

## **Minutes of the JRCPA Management Committee**

**Meeting on 23rd May 2009 – 9.35am – Johns River Community Hall, Thomas Street, Johns River.**

### **Committee Members in Attendance:**

VP David Shepard (DS), Secretary Chris Bawn (CB) and Rod Heath (RH)

### **Apologies:**

President Glenn Ferrero(GF), Ordinary Members Deena Lane (DL), Richard Wilson and Bruce Shaw

In the absence of GF, DS, as Vice President, was elected to chair.

DS opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. DS also acknowledged the traditional owners both past and present of the land upon which we are meeting today.

### **Presidents Report (given by DS)**

DS asked those committee members present 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, those present indicated that they accepted the minutes. A resolution was passed that the minutes be accepted. Resolution carried.

### **Joe Malvicino – Bingo Fund**

Member Joe Malvicino was invited to discuss the proposed Bingo, which will be held in the Community Hall as a fund raiser for the community groups in the village and locality. It was agreed that we invite members of the neighbouring villages of the Northern Manning (Hannam Vale, Moorland, Stewarts River and Cooperbrook) to attend our Bingo sessions as a form of lite entertainment. It was also agreed that the JRCPA would, as hosting organisation, would retain the majority of the profit from sales of bingo cards. The JRCPA would purchase equipment required for the events and would also sponsor a lucky door prize and major prize. CB indicated that the Bendigo Bank has offered assistance with a prize or money to purchase equipment.

With the including of other villages in the Northern Manning, we would invite their individual community organisations to share in the profits on the respective days. The proviso would be that they need to provide assistance on the day looking after ticket sales, etc.

CB will review Bingo equipment on line to see the costs involved, etc. It was agreed that we would need the following:

- A Barrel and Balls (up to 90)
- Marker Pens and Bingo Cards
- Bingo Board (to display drawn numbers on)
- Lucky Door Prize
- Major Prize.

Joe then had to leave the meeting due to other commitments.

### **Presidents Report (cont) (given by DS)**

DS gave a brief discussion as to the road names for the village. Refer to the attached summary of History as to naming of the roads and bridges in the village.

DS also gave a brief summary of his discussions with Maureen Spiteri (GTCC) regarding the naming of the roads in the village. The names submitted by the community through the various community Forums held in 2008 were submitted to GTCC and subsequently forwarded to the State Department for vetting.

RH indicated that in the past at CIG meeting's the question was raised about the names on the service roads in the village. The main roads, such as Stewarts River Road (now proposed by the community to be Johns River Road) and the old Pacific Highway (south of the village) now proposed to be Koolyangarra Way.

DS indicated that it appears that the RTA has dropped the ball and not forwarded to GTCC our names. DS indicated that it was now rectified and we need to ensure that GTCC establishes the Johns River Implementation Group ( JRIG) so these types of issues are dealt with swiftly and not forgotten.

CB indicated that he would contact Graham Gardner and Greg Blaze (GTCC Directors) to formally request the establishment of the JRIG.

CB also indicated that he would need to contact the RTA (Ben Phillipson) regarding the naming of the bridges. All hoped that the RTA has not made a slip up with this item as well.

CB suggested a meeting with the Alliance Head – Peter Chadburn and Allan Cooper to discuss the options we have for staging or works. We need to clearly articulate to the RTA and GTCC that the plan has been approved and the expectation from the community is that it will be carried out. Why potentially would the RTA pay for a plan they don't intend to deliver on. We could also see a meeting with the minister for transport and or higher RTA managers to ensure the plan comes to fruition.

DS indicated it was time for another community meeting to update the community as to progress in relation to the plan. We also need to seek their further views in relation to the village plan and other aspects, etc.

ARTC – DS has been in contact with the ARTC and contractor who is making adjustments to the turn out loop on the railway sidings. DS indicated that he has had complaints from residents regarding damage to station street by numerous heavy

vehicles turning around in the area. Ian Angus (consultant) has been employed by GTCC to review the situation. DS indicated that both ARTC and the Subcontractor have agreed to remedial works.

### **New Membership Applications**

DS indicated that we have one new application for membership. DL supported Dr Mary White's nomination. In DL's absence at the meeting DS spoke on behalf of Dr White. Dr White has a wealth of experience in many fields and would be an excellent asset to the association. DS proposed that the committee consider Dr White's nomination. CB seconded the nomination. All Committee members were in favour. Proposal carried.

### **Secretary's Report**

CB indicated the following Correspondence inwards:

- Letter regarding night works on the railway to upgrade the siding. DS indicated that a copy of Richard's report regarding the issues pertaining to the culvert was given to the ARTC rep (Anita Hulm) and her manager.
- Letter received from the Dept of Sport and Rec advising that our submission for funding, submitted in November 2008, was unsuccessful. They had received 895 eligible submissions with only 319 being successful. We will look to seek additional funding for the playground through the Australia Sports Foundation.
- Letter received from Bunning's Port Macquarie indicating that our request for sponsorship was being assessed and they advise outcome shortly.
- Telstra has issued a plan for the Koolyangarra reserve indicating that there are no issues with buried cables in the reserve.
- School P and C Association had advised they have a Car Boot sale on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009. This will be a big day for Johns River as there will be the regular markets, car boot sale and the Community of Christ Church also has a fund raising event on the same day. CB and DS to discuss with the Manning River Times and the Camden Haven Courier regarding an advert for 'Johns River Day'. CB to discuss with the other organisations whether they would like to purchase a three way advert.

