

## Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	Saturday, 12 November 2022		
<b>MEETING TIME:</b>	2.08pm	<b>MEETING LOCATION:</b>	North Arm Cove Community Hall

ITEM NO.	ITEM	KEY INFORMATION	ACTION
1.	<b>Welcome and apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome by J.H. as acting chair due to absence of B.R. (J.R. has Covid)</li> <li>Reminder this is an Association that requires member engagement and involvement- new members and Committee members are encouraged</li> <li>Apologies from Bob and Janine Reid, John Kugel, John and Susan Carter</li> </ul>	Nil
2.	<b>Minutes from NACCAi 13<sup>th</sup> August meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were proposed for approval by Len Yearsley</li> <li>Seconded by B.H. Approved unopposed</li> </ul>	Nil
3.	<b>Outstanding actions from previous meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update of progress of Community Plan J.H. read from notes supplied by B.R. advising that the Community Plan was completed with a copy available on our website. Current initiatives include roads, drainage, Yallarwah Park, paper subdivision and compliance issues. No comments from floor.</li> <li>Update of Rural Strategy Non- urban land issues J.H. read from notes supplied by B.R. advising that the paper subdivision submissions analysis was presented to Council at September meeting, minor changes were made. The next step is for the amended rural strategy to be approved by Council, followed by the development of LEP including public consultation. Should be 2-3 years before Council approves. No comment from floor</li> </ul>	Nil  Nil

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="573 309 1677 898"> <p>▪ Update Jetty Proposal J.H. read from notes supplied by B.R. advising that Council were in talks with Walker Corporation re acquisition of land in Brackens Bay/Beauty Point area for a proposed large foreshore reserve and possible jetty site. Walker Corp in return would want trade off with better developments rights for some of their land. I.e. 2-5 hectares for a dwelling entitlement not 20 hectares as per rural strategy. Assumed that this would be part of the LEP process and may take 2-3 years before resolution. Discussion from floor by Tim Nolan, Tony Hann, Len Yearsley. Questioned asked by T.H. if this proposal was considered viable by Council. B.H. advised that Council has been here and inspected this area with B.R. a couple of weeks ago and subject to Council funding, Walkers agreeing re acquisition for increased development rights, LEP process completed, Council considers this is only site they would consider as acceptable. Council has advised no jetty development will be approved within Cove. J.H. advised that council is willing to put in a road and jetty . Further general discussion from floor</p> </li> <li data-bbox="573 898 1677 1345"> <p>▪ Update of Southern Area Reference Group (SARG) J.H. and G.S. have both attended SARG meetings. Council has now advised that they don't want to continue or expand, hence it will be disbanded and current initiatives will be assigned to individual Council staff. Possible last meeting February. Council previously advised that we must choose one of our reserves (Casuarina, Medina Bay, Heros Beach for improvements. G.S. advised meeting of history and background behind SARG. G.S. advised that the amount of works requested kept growing. G.S. advised some of the projects for NAC. G.S. advised after last inspection. council now advising they will do small improvements projects to each reserve. There is no money for major upgrades by Council (grants needed). We need community conversation next year on what small improvements should be made.</p> </li> </ul>	

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		<p>G.S. believes that Council “have your say” site is possible way to lodge requests for Council to react.</p> <p>Discussion from floor re cleaning of Heros Beach. Belief that Council has a responsibility. Weed control, spraying etc. Question from T.H. how we can get action from Council. B.H. advised that B.R. has requested from Council a program of maintenance that Council is undertaking. Discussion re lack of return for Council rates applied. B.H. advised that B.R. trying to develop a relationship with Council and will continue to apply pressure. T.H. discussed Council meeting in Tea Gardens and the discussion of Council that they want to listen to ratepayers’ requests. T.H. advised his frustration with ongoing delays with Council policies and actions.</p> <p>T.N. discussed the size of the amalgamated MCC. They have no money, lack of staff. T.N. expressed his frustration with everything relating to Council lack of response or action. General discussion from L.Y. re electorate relocation as per discussion with Kate Washington.</p> <p>J.H. advised induction by Council of volunteers covers them for insurance while working on behalf of council.</p> <p>More frustration shown by floor discussing non-payment of rates and advising local newspapers of our issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update of Yallarwah Park walking track J.H. advised that concrete pathway nearly finished expecting completion by next Wednesday. Excavator contractor booked for clean up 28/11/22. Exercise Equipment to be installed 21/11/22. Concrete cost a bit higher due to the need for bigger pads for the exercise equipment with total cost about \$46000 (increase of \$3000-\$4000). We may not have as much money for seats, pergola, landscaping etc and will look at organising some working bees to finish off.</li> </ul>	

