
Minutes of the JRPCA Management Committee

**Meeting on 15th February 2009 at 1.10pm – 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 Member Deena Lane (DL)

Apologies:

Richard Wilson and Rod Heath

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.

New Membership Applications

No new members since last meeting.

Presidents Report

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.

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

GF commented on the Peter Besseling function that was held on Saturday afternoon. DS and GF attended on behalf of the association and CB attended later in the afternoon due to commitments at markets. GF commented that Peter is very much onside with the association and he would like to come to the village to see first hand the issues we are facing now and into the future. Peter believes that he does need to make himself more known to the local constituents and his media officer will issue an article for the next edition of the JRJ.

GF then discussed issues relating to the village plan and the continual disruption to progress by certain members of the community. The important thing to note here is that all community members were given adequate time to comment on the plan and the association is proud of that fact. There were comments made in relation to drainage at the service station and pipes near the roadway in front of the service station, which are on council land and that certain village streetscape enhancements are not to be developed in parts of the village. - It is unfortunate that the small minority of complainants do not understand that they were given time to comment on and embrace the plan. GF and DS further indicated that the other business owners in the village were consulted and their feedback taken on board. DS has a regular discussion with Dominic Galati, Service Centre Owner, and no issues have been

raised. Dominic is also a financial member of the association. GF noted that we need to push on and make things happen.

Secretary's Report

CB indicated that there had been the following correspondence received:

- Fax received from 6 members of the association indicating they wanted to resign from the association. They indicated 4 reasons for their decision to resign. This fax was received from the Johns River Tavern.
- Letter outwards to Gerard Jose – GM GTCC re the LEPP and our concerns with zoning.
- Letter received from the Catchment Management Authority (CMA) following their visit to the village. Their letter indicated a plan of design for the rehabilitation of the Pedestrian Bridge area and creek. Their estimate of costs for this rehab work was \$60K, which was mainly for materials. The letter also indicated that the damage or 'scouring' of the creek area was due to a design fault by the RTA when the new bridge was installed. Any remedial action required is the responsibility of the RTA. Glenn indicated that he will discuss with the alliance to see whether they can assist with supply of the materials required to complete the work.

CB indicated that letters were sent to each of the members wishing to resign from the association. The letter clearly highlighted the rules under which they can resign from the association.

No further correspondence inwards/outward.

Treasurer's Report

BS indicated that the balance of the Association's Bank account was \$1,641.00 as at 15/02/09.

BS indicated that there had been two renewals received. GF asked CB, as Public Officer, in his opinion, was the association solvent and financially OK. CB indicated that further funding for the association was important to ensure that our bank balance was healthy and remained in credit. CB confirmed that the association was solvent and able to pay accounts when they fell due. CB further indicated that we had received confirmation from the Dept of Gaming and Racing regarding our Authority to fundraise. We are now registered and permitted to hold fundraising events. GF indicated that we could be considered by the Alliance to receive a donation to the association.

Update from the Post-Bypass Committee

CB advised that the final meeting of the 355 committee was held with representation from all parties (including the Dept of Lands). Meeting went well with GTCC looking to adopt the village plan at their council meeting in March 2009. GTCC will look after the staging of the elements of the plan (once adopted) and we will be looking at

funding for each of the elements. Both CB and BS will continue to be 'in the loop' in relation to the plan and discussions regarding funding availability.

Update from Community Information Group (CIG)

The planned tour of the site for the community and interested members of the public was postponed due to the weather. A new date will be announced for this tour. GF indicated that he had spoken, at length, to Louise Neville (Alliance) in relation to their assistance to the village with parts of the plan. Louise indicated that the Alliance will support us in any way possible.

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 March 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 the next edition of the JRJ is due out late Feb early March and that most of the article had been received for this edition.

Eco/Beautification Committee

DL indicated that she would make contact with Dr Mary White in relation to her report on the Tea Tree soak are. DL to report findings at the next meeting.

DL also indicated that to stop a lot of the noise in the community and negative sentiment, we need to get some projects underway and Koolyangarra is an ideal start. DL indicated that she will contact the school and arrange a meeting to understand their level of involvement. We will also look for assistance in relation to getting the logs delivered to the site. CB indicated that we need to have an initial working bee at the site to start the ball rolling. This could be planned for late march of early April 2009.

CB also indicated that he has been in discussion with the CMA on a rare plant within the area. CB is sending photos through to their ecologist to identify the species of wattle (*Acacia Courtii*) or commonly known as the North Brother Wattle. CB understands that this species is on the 'vulnerable' list and he has located two of these close to Middle Brother Mountain. Further discussions at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Children's Playground

CB indicated that he has been in discussions with Playground Manufacturers in relation to designs and prices for relevant apparatus. CB arranged to get some brochures from these company's for us to review various designs for the village. In discussions with GTCC (Wayne Hull) we are best to target the 5-12 demographic and utilise a design for this group. CB further indicated that we had received an offer in relation to some equipment from a project our urban designers were working on and that we need to give them a design or plan of what we would like. The committee reviewed various plans within the age demographic and also within the budget we are given and have chosen the following from a company called 'Omnitech'. The choice was 'Centre Stage' and we would also look at the provision of a set of swings and garden furniture. CB to update the committee at the next meeting in relation to the progress of this.

Village Plan and Design

CB indicated that GTCC is now looking at adoption of the plan in the March council meeting and that he encourages members of the committee to be present at that meeting to support and adopt the plan. CB indicated that we need a course of action or plan of attack to be able to plead our case for funding opportunities. DS and CB indicated that there are quite a few new sources of funds (available through grants) that we can apply for.

Fund Raising (Bingo)

Now that we have received authority from the Dept of Gaming and Racing, we can now give approval to start fundraising activities. CB will contact Joe Malvicino to see whether he would like to run the proposed Bingo sessions at the community hall.

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. ONGOING

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. ONGOING.

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 March 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. ONGOING

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. ONGOING.

Weed Species in the area

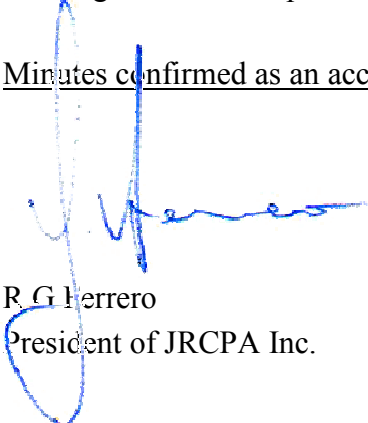
RW indicated that on a recent walk around the village, he believes that there is some Giant Parramatta Grass near the pedestrian bridge, which GTCC needs to take care of. CB to discuss with GTCC weeds area to arrange for this to be sprayed. The area has now been sprayed and the weeds are dying off. We need to get GTCC back to remove the dead weeds and clear the area.

ALL- No further items.

Next Meeting proposed – Saturday 7th February 2009 - venue Deena's Studio– 1pm.

Meeting closed – 3.10pm – 11th January 2009

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.



R.G. Ferrero
President of JRCPA Inc.