CB also advised that he has left a message for Glen Rennie (PTLALC) to discuss some funds to assist with the Koolyangarra Reserve. CB also indicated that he had been in contact with Greg Blaze (GTCC) regarding road handover by RTA. Greg appreciates our assistance in providing a summary of defective payment, etc, which will be discussed with the RTA to rectify prior to handover.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer was absent from the meeting. CB and DS indicated that there were a couple of cheques to be banked (membership of \$15 and advertising fee \$69).

## **Update from Community Information Group (CIG)**

Carried forward to next meeting.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Crime Subcommittee**

With BS absent – no report was given to the committee.

### **Youth Subcommittee**

With DL absent, there was a limited report of the Youth Subcommittee. DS did indicate that he had spoken to some of the local bike riding youth about bike tracks. DS indicated to the youth that the most suitable area for a bike track was located opposite Station and John Street. This area can be developed to cater for a bike track area.

### **History Committee**

CB gave DS scanned images of the small Johns River History Booklet. DS can now place this onto the web. CB also showed the committee an original newspaper article from 1987 that Wendy Bawn had located. The article was written about the Community Halls' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. CB will scan this document and send to DS for the History Archive.

### **JRJ and Media**

DS indicated that GTCC has picked up our 'catchphrase' for the area – 'Natural Wonders of the Northern Manning'....appears that this is being widely used on the GTCC website and advertising.

DS also has been in contact with Chris Ryan (GTCC – Economic Development Manager) regarding a combined meeting of the village of the Northern Manning. The JRCPA would be the lead organisation in charge of chairing the meeting. CB and DS would need to discuss the agenda and purpose of the meeting with Chris Ryan and then invite groups such as the Moorland action group, Cooperbrook Association and Hannam Vale committees.

JRJ issue is due out in June and will be a bumper edition. We have more people advertising with us now and DS is looking for articles. CB indicated that he will prepare an article on the community hall and works that are planned for the hall

### **Eco/Beautification Committee**

DL was absent from the meeting. DS indicated that the school teachers have walked through the Koolyangarra reserve and were excited with the progress to date. The next step was to remove the large piles of rubbish (in the form of removed trees and weeds). We can then define the path ways, dig drainage trenches and then fill with gravel and road base.

CB indicated that he and Ben Lockhart will be collecting various logs from the forest (under permit) which will create the fence on the eastern side and also timber for seating elements in the reserve.

CB and DS to discuss with DL to ensure all are on the same page.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Children's Playground**

CB has been in contact with another playground manufacture, who is local (Coffs Harbour). They will prepare a plan and price for us to consider and then present it to the JRCPA for consideration.

DS to meet with them 28/5/09 at Johns River.

### **Village Plan and Design**

This is ongoing and we have requested the formation of the JRIG (as previously indicated)

### **Fund Raising (Bingo)**

As per previous report in these minutes.

### **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**

As per DS's report regarding the road names. Refer also to the attached. ONGOING.

#### **Skate Park**

**On Hold at present. Preference is a bike track.**

#### **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 April 2009. CB has been in contact with the president of the Johns River P and C Association (Krystal Grayson). Krystal is willing to meet with us to discuss mutual opportunities. We need to propose a time and date for the meeting.

GF commented that we have other organisations in the area that could form part of this forum. The list in full includes the Community of Christ Church, JRCPA, RFS, School P and C, Hall Committee, Play Group, Camp Obadiah.

DL has agreed to contact these groups to coordinate a meeting with members from each. ONGOING.

### **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. CB also approaching corporates for funding or either goods in kind for advertising in JRJ or Online. ONGOING

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

CB to continue to chase Telstra regarding this ongoing issue.

### **Funding Opportunities**

We will continue to work with various organisations to seek funding for the village plan. We will work closely with GTCC to seek funding and their support with putting submission together.

### **Membership Drive**

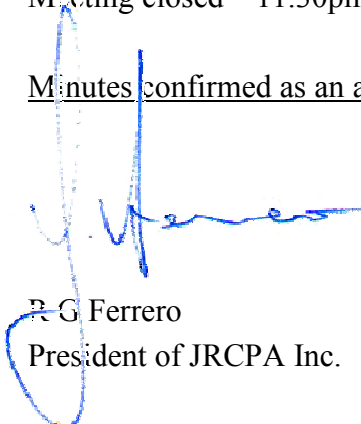
DS has asked all Committee members to actively bring in new members to the association. CB will ask BS to provide a list of all non financial members so we can send them a reminder that their fees are due.

CB will contact the residents of Camp Obadiah to enlist their support with membership of the association.

ALL- No further items.

Meeting closed – 11.30pm – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.



R G Ferrero  
President of JRCPA Inc.