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		<p>Costs to date: Concrete approx. \$46000 Exercise equipment \$32850 Leaving roughly \$12000 for seats, pergola. Landscaping. We have not committed to these items yet, but council may be able to help with seats etc</p> <p>T.N. advised meeting of the extent of involvement of B.R. in this project (from initial design, tendering, grant application, purchasing and site set out) Grant \$90600, grant payment to date \$72000 and at the completion of installation we will lodge final grant invoice of \$18000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy J.H. read from notes supplied by B.R. advising NACCAi submission lodged 15<sup>th</sup> August. B.R. had two zoom meetings with Adam Matlawski on submission and draft policy, fencing and compliance generally. The revised draft policy with report recommending Council approval was released 21/10/22 with only minor formatting changes. There were only three submissions to the draft policy -all from NAC, all mentioning compliance issues. B.R. unsuccessfully tried to arrange phone discussion with the Mayor prior to 26/10/22 Council meeting. B.R. emailed all Councillors 25/10/22 asking that the policy not be approved with an accompanying presentation explaining why. B.R. presented to Council public forum by zoom on morning 26/10/22 asking policy not to be approved and send back to staff for review and rewrite and explaining why. No questions from Councillors. Council meeting that afternoon passed policy unanimously with no discussion or even mention of our submission or request-rubber stamped! Approved policy placed on Council website about a week later. Sometime after this the approved policy was substituted with one containing the missing appendix.</li> </ul>	

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		<p>B.R. to have a meeting with the Mayor at NAC scheduled for afternoon 15/11/22 to discuss policy and Council processes for considering and responding to community feedback.</p> <p>Comments from floor by T.N. and Rob Dann re council treatment of submission .</p> <p>General frustration expressed from floor regarding Council attitude.</p>																
4.	<b>Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Current membership below as of 1/11/2022</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="5">Paid To</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30 June 23</td> <td>30 June 24</td> <td>30 June 26</td> <td>30 June27</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>77</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4 left NAC 4 resignations to date</li> <li>▪ 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</li> </ul>	Paid To					30 June 23	30 June 24	30 June 26	30 June27		77	2	1	1		B.H. to send reminder to unfinancial members after which they will be deleted from membership register
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5.	<b>Correspondence</b>	<p><b>Correspondence: Listed below and available for viewing if interested</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MCC -Community Plan, Paper Sub Division, Yallarwah Fitness track grant, SARG, Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy, Rural Boundary Clearing problems</li> <li>▪ Kate Washington – grants availability</li> <li>▪ North Arm Cove Ratepayers Association letter re ongoing communication regarding non-urban land development</li> <li>▪ A Space re exercise track equipment</li> </ul>	Nil															

