plan should provide for the biodiversity and ecological values of the land to be protected, and consider the land becoming conservation land, such as an extension of the Karuah Nature Reserve or a National Park. This land has high biodiversity and environmental values, local and regional wildlife corridors, and is the home of many threatened and endangered species such as the Koala and Glossy Black Cockatoo. There has been an increasing amount of development, lawful and unlawful, of the paper subdivision land in the form of clearing, permanent structures and fencing. If such development is allowed to continue, the environmental value of the whole area will soon be lost.</p> <p>Midcoast Council does not appear to have the power, resources or will to enforce existing regulations on the use of this land. In part at least, this is due to legislation and regulations which fail to distinguish paper subdivision land (and its many small lots) from other similarly zoned land, and possibly due to the approx. \$1.1m pa “bonus” rate income that Council receives from the North Arm Cove paper subdivision.</p>	
8.2		<p>Other business from the floor</p> <p>1) B.R. raised the issue that MCC discussed with him regarding boat storage on reserves. B.R. has spoken to Regan Broadfoot from MCC re this issue and stressed the need for an enforcement plan for boats left illegally on Council land. B.R. showed photos of boat storage at Water Street,</p>	

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		<p>Casuarina Park and Medina Bay. Various comments from floor regarding this issue indicating that it is a long-term problem yet to be resolved. Comments from D.K., L.Y, D.S., and others.</p> <p>2) Clean up Australia information given by Rob van Zandvliet</p> <p>3) B.R. gave a short presentation on Dejan Simovic s proposal for a Sustainability Research Centre (SRCe) for NAC to develop masterplan for NAC. D.S. then proceeded to describe the processes that he wanted for the future development of the non-urban area. B.R. had to cut this discussion short so the meeting could be finished on time.</p> <p>T.N. made comment re the effort made on behalf of D.S. by B.R. to provide this information for all to revue.</p> <p>B.R. gave information on NACRPA . Information available on website northarmcove.org.au. NACRPA collaborating with Alathan for future development of non-urban blocks.</p> <p>4) T.H. raised question of knowledge of any information re possible MCC demerging. B.R. advised he had no knowledge re this matter and doubted that it was likely to happen.</p> <p>MEETING CONCLUDED 4.00PM</p>	

Meeting Dates

2024 MEETING DATES:	11 May, 10 August (AGM) , 9 November
NEXT MEETING TIME:	2-4 PM

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Finance report

NACCAi from 1/11/2023 to 31/1/2024
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Accounts	Grant amount	Opening	Closing
Friends of Fame Cove		406.06	406.06
NACCAi		7,660.57	7,581.33
Stronger Commun Project		456.53	456.53
Defibrillator		500.00	500.00
Yallarwah Park Fitness Track	90,606.00	2,669.42	1,845.44
Community Garden Potting Shed	14,000.00	1,375.80	867.13
Welcome Pack	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,719.26
Future Project		1,275.00	1,275.00
Website cost provision		145.00	145.00
		16,488.38	14,795.75
Beyond Bank		16,488.38	14,795.75
Total		16,488.38	14,795.75

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Plus Income to	31 Jan
Interest	19.47
Member subscriptions	200.00
Website Sponsorship	50.00
Total Income	269.47

Less Expenditure to	31 Jan
Yallarwah Park Fitness Track	823.98
Community Garden Potting Shed	508.67
Welcome Pack	280.74
Hall Hire	33.50
Gen. expense NACCAi	315.21
Total Expenditure	1962.10

Closing Balance = 14,795.75

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Fame Cove Subcommittee Report February 2024

At the time of writing this Sub Committee has not received any new report from Midcoast Council regarding the current situation and the Land and Environment Court Orders returned to the Court for re dating and re-authorisation for action by Council.

Len Yearsley

NACCAi Aquaculture Subcommittee Report February 2024

A letter was sent to Ian Lyall, DPI Fisheries, in November 2023. A reply was received in December 2023. A copy of our letter was published on the website in January 2024, along with some comments regarding the reply from Ian Lyall.

The main point of our letter to Ian Lyall was to see if we could get any action to improve the appearance of the oyster lease off Eastslope Way, OL86/138. The reply was:

DPI understands that some minor works have been undertaken on OL86/138. DPI will continue to work with the lease holder to address the issues of post and rail and floating buoys to replace crooked posts.

In other words, no action will be taken.

Some other minor points were raised about sedimentation, oyster debris on the shore, land clearing near the Bulga Creek Marine Park Sanctuary Zone, the Bundabah oyster post removal program and QX disease. QX disease is not currently a problem in North Arm Cove, but it has badly affected growers in some areas of the Port.

We have sent a second email to Ian Lyall regarding the boundary markers on OL86/136. The corner post near Water Street is missing and this is a safety hazard for boating, especially for those launching from Water Street. In addition, some of the white boundary posts are facing the wrong way. The compliance inspection is not expected for at least a year and considering the proximity to the Water Street launching area, the missing post should be replaced as a matter of urgency.

Janine Reid

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Heros Beach Subcommittee Report

We have had 2 meetings so far. The first was mainly a meet and greet and a way forward re meeting and place etc and working around each participants time line.

On the second meeting we clarified the terms of reference, and then addressed the community survey as submitted. All of the subcommittee were asked to address the issues as addressed via the survey; to clarify whether it was a fit within the TOR, and then to give feedback re the merits of each issue. That is where we at to date.

Next meeting will be to pool the feedback, further discuss, and then move to the design step.

Bryan Stevenson