

Minutes of the JRCPA Management Committee

**Meeting on 11th January 2009 at 1.05pam – 4 Thomas Street, Johns River,
Johns River.**

Committee Members in Attendance:

President Glenn Ferrero (GF), VP David Shepard (DS), Secretary Chris Bawn (CB), Treasurer Bruce Shaw (BS), Ordinary Members Deena Lane (DL), Rod Heath (RH) and Richard Wilson (RH).

Apologies:

Nil

GF opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. GF also acknowledged the traditional owners both past and present of the land upon which we are meeting today. GF welcomed Richard Wilson (RW) to the committee to fill the vacancy left by Kerri and Michael Williams.

New Membership Applications

No new members since last meeting.

Presidents Report

GF indicated he had spoken to Michael and Kerri Williams and Kerri will arrange to forward their letters of resignation ASAP. Michael and Kerri are still members of the association and wish to remain so. GF advised that he will approach Kerri and Michael and ask them to consider continuing their excellent work on the Youth and Crime Sub committees. GF indicated that we would need to provide them with clear guidelines and they would need to follow our Rules at all times.

DS commented on the excellent work of the Secretary with the keeping of minutes and other administration work.

GF asked all committee members whether they had read the previous minutes and agreed that they were a true and accurate records of that meeting. RH indicated that he had not seen the minutes due to computer problems. RH was given a copy of the minutes to review.

After a short period of review, all members of the committee indicated that they accepted the minutes. GF proposed minutes be accepted. DL seconded proposal. All committee members were in favour.

GF then discussed the study completed by RW on the waterway that passes through the village. RW and CB completed a 3 hour walk through the various areas of this waterway some weeks ago to firstly understand the problems with flooding experienced in the village. RW then completed an engineering report on the various elements of interest. This report is available by request to the secretary of the JRCPA (email address available at <http://www.johnsriver.com.au/contact/contact.htm>)

RW then talked through some of the issues in relation to the village waterway. These issue will be raised with the RTA, Department of Lands, Australian *Rail Track* Corporation (ARTC), and the Catchment Management Authority (on their visit to the village 19 January 09).

GF and CB thanked RW for his excellent report.

GF advised that we had received a letter from the Dept of Sport and Rec to indicate that they are in receipt of our grant application for additional funds for the playground. Funding announcements will be made by early April 2009. CB indicated that he submitted this application with the support of GTCC (Wayne Hull) and the Hon. Peter Besseling (member for Port Macquarie). These additional monies will be used for soft fall material, lighting, shades and parents' retreat area

Secretary's Report

CB indicated that there had been one letter for the month, a letter from the Dept of Sport and Rec NSW.

No further correspondence inwards.

Treasurer's Report

BS indicated that the balance of the Association's Bank account was \$1,615.00 as at 11/01/09.

BS also indicated that there are 34 members who have yet to pay their annual subscription fee. BS gave the list to CB to prepare a reminder letter for these members.

Update from the Post-Bypass Committee

CB advised that the next meeting will be held on the 2nd Feb 2009 and that we need to be ready with a list of priorities for the village plan. We also need to get the signage elements on the north and south of the village organised and finalised ASAP.

Update from Community Information Group (CIG)

The next meeting of the CIG is on the 21st January.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Crime Subcommittee

This subcommittee is on hold until further notice.

Youth Subcommittee

We will be in contact with the school to ask the children to present their thoughts for their community to the committee at the Feb 2009 meeting.

History Committee

DS indicated that Domenic Galati has plenty of history and stories and maybe he might like to assist, as he is a member. DS to further investigate.

JRJ and Media

DS indicated that he has prepared a display box and will place this at the Johns River General Store. This will house advance copies of the JRJ for residents to purchase for \$1.

The JRCPA purchased a copy of the banner from Andrews.Neil UDG with the Village Urban Design plan. This will be used for meeting with various stakeholders and was used recently at a meeting with Ray Stack and Matt Hardiman in Taree. That meeting went well with GF and CB presenting the plan and village design to Mr Stack and Mr Hardiman. Mr Stack was very impressed with the work completed by the JRCPA and the wider community. Mr Stack also indicated that he would be happy to assist with the plan and certain elements of this in the future.

DS also indicated that CB, DS and GF had a meeting just prior to Christmas with Hon Peter Besseling, Member for Port Macquarie. The meeting went for approx 90 minutes as the group went through the detailed plans with Mr Besseling. Mr Besseling offered his continued support to the JRCPA and indicated that we need the greater assistance from GTCC to drive the plan, once adopted.

RW indicated that we need to get the support from GTCC and discuss the plan and options with the GM and Directors of the GTCC. A meeting with the Councillors (either combined or separate meetings) will be important to get their support for the plan.

