

Annual General Meeting Nelson Bay Bowling Club 1900 Monday 15 Oct 2018

Attendance

Committee Members: Geoff Washington (GW), Nigel Waters (NW), Alistair Waddell (AW), Cath Norman (CN), Denis Pittorino (DP).

Members & Members of the Public: 54

Apologies

Kate Washington MLA, Sue Olson, Margaret Wilkinson, Geoff Basser,

Guest Speaker

1. Ron Land from Port Stephens Koalas gave a presentation on the development Plans for the PSK Koala Hospital and visitors' centre development at Tree Escapes.

Previous Minutes

2. **Moved**: NW, **Seconded**: Chris Peters that the minutes of the previous AGM on 17 Oct 2017 be passed. **Agreed** by consensus.

REPORTS

President's Report

- 3. The President read his annual report, a copy of which is posted in the TRRA Dropbox. NW also provide a more detailed explanation of key issues, including the Nelson Bay Strategy, the Special Rate Variation.
- 4. The President concluded be expressing his thanks to Committee Members and others who had worked so hard during the last year to further the aims of TRRA and stressed that TRRA is non-political. He also brought to special notice the particular support received from Kate Washington MLA, and CLRs Jamie Abbott, Giacomo Arnott and John Nell and the collaboration with Nelson Bay Now.

Planning Sub-Committee Report

- 5. JJ and NW presented a report on current planning issues, including:
 - a. the approved DAs for the Bunnings site Stockton St, in Nelson Bay, and 16 Church St, Nelson Bay;
 - b. 31 Leonard Ave, and 220 Soldiers Point Road;
 - c. the Treescapes development;
 - d. 20 Government Road;
 - e. 97 Stockton St Nelson Bay;
 - f. 26 Yacaaba St Nelson Bay;
 - g. corner of Yacaaba and Donald St DA
 - h. 4 Fleet Street Colonial Ridge Resort Stage 2 development (including a report by Colin Howard of the Salamander Bay Community Group, Inc;
 - i. 14 (that became 2) Bagnall Ave Council property development.
 - j. manufactured home developments using caravan park/tourist development loophole for the use of rural land.
 - k. Latitude 1 development;
 - I. the wakeboard park at Bob's Farm.
 - m. Birubi Beach Information Centre and Tourist Interchange;
 - n. Anna Bay 'container site' development;
 - o. Salamander Centre development; and
 - p. Sand mining expansion on Tomaree, specially at Bob's Farm and Anna Bay.
- 6. A copy of the slide presentation is posted in the TRRA Dropbox.
- 7. There were a number of questions from the floor questioning Council's apparently ignoring strong community feeling against major initiatives such as the height variations and the SRV.

Treasurers Report

8. The Treasurer presented his report.

Closing Credit Balance

End of September \$ 3,129.20 As at the time of the annual general meeting \$ 3,129.20

- 9. **Moved**: DP, **Seconded**: BW that the report be accepted. **Agreed** by consensus.
- 10. A copy of that report is posted in the TRRA Dropbox.

COMMITTEE ELECTION

- 11. All members of the committee stood down and the Returning Officer, Peter Dundas Smith, declared and all positions vacant. Nominations were received for all positions and therefore all positions were filled without need for voting. All were duly elected as indicated:
 - a. President Geoff Washington
 - b. Vice-President John James
 - c. Secretary Ben van der Wijngaart
 - d. Treasurer Denis Pittorino.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nelson Bay Implementation Strategy

- 12. A panel of local people will be selected by council for advice on the implementation of the Nelson Bay Strategy. Nigel and Geoff registered their names for possible selection.
- 13. The Nelson Bay Plan includes revenue strategies; a long term works plan, and a need to protect of our natural heritage.

Tomaree Lodge Site

14. The future of the Tomaree Lodge Site is of great importance. The committee would like to see the site used as a research centre and or a centre for local cultural and natural history. The committee welcomed any suggestions.

Meeting Closure

15. The meeting closed at 2025 hours.

Ben van der Wijngaart Secretary

6 November 2018