

Minutes of the JRCPA Management Committee

Meeting on 25th July 2009 – 9.30am – 4 Thomas Street, Johns River.

Committee Members in Attendance:

VP David Shepard (DS), Secretary Chris Bawn (CB), and Ordinary Members - Deena Lane (DL) and Richard Wilson (RW)

Apologies: President Glenn Ferrero (GF), Rod Heath (RH) and Treasurer Bruce Shaw (BS).

In GF's absence, 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

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.

DS gave the Presidents report and a summary of last month's activities. These are summarised below:

ComChat – a new internet forum was established by DS to allow Committee Members to talk more easily with regard to certain management topics and projects. All Committee members to login and gain access to and use this facility on a twice weekly basis to stay in touch with what is happening.

CIG Meetings – It has been a quiet month with not much to report from a CIG perspective.

Bus Turnaround area- A Meeting was held with GTCC (Graeme Gardner), JRCPA (DS, GF, RW and BS) and Tony Galati regarding the Bus Turnaround area (corner of Pacific Highway and Stewart River Road). The meeting was called by GTCC to review the options in relation the design proposed in the village plan. The RTA was invited to attend but did not show, which was disappointing. GTCC led the discussions with many points raised by all concerned. Mr Galati was in attendance to represent his interests and had plans to develop the site and wanted to preserve his access to the tavern. Mr Galati offered land to GTCC for Landscaping. RW suggested that the museum and Eco centre be developed further. GTCC will now review the plan and look for alternatives in relation to this area, taking into consideration private land holdings in the vicinity. GTCC indicated that the plan would be available by Mid August in readiness for our AGM and Community Forum.

Drainage Meeting – A Meeting was held earlier that week in the same location with members of the RTA and residents in that vicinity. The purpose of the meeting was to review drainage issues raised by residents. It appears that there are drainage issues that may affect residents in the area with the Bus Shelter also requiring relocation.

New Membership Applications

No new applications for this month.

Secretary's Report

CB indicated the following Correspondence inwards:

- Letter from local accounting firm – Potts Davis Duncombe in relation to audit services for our association. CB to send a letter to this firm to ask what their schedule of fees and charges are. We are also to call for other tenders for this service.

CB has been on the search for House rules of Bingo. We need these displayed prominently in the hall where Bingo will be played. CB will have the rules created asap.

Also on Bingo, we will need to secure some prizes for the winners of bingo sessions. DS has organised a Wiggly Tail food voucher. We can also ask local businesses whether they would donate prizes for Bingo. CB suggested that Coles/Woolworths vouchers would be good as prizes as well and cost effective.

There would also be a separate raffle prize and luck door prize, which we need to secure prizes for.

CB indicated that we do need a subcommittee for the Fundraising section, which would include the Bingo events. DS suggested Deanna Clews could assist. DS indicated that Joe Malvicino could ask some local people who might like to assist with the running of the sessions.

Treasurer's Report

AS BS was absent, there was no Treasurers report.

Update from Community Information Group (CIG)

Carried forward to next meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Crime Subcommittee

All did indicate that crime in the area has been minimal in the last month.

Youth Subcommittee

This is a work in progress. CB advised that Wendy Bawn (FAWNA) had spoken with Louise Neville (Alliance) in relation to the relocation of Fawna in the roadwork corridor. Wendy and Louise are working on an education program for the schools in the area to show them exactly what happens to animals that require rehoming. CB to report further on developments with this project.

CB to send a letter to School Principal (Sherie Quinlivan) to advise of the above.

History Committee

No further updates on this section. Committee to appoint a chair to continue on with this valuable section.

JRJ and Media

DS indicated that there was information received from GTCC (Maureen) in relation to the JRIG formation. DS has applied to be on the committee and will encourage other people in the area to consider nomination. RW also to consider nomination especially considering his experience with GTCC.

RW did an excellent job with the ARTC meeting held last month. The meeting was attended by representatives from ARTC, GTCC and JRCPA. The conclusion was that the bridge in Marsh street is causing the majority of the issues with flooding in the village. GTCC to review the bridge and look at changing this structure to a concrete causeway.

RW to have discussions with some residents along the flood corridor to understand what the highest level of the water recorded during a flood event.

Eco/Beautification Committee

Koolyangarra Action Plan.

Reference is made to the action plan in the minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 27th June 2009. Copy of this is below.

