

Minutes of the JRCPA Management Committee

Meeting on 27th June 2009 – 9.30am – 4 Thomas Street, Johns River.

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

Apologies: Rod Heath (RH)

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.

Presidents Report

GF 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.

GF indicated that it had been a busy month since our last meeting (4th June 2009).

There was the Bev Yates Memorial service at the hall, which was very well attended by residents and many from outside the area.

There had been an accident on the Stewarts River Bridge, which closed the highway for several hours. Local resident, Bip Bulley was involved in this accident and was airlifted to John Hunter Hospital for treatment. Reports were issued by his family indicating that he is in a stable condition. Thanks went to Mr and Mrs Burley, who organised to turn their runway lights on to give the rescue helicopters a bearing as to the location of this accident.

GF commended DS on the Village Voices meeting held earlier in the month. From all reports, the meeting was an excellent start and will continue on a regular basis as the community group's work towards common goals. (refer to DS report later in these minutes).

There were concerns raised by a resident in relation to the erection of a 'No through Road' sign at Bulley's road.

A resident in Stewarts River road has indicated they may be selling and has offered their property to the JRCPA to purchase, which could make an ideal location for a tourist information centre.

A number of residents along the corridor will be facing road name and number changes as a result of the new road. Some village residents will be facing this issue also.

There were also discussions about the naming of Howletts Road (south of the village) and BS will investigate this issue with the CIG and report back at next meeting.

Donations were received from the Alliance (200 metres of Ag Pipe) and Boral (15m2 of Aggregate). Both of these will be used in Koolyangarra for drainage.

DS has organised a meeting with the ARTC in relation to the culvert under the railway line. This will occur on Monday at 10am and RW will accompany DS at this meeting (as he compiled the engineering report in relation to the flooding issues for the village).

New Membership Applications

DL has proposed two new members for the association:

1. Nadia Batkin (Pacific Highway – south of the village) and Coral Mobbs (Dairy farmer, who lives on the Pacific Highway between Johns River and Moorland).

GF proposed that the committee consider Mr Lane's nominations. CB seconded the nomination. All Committee members were in favour. Proposal carried.

Secretary's Report

CB indicated the following Correspondence inwards:

- Letter from GTCC regrading the Local Advisory Committees (LAC) and Johns' Rivers Inclusion in that. DS proposed that the Villages of the Northern Manning should have their own committee. This would cover Johns River, Hannam Vale and Moorland. GTCC have advised that they won't establish a further committee due to insurance obligations. DS then responded to indicated that the Harrington Committee be changed to include Harrington and the Villages of the Northern Manning.

The letter (above) called for submission asap and DS indicated he would coordinate this and talk with representatives from both Hannam Vale and Moorland. We would need approx two from each village. It was agreed by all that DS and GF represent the Johns River Community.

An email was sent to Dick Whibley (RTA) from DS to ensure that the RTA plans reflect the Urban Design Plan, which was funded by the RTA. A response back from DW indicated that these plans were being amended. DS to confirm with Greg Fells (RTA Officer working with the Alliance).

CB indicated that the Playground equipment has been ordered and paid for by GTCC. The equipment will be held at GTCC depot until we can have it installed at the chosen location. CB also indicated that through his discussions with the Senior Risk Officer at the Dept of Lands, the playground, which will be erected on the Recreation Reserve would be covered for Public Liability Insurance held by Lands NSW. CB also indicated that a regular inspection of the equipment would need to be completed by Trustees of the Hall to ensure compliance with the Insurance Policy. GF indicated

that the School Playground is inspected by their maintenance contractor, who is licensed to completed quarterly inspections. We may be able to ask for his assistance with the new equipment to ensure compliance.

Treasurer's Report

BS advised that the bank balance was \$1,317.43. CB handed to BS the invoice for the Bingo Equipment purchased for fund raising activities. CB has paid for these and requires reimbursement. BS prepared a cheque for payment.

Update from Community Information Group (CIG)

Carried forward to next meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Crime Subcommittee

BS, as Chair of this subcommittee, had nothing to report.

DL indicated that she has been on the look out for the spot and refer books for residents. It was agreed that we need to gain more of these from GTCC and distribute them to the residents.

Discussions were held in relation to the changing of the school bus routes and that may indeed have an effect on the crime rate in the village. GF to contact the bus company's involved and ascertain whether a change has been made.

Youth Subcommittee

DL went for a visit at the school to discuss with the children the future of the village and what elements they would like to see in the near future. Refer to DL's report below...

YOUTH REPORT

June 2009

The JR School welcomed a visit on behalf of the JRPA.

Lower Division threw themselves wholeheartedly into the discussion with plenty of questions and answers.

Upper Division was being coached in Personal Development at the time and did not have much to say. The main concern was the extra distance the new road system would cause them to travel although this was counter balanced by one or two enthusing over the fact that they would now be able to walk or cycle to school.