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	KEY INFORMATION	ACTION
6.	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Finance report had been distributed with the agenda and motion to approve required.</li> </ul> <p>Proposed: Gary Sylvaney    Seconded: B.H.    Approved unopposed Discussion and question relating to report from T.N.</p>	Nil
7.	Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Fame Cove (see report attached)</b> Len Yearsley updated information regarding Mr Lee. Everything is dependant of court case outcome.</li> <li><b>Roads and drainage (no report)</b> G.S. gave positive feedback regarding his dealing with Council. Council advised that drainage issue regarding Heros Beach was out for tender. All designs and costings done. Taken over 2 years to achieve this dealing with Council. G.S. talked of drainage works done at Water St., The Esplanade. All reports are on website including a pit and culvert survey for entire village. Discussion of driveway cross over and responsibilities of Council. G.S. advised of proposed upgrade of road from Carrington to NAC. No firm details or timing. Results of speed survey in Village expected in approx. one week. Proposed to lower speed limit to 40km/hr subject to survey result. Discussion from floor of “burn outs” at intersection of Somerset Ave with Goorengi Rd. G.S. discussed requests for additional signage. T.H. raised question if Council was responsible for removal of advertising signage appearing in various locations. G.S. to follow up. Question from floor regarding need for a crossing between Community Hall and Yallarwah Park. Parking on Hall side of road only. G.S. to follow up. Discussion of any allowance for parking in Yallarwah Park planning</li> <li><b>Aquaculture (attached)</b> Nigel Tully advised his contact with Council was positive if he emailed certain people within council including rangers. If he approached Council through</li> </ul>	

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		<p>normal sources there was a long delay in achieving a positive outcome. T.N. commended N.T. for his work cleaning up the local environment. Agreement from the floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Heros Beach (no report)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Website (no report)</b></li> </ul> <p>Comment from T.H. regarding quality of website and urging for more people to use this site.</p>	

### 8. Other Business

ITEM NO.	ITEM	KEY INFORMATION	ACTION
8.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Draft Compliance and Enforcement update</b> As discussed earlier in meeting</li> <li>▪ <b>Open Space and Park Strategy</b> Is a new Council initiative, to be used for long term plans. We have suggested Beauty Point and Brackens Bay be acquired for open space/reserve G.S. went to meeting last Saturday and advised process that occurred</li> <li>▪ <b>Men's Shed Feasibility</b> Working group formed to develop concept. It is not a NACCAi initiative but will support through liaison with Council-on-Council support. More information is available in Cove News and contact John 0408115553 if interested</li> <li>▪ <b>NACCAi operations/procedures manual draft</b> B.R. is developing a document showing procedures for use by future committee members. He hopes to be completed first quarter of 2023</li> <li>▪ No new issues from floor raised. L.Y. raised question of possibility of reducing number of pages in agenda</li> </ul>	B.H. to investigate

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		J.H. thanked all for their attendance and meeting closed at 3.35pm	
8.2	Meeting Dates	<b>Ordinary General Meeting</b> dates: 11 February 2023, 13 May 2023, 12 August 2023, 11 November 2023 <b>Annual General Meeting</b> date: 12 August 2023	

### Meeting Dates

<b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b>	Saturday 11 February 2023
<b>NEXT MEETING TIME:</b>	2-4 PM

#### Attachments:

- Finance Reports
- Subcommittee Reports



**August 2022 Financial Report**  
from 1/8/2022 to 31/8/2022

<b>Balances</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>
Friends of Fame Cove	406.06	406.06
NACCAi	6738.07	6918.77
Stronger Commun Project	456.53	456.53
Defibrillator	1775.00	1775.00
Yallarwah Park Fitness Track	72484.80	59344.64
	<b>81860.46</b>	<b>68901.00</b>
Beyond Bank	81860.46	68901.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>81860.46</b>	<b>68901.00</b>

<b>Plus Income to</b>	<b>31 Aug</b>
Donations	30.00
Interest	10.70
Member subscriptions	140.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>180.70</b>

<b>Less Expenditure to</b>	<b>31 Aug</b>
Yallarwah Park Fitness Track	13140.16
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>13140.16</b>

**Closing Balance = 68901.00**

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**September 2022 Financial Report**  
from 1/9/2022 to 30/9/2022