RW gave a brief summary of the issues Moorland are facing. RW indicated that they are facing more substantial problems than Johns River. They are also looking at discussing the Draft LEP with GTCC shortly in relation to designation of Rural Residential land classifications as a result of the Highway realignment.

CB indicated that we should consider the Draft LEP carefully and look to have more land released in the village to provide support for the local economy. Further housing would potentially bring further families to the village, which will support the school, store and tavern. CB will raise this with GTCC in the next meeting with council.

DS indicated that with the roadway being handed to council in early 2010, we need to ensure that the RTA completes any repairs to the roadway (including drains, culverts, etc) prior to this handover. We need to ensure that other changes proposed in the village plan, such as road narrowing, parking spaces and the new direction of the corridor at Stewarts River Road and Pacific Highway, that is, which the RTA are able to assist with, is approved by an 'in principle agreement.'

DS indicated that the next issue is due out in Feb 2009 and is looking for some articles. DL, CB and RW indicated that they will have some articles for the next edition.

Eco/Beautification Committee

Discussions are still progressing well with the PTLALC in relation to Koolyangarra. CB mentioned that he has had an offer of support from three members of the community, as well as other wishing to provide assistance with machinery to help with the restoration works. There will be further progress announced at the next committee meeting in Feb 2009. DL indicated it will be great to have the project formally commenced so residents of the village can see the progress.

CB indicated that we need to get support from the Alliance with donation of materials to assist with projects in the future. CB indicated that this material could be stored on the vacant area behind the hall, which can be locked up with a chain to stop people helping themselves. CB indicated that we need to send a letter to Louise Neville, Greg Fells and Peter Chadburn (all from the Alliance) to arrange a meeting to discuss our request. GF indicated that we need logs, aggregate, more mulch for village works and for the wider community, as the pile currently at the hall has almost gone.

OTHER BUSINESS

Village Plan and Design

CB indicated that the plan will be discussed at the Post Bypass meeting to be held on the 2nd Feb 2009.

Fund Raising (Bingo)

This item is ongoing with more details due to be reported in the Feb 2009 meeting.

Items still open and waiting finalisation.

Speed Limits for the village

Will be determined by GTCC when roadway ownership is handed to them from the RTA. JRCPA will push and promote a 50km/h speed limit.

Renaming of Roads

Submissions have been put to GTCC for the roads and this will be decided on shortly. Item remains open for discussion with GTCC and RTA in Feb 2009.

Skate Park

On Hold at present.

Coordinating Village Group Activities

This item is still open and will continue to be managed to gain a meeting with all the groups in the village. Expected for completion by the end of Feb 2009.

Income for the Association

CB is continuing to work with the GTCC to arrange for some funds for the association (by way of Grants). Chris Ryan - GTCC has been very supportive of our efforts thus far and is keen to support us. Item Open

Raised Telstra Box – Lot 1 – No. 2- Thomas Street

CB has been in touch with Telstra to repair this box. Telstra have visited site and will construct a safety barrier around the box pending their repairs to bring the level of natural ground higher. Item still pending and awaiting Telstra to fix this area.

Public Toilets needed ASAP!

DL mentioned that on regular occasions she witnesses people looking for public toilets in the village. When they cannot locate one they often just 'go behind' the toilets at the hall to relieve themselves. Both the tavern and the general store now require people wanting to use public facilities to purchase something from the outlet prior to using facilities. It is now time for us to promote this to GTCC to ask for assistance in securing the new toilet facilities for the village (as per the Urban Design plan). CB also indicated that he spotted someone just stopping in Thomas street and 'peeing' beside the car. GF indicated we should be collecting a log of these offences and reporting them to GTCC.

Weed Species in the area

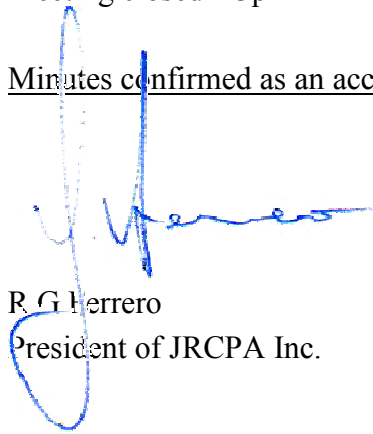
RW indicated that on a recent walk around the village, he believes that there is some Giant Parramatta Grass near the pedestrian bridge, which GTCC needs to take care of. CB to discuss with GTCC weeds area to arrange for this to be sprayed.

ALL- No further items.

Next Meeting proposed – Sunday 8th February 2009 - venue Deena's Studio– 1pm.

Meeting closed – 3pm – 11th January 2009

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.



R. G. Ferrero
President of JRCPA Inc.