It was agreed that contact would be made with the school once a month prior to a Management Meeting to collect or listen to anything they would like to be raised.

Yesterday morning I was present with an assortment of drawings and notes which following an explanation of them I feel warrants a return letter from the committee.

Each division was given a "crime Pad" and I have suggested that their involvement with the JRPA might become a feature in the school news letter.

*Deena Lane
Management Committee Member
27.6.09*

DS was presented with some drawing and letters from the children. These will be displayed on the website in the gallery section.

CB to arrange with Wendy Bawn (FAWNA) to arrange for a talk to the school children in relation to the re-homing of animals due to the construction of the new road corridor.

History Committee

With the passing of Bev Yates, a new chair will need to be appointed to lead this section. DS indicated that Mick Galati wanted to arrange a plaque or memorial for Bev Yates. CB indicated that he would contact Mick and advise that the Hall Committee had several ideas in train for a suitable memorial to Bev Yates.

CB indicated that he has been in touch with a senior member of the RSL who is helping to investigate names for our Honour Roll in the village. Also to that fact that Brian Fletcher is unwell at present and the planned afternoon for a discussion with some of the elderly residents in the village still needs to be carried out.

It was mentioned that Alistair (from Camp Obadiah) could be of assistance with the History subcommittee and that DL had further books available on the history of the village and area.

JRJ and Media

DS indicated that the latest edition of the JRJ had several pages dedicated to the life of Bev Yates. All commented on the professionalism of the latest edition and congratulated DS on his fine work. DS also indicated that he appeared on Prime News (in relation to the ARTC issue if the village).

Johns River Day went well with the three community groups/events in the village drawing an excellent crowd to our area. We should consider more of this in the future as further promotion of the village and surrounds.

DS also indicated the Mr Tony Galati had discussions with him about the renaming of Stewarts River Road to Johns River Road. DS indicated that the village did vote for these changes several months ago and that the plan was on display at the hall, shop and in council foyer for 21 days for comments. No comments were received to indicate that residents had an issue with road renaming.

DS indicated that there is a small service road that will run in front of the tavern and Mrs Kidd's property. A suggestion to name this road after Bev Yates was submitted to council. Mrs Kidd did like this suggestion.

The other service road north of the village (near Passionfruit Creek) has been named 'Whitton Way' after a resident who lived in that area many years ago, who has since passed away.

Eco/Beautification Committee

Koolyangarra Action Plan.

Reference is made to the action plan in the minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 4th 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).*
- 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 we have been waiting for dry weather to action stage 1 of this plan and he was hopeful that Mr Araldi would be able to assist in the near future.

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.

Village Plan and Design

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

Fund Raising (Bingo)

CB purchased all the equipment for Social Bingo (Housie) and will arrange for this to be delivered to Joe Malvicino, who will be running this on behalf of the association.

Items still open and waiting finalisation.

Speed Limits for the village

ONGOING

Renaming of Roads

This item has now been completed. GTCC will take control of this and names have been finalised for all sections.

Skate Park

It was decided that a letter be sent from the Hall Committee to Mrs Anne Battershall in relation to the provision of a skate park in the village. The Hall Committee holds the funds raised for this proposed skate in Trust until a suitable alternative or additional funding can be sought. The letter will be sent to confirm this and to ask Mrs Battershall to coordinate a campaign to use the funds for a worthwhile purpose.

The preference here is a bike park due to the numerous insurance issues and supervision requirements of a skate park. We could also put this to a vote at the next community forum.

Coordinating Village Group Activities

DL recently held the first of the 'Village Voices' meeting, which saw many of the members of community and not for profit groups meet to discuss their issues, etc. DL will chair these meeting and report back to the committee as to the outcomes.

Refer to separate report from DL.

Income for the Association

Ongoing. We do need to recruit some new members which will assist in the small raising of funds. Each Committee Members to look at recruiting 4 new members to the association.

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

CB advises that Telstra and GTCC have attended to this issue. It does appear that the issue will reappear again when further rain and erosion occurs. CB will discuss with the engineering section of GTCC for a better overall solution.

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.

Upcoming AGM – August 2009

The proposed date for the AGM is the 22nd August 2009 at the Community Hall. Time to be advised. CB indicated that we need to find out which members are not financial as this will affect voting rights, etc. BS to give CB a list of the members who HAVE NOT paid their membership renewal.

Afternoon Children Activities.

Krystal Grayson – President of the School P & C would like to host Wednesday afternoon sessions (after school) for the children. This will be to get them away from computers and television and to kick a ball and exercise. CB indicated that the Recreation Reserve is ideal for this and they could use this to its full extent. We would also arrange for access to the Hall toilets for this event. It was discussed that this event should be part of the P & C's responsibility and they could assist with the provision of balls, etc for the children to use. CB to discuss this with Ms Grayson.

ALL- No further items.

Meeting closed – 11.25am – 27th June 2009

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.



R G Ferrero
President of JRCPA Inc.