<b>Balances</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>
Friends of Fame Cove	406.06	406.06
NACCAi	6918.77	6974.82
Stronger Commun Project	456.53	456.53
Defibrillator	1775.00	1775.00
Yallarwah Park Fitness Track	59344.64	59344.64
	<b>68901.00</b>	<b>68957.05</b>
Beyond Bank	68901.00	68957.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>68901.00</b>	<b>68957.05</b>

<b>Plus Income to</b>	<b>30 Sep</b>
Interest	16.05
Member subscriptions	40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>56.05</b>

<b>Less Expenditure to</b>	<b>30 Sep</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Closing Balance = 68957.05**

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**October 2022 Financial Report**  
from 1/10/2022 to 31/10/2022

Balances	Opening	Closing
Friends of Fame Cove	406.06	406.06
NACCAi	6974.82	7032.12
Stronger Commun Project	456.53	456.53
Defibrillator	1775.00	1775.00
Yallarwah Park Fitness Track	59344.64	59344.64
	<b>68957.05</b>	<b>69014.35</b>
Beyond Bank	68957.05	69014.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>68957.05</b>	<b>69014.35</b>

Plus Income to 31 Oct	
Interest	29.30
Member subscriptions	60.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>89.30</b>

Less Expenditure to 31 Oct	
Hall Hire	32.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>32.00</b>

**Closing Balance = 69014.35**

### **Fame Cove Sub-Committee Report 12 November 2022**

This Sub-Committee has now not met for six months as we await the outcome of the Federal Court hearing again moved forward from 15 September to **17 November 2022** as a substantive proceeding including the balance of the Lee claim for interlocutory relief (discussion without conclusion or penalty) concerning the outstanding question of asset disclosure by the respondents other than the first respondent (Mr Lee) is listed for case management.

Perhaps a date will be set for the hearing of Mr Lee's outstanding tax assessment debt reported to be \$ 272.9 million plus a further \$19.26 million described as "the Lee debit amount" reported in the Australian Financial Review 21 March.

There are also matters relating to the Star Casino inquiry which disclosed Mr Lee moved into Australia around \$1.6 billion via a Star Casino credit card.

All asset freezes remain in place and no action is being pursued via the outstanding Land and Environment Court Case which found in favour of Midcoast Council regarding non compliance with granted D/A s and refurbishment of damage to the property until the Federal Court taxation matter is resolved.

The inaction and asset freeze combined with the wet season is resulting in a natural regrowth to some of the areas identified as having damage to vegetation and the road closures demanded by the Court.

### **Aquaculture Report November 2022**

The Port Stephens oyster industry has been on the news due to stock losses in Port Stephens from QX disease in Sydney Rock Oysters. The industry has been hit hard and a large number of smaller producers have gone out of business.

QX disease develops over summer but the oysters don't show signs of significant disease until autumn. Over winter, XL oysters removed all their stock off OL86/140, the lease off Cove Boulevard.

I suspect the constant rain and low salinity levels have increased the susceptibility of the oysters to disease. It takes 3 years to grow a mature oyster and there is no sign yet that the disease outbreak has abated. DPI Fisheries produce oyster spat that is resistant to QX disease but even these oysters eventually succumb.

It has also been a bad year for wild weather which damages oyster farmers' infrastructure. There have been at least 3 occasions when there have been significant breaks of the longlines holding the baskets. The baskets then float into the mangroves at the northern end of the Cove. Nigel T regularly collects the baskets and puts them above the high tide mark. He rings the oyster farmer who is usually fairly prompt in retrieving his gear. Nigel also collects the oyster debris that washes up between Carrington and North Arm Cove. John Lyaal from Carrington receives the debris on behalf of the oyster industry. Over the last few months, Nigel has collected large quantities of material, some of which has come from an abandoned oyster lease near Carrington.

Last week I was contacted by an ABC journalist regarding plastics used in the oyster industry and the impact of plastics on the marine environment. I gave her some close-up pictures of the oyster longlines and baskets and we discussed the problem of the breakdown of the plastics due to sun and weather. I declined a formal interview but I helped her access some further research material.

Janine Reid

5 November 2022