

## Minutes of the JRCPA Management Committee

Special Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – 9.30am – 8 Station 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 Member - Deena Lane (DL).

**Apologies:** Richard Wilson (RW) and 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 quiet month so far apart from our Media Officer's appearance on Prime TV News regarding the ARTC work on the railway line and culvert issues, raised by the JRCPA Inc.

DS received phone call from Salvation Army regarding the JRCPA Inc's proposed acquisition of the building next to Eileen Kidd's property. The building is surplus to the Alliance's requirements and was offered to the JRCPA for use. Upon further investigation, it appears that the building would need to be relocated (as it is presently in the middle of the road corridor). The building is also potentially manufactured from Fibro sheeting, which would not withstand movement. The Salvation Army could have used the building for a counselling office.

DL indicated that the Salvation Army were offered the use of the old Union Church in Moorland and the Alliance is constructing a ramp for them at this site.

It was agreed by all present that the moving of this building would be too costly and that the JRCPA will pass on this offer.

GF then discussed the proposed playground design. All committee members were happy with the design and we then discussed Stage 2, which would include a section for disabled persons to use. Funding will be available through the Area Assistance Scheme (via GTCC, Laura Black).

A Resolution was held to place an order for the playground (via GTCC) who will then pay for the equipment from funding held. GTCC would then hold the equipment in their depot until it can be installed in the village. Installation will occur in late 2009.

### **New Membership Applications**

DL has proposed Tristan Lane for membership.

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

### **Secretary's Report**

CB indicated the following Correspondence inwards:

- Letter received from Bunning's Port Macquarie indicating that our request for sponsorship was being assessed and unfortunately they are unable to assist.

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**

BS advised that the bank balance was \$1,217.00 with 2 cheques to be banked into the account.

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

Carried forward to next meeting.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Crime Subcommittee**

Carried forward to next meeting.

#### **Youth Subcommittee**

Carried forward to next meeting.

#### **History Committee**

Carried forward to next meeting.

#### **JRJ and Media**

Carried forward to next meeting.

## **Eco/Beautification Committee**

### Koolyangarra Action Plan.

Now with the majority of the clearing having been completed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 15m<sup>3</sup>. 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 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. Other timbers will be collected from the same location to create unique timber seats/benches.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Children's Playground**

Design has been chosen along with manufacturer. CB to arrange for Tax Invoice to be sent (from manufacturer) to GTCC to ensure payment by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The equipment will be stored at GTCC depot until the installation can be completed (following road corridor changes).

### **Village Plan and Design**

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

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

CB to arrange for the purchase of the 'minimum' requirement for Bingo. CB has located a supplier in Sydney and will visit their office to understand what the cost outlay will be.

It is the intention of the committee to commence this bingo fundraising ASAP.

### **Items still open and waiting finalisation.**

### **Speed Limits for the village**

ONGOING

### **Renaming of Roads**

Discussion ensued regarding the naming of roads in the village (including the services roads both north and south of the village). Refer to DS's report (available to committee only), which was submitted to Maureen Spiteri (GTCC). Maureen is now acting on DS's comments. It does appear that the Alliance and RTA have 'dropped the ball' on this issue, in not using the names provided by the JRCPA Inc, following several community forums.

A suggestion was that a meeting between Peter Besseling, GTCC, JRCPA and RTA be held to discuss the issues to get some action occurring. Meeting date and time to be proposed.

### **Skate Park**

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

### **Coordinating Village Group Activities**

DL has taken the lead with this issue and is coordinating a meeting (on a Thursday evening in late June – proposed 25 June ) to hold this forum. The main points will be to discuss each group their current challenges and how they will look at facing these

and how, as a combined group, we can work together for the betterment of the community as a whole. Groups to be included in this forum are the Community of Christ Church, JRCPA, RFS, School P and C, Hall Committee, Play Group, Camp Obadiah.

#### **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 to continue to chase Telstra regarding this ongoing issue.

#### **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.

#### **GTCC's 'Building a Better Future' campaign.**

DS and CB attended the council session on the 1<sup>st</sup> June at Harrington. There was representation from Moorland and Coopernook as well as some from Harrington. Attendees were given the opportunity to discuss why they like living in the area and how they would like to see the area transform in the next 20 years.

#### **Healthy Schools Food Plan.**

DS indicated that the school continues to follow the Healthy Eating Guide at the school canteen. They are focusing on a more nutritious eating plan as set down by NSW Health.

ALL- No further items.

Meeting closed – 10.45am – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.



R G Ferrero  
President of JRCPA Inc.