



**TRRA Inc GENERAL MEETING
Nelson Room, Nelson Bay Bowling
Club
Tuesday 9th December, 2019 - 7 pm
Minutes**

The meeting opened with an Acknowledgement of Country.

Attendance

30 people signed the attendance sheet.

Apologies

Roz Armstrong, Michael Mace, Pam Mumford, Cath Norman, Denis Pittorino.

Previous Minutes

1. **Moved:** Chris Peters, **Seconded:** Nigel Waters that the minutes of the previous GM on 14 Oct 2019 be passed. **Agreed** by consensus.

Business Arising

2. None.

Correspondence In and Out

3. None.

Business Arising from Correspondence

4. None.

Treasurer's Report (posted on the TRRA website)

5. **Moved:** Geoff Washington, **Seconded:** Alistair Waddell that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Agreed** by consensus.

Reports

Nelson Bay Parking proposal. Council had given little publicity to the Mayor's proposal, due to be considered at the next Council meeting. An opinion survey can be completed online on the Council website but it did not enable respondents to give their ideas. TRRA was preparing a submission, which would be informed by the General Meeting discussion, asking for more information on the business case for the proposal, the potential that it would divert customers from Nelson Bay to salamander bay, the possible negative impact on visitors and the evidence of success of similar schemes elsewhere. Several members were concerned at the possible use of any income generated by the scheme to remove the overpass over Victoria Parade, which is in the Public Domain Plan but which they considered had been poorly consulted.

Fingal Link Road. Many people had provided feedback, written and oral, on the TRRA discussion paper analyzing the main possible routes for a link road. This feedback had now been summarized and would be submitted to RMS and Council. The proposed TRRA position was that the case for spending \$188 million on a Fingal Link Road needed first to be established, including evaluation of traffic management solutions. Any proposals should be subject to extensive community consultation. At this stage, if a clear need for the road was established, TRRA would prefer Option 2. **Moved:** Geoff Washington, **Seconded:** Sue Olsen, that the meeting support this approach. **Agreed** by consensus.

Mobile Phone Tower, Church St. TRRA had written to Optus suggesting that they re-examine the proposal with the aim of reducing the adverse visual impact, but since Optus is exempt under Federal law from local and State planning regulations, nothing can be done to stop them from proceeding. Noting that Optus had explained that it had not received many complaints about the phone tower, many at the meeting drew the conclusion that TRRA should work to get the community more active in support of its concerns.

Housing Strategy. Council had held information sessions on the strategy, including one for TRRA and other community groups, but did not wish to receive inputs until the strategy goes on exhibition next February. It seems that the strategy will be based on higher expectations of growth on Tomaree peninsula over the next 25 years than State government projections, requiring both infill and greenfill measures, but there is no indication at this stage of where these would be. Council has identified some areas as being unsuitable for development, including low-lying land, steep land, national parks and productive farmland.

Coastal Walkway Project. A Reference Group had been formed, with TRRA participation, to provide inputs to the Project before it is submitted for approval to the Minister for the Environment. However, the final meeting of the Reference Group had been cancelled as a result of the bushfires, so there would be no opportunity for final inputs before the Minister's decision, expected early 2020.

DA Updates

Shark and Ray Centre, 2 Jesse Rd., Anna Bay. TRRA had made a submission largely supportive of the proposal but this DA had been withdrawn and a new one, much scaled back, submitted. No trees to be removed at this stage. There is a good relationship and communication with the owners and TRRA has supported the latest DA.

Sand Resort, Anna Bay. There is no news on progress of the DA, which affects an important koala and other wildlife corridor.

One member expressed concern that the steep land behind the new childcare centre would be subject to collapse following removal of the trees there. Tree removal was done with approval, but Council's tree preservation officer should be contacted if there are problems.

General Business

Membership drive. TRRA has 80 paid-up members but needs to increase this in order to have greater influence, to counter claims by some in Council that we are unrepresentative. A working group has been established to develop a strategy to increase membership. There is also a need to make better use of social media and the website, but we need to find people with the necessary skills for this. It was suggested that each member make a special effort to recruit new members. Noting that Councils in places with activist populations, such as Mosman, pay greater attention to community concerns, it was also suggested that TRRA needs to be willing and able to mobilise direct action to draw attention to community concerns, where Council is ignoring submissions on key issues.

Next meeting: Monday 10th February 2020, 7 pm.