Now with the majority of the clearing having been completed on the 18th April, the next stages are as follows:

- 1. Remove the large piles of trees and weeds from the reserve. CB to discuss this with Frank Araldi to remove and then place this rubbish behind the community hall (on the overflow carpark). Frank Araldi to assist with removal on a Sunday.*

2. *Creation of the pathways in the reserve. CB will discuss with Frank Araldi regarding this stage, which will involve the removal of surface material down to a minimum depth of say 500mm so pathways can be created.*
3. *Creation of the trenches to cater for drainage material. CB will discuss with Steve Bulley regarding the use of his ditch witch for creation of these drains. The drains will be partially filled with 20minus aggregate, then Ag pipe laid therein. The trench will then be backfilled with remaining aggregate to form the drainage corridor.*
4. *Wendy Bawn has been in discussions with Boral Resources regarding the supply of 20 minus aggregate. We require 15m³. Wendy to report back to the committee regarding this material.*
5. *DS has been in discussions with the Alliance regarding the supply of Ag Pipe. DS to report to the committee at next meeting.*
6. *New date for next working bee to be decided on and announce by way of flyers in letter boxes.*
7. *New working bee will commence shortly after the completion of 2, 3, 4 and 5.*
8. *Working bee will require supporters to move road base to the site for path creation, move aggregate to trenches prior to Ag pipe being installed and then installation of further aggregate to fill then trenches. Road base can then be compacted by means of wacker packers, which can be hired or borrowed from local contractors.*
9. *The next stage will include the supply and installation of hard furniture into the reserve. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with this and hopefully Wesley Employment can assist with the material and labour. The plan for these areas (amphitheatre and centre stage) will be prepared so they can be given to the people installing, etc.*
10. *Then we will be looking at further selective planting of some species in the reserve and then discussing with the school about the children planting some tube stock.*
11. *The official opening can then be planned.*

CB indicated that he has had further discussions with Frank Araldi regarding movement of the rubbish. Frank has committed to moving this rubbish tomorrow.

DL indicated that Dr Mary White has visited the Reserve with Mark Dodkin to name various species of trees therein. Small plaques will be created to mark these trees as an education process for the children. Some of the larger trees were also given the OK and that they were large enough to handle the odd white ant or two.

CB and Ben Lockhart to install the boundary fence so the weeds along that corridor can be removed by local residents.

OTHER BUSINESS

Children's Playground

The plan has been accepted by GTCC and the invoice from the designers has been paid by GTCC. The apparatus will be stored at GTCC depot until the playground is ready for installation. ONGOING.

Village Plan and Design

This is ongoing and we have requested the formation of the JRIG.

Fund Raising (Bingo)

Refer to Secretary's report – ONGOING.

Upcoming AGM – August 2009

The date is now confirmed as the 30th August 2009 (Sunday). We will hold the AGM at 1pm and will prepare the notices to members. We will then have a Community Forum at 2pm. Only Financial Members can vote at the AGM. BS to give CB a list of the members who HAVE NOT paid their membership renewal.

Given GF's increased workload, he has decided not to accept a nomination for re-election as President. DS indicated that he is considering running for President. GF is however, happy to remain on the committee.

CB indicated that he also has a very large workload due to new employment in Sydney and may not be able to continue to act as Secretary and Public Officer.

DS suggested that we may need to ask some other members who could add considerable value to the association.

Nomination forms will need to be completed and given to CB prior to the AGM (as per in the rules).

Village Voices

DL indicated that the next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd week in September and that feedback from the first meeting of this group was positive.

Combined Villages of the Northern Manning

A committee has been formed and consists of members from Johns River, Hannam Vale, Moorland and Coopernook. Val Schaefer from GTCC is managing this group.

Projects and Subcommittees

Discussions were held in relation to the projects taken on by the JRCPA and also subcommittees. It was decided that we should not take on too many projects at once as we will have difficulty completing these. We also need the subcommittees established to meet separately, take their own minutes and report back to the Management Committee.

Items still open and waiting finalisation.

Speed Limits for the village

ONGOING

Skate Park

ONGOING.

Income for the Association

Ongoing.

Funding Opportunities

ONGOING. 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.

Afternoon Children Activities.

Krystal Grayson – President of the School P & C is in discussion with the P and C and School to commence the Wednesday afternoon sessions (after school) for the children.

Next Meeting – 22nd August 2009 – 9.30am – 4 Thomas Street.

ALL- No further items.

Meeting closed – 11.00am – 25th July 2009

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.



D Shepard
Vice-President, JRCPA