



## WANDI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM AT WANDI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 302 DE HAER ROAD, WANDI

#### NOMINATION FORMS COLLECTED .

#### OPENING OF MEETING

Wayne Tentori, President 2016, opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed everyone.

**PRESENT:** Residents as per attendance list + Mayor Carol Adams, Councillors Wendy Cooper and Ruth Alexander, Paul Neilson, A/Director City Development and Chris from City Assist - all representing City of Kwinana.

**APOLOGIES:** Ken Workman.

#### INTRODUCTION OF 2016 COMMITTEE

The President introduced the committee. He reported that there had been two resignations from the committee during the year - Catherine Garlick (Landcare) who had moved from the area and Kinta Whaley, who had taken on a new job which precluded her from attending committee meetings.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2016 AGM

*L Carr moved that the minutes of the 2016 AGM be accepted. Seconded by L Whiddett.. PASSED.*

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM 2016 AGM

NBN tower – P Neilson gave an update on progress over the last twelve months. He advised that an alternate location on the same property had been approved and construction of the tower would likely be commenced this year. This tower will allow a much improved connection to the internet for Wandu residents.

#### REPORTS:

**PRESIDENT:** Wayne Tentori - Refer to written report.

**TREASURER:** Amanda Marshall - Refer to report which includes the Auditor's report.

*D Cocks moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by L Carr. PASSED.*

*A Marshall moved that Francis A Jones Pty Ltd be appointed as auditors for 2017. Seconded by D Cocks. PASSED..*

**FACILITIES:** Debbie Cocks - Refer to written report.

**PROJECTS:** Rod Cocks - Refer to written report.

**WANDI WARBLER:** Janet Carr - Refer to written report

**LANDCARE:** Les Whiddett - Refer to written report.

## **CONFIRMATION OF NEW CONSTITUTION**

W Tentori reported that under the Associations Incorporation Act there was a requirement for all incorporated bodies to submit a revised constitution. The WPA had used the generic constitution provided by the Department of Commerce and adapted it to include particular parts of our previous constitution. The proposed amendments had been posted on our website and this was advertised on our Facebook page. Copies of the proposed Constitution were available at this meeting. It was noted that the revised Constitution had to be approved at a General Meeting of an organisation. There was concern that if we deviated too much from the generic constitution provided then it was likely that the Dept of Commerce would return it as unacceptable. The president then highlighted the proposed changes:

Changing the term "chairperson" in the generic document to "president" in line with our terminology.

Changing the tenure of office to allow a member to serve more than 3 years in an elected position.

Noting that an applicant for membership needed to be nominated.

Inclusion of requirements about life membership.

Removal of reference to body corporates.

What constitutes a quorum

***R Cocks moved that the new constitution be adopted. Seconded by L Osborne.***

A lively discussion followed on various points.

OBJECTS – changed to "..... the ratepayers and/or residents.." and Item 4 (1) ".....a ratepayer and/or resident...."

***B Stone moved to make these changes. Seconded by R Cocks. Passed.***

Under item 8, the WPA proposed to include conditions relating to life membership from our old constitution. It was pointed out by Carol Adams that we should include reference to revoking a life membership if the life member was later considered to be not a fit and proper person to hold that position. It was suggested that this could be included under item 14.

***D Tentori moved that item 14 should be amended to read ".... includes former member and/or life member". Seconded by A Marshall. Passed.***

It was noted that previously a quorum was '50% + 1' but on the first page under Objects and in Item 45 (3) this was changed to just "2". It was recommended that at a minimum, a quorum should be 3.

***D Tentori moved that a quorum be changed from 2 to 3. Seconded by A Marshall. Passed.***

***R Cocks moved that the amended draft constitution be accepted and submitted to the Department of Commerce. Seconded by L Osborne. Passed.***

## **ELECTION OF THE 2017 EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE**

President: Wayne Tentori

Vice President: Les Whiddett

Secretary: Ken Workman

Treasurer: Amanda Marshall

Committee: Chris Barnes, Debbie Cocks, Rod Cocks, Debbie Tentori.

## **2017 PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE**

Wayne thanked the committee for their on-going support. The president invited anyone who wished to join the committee to contact him. In particular the WPA needs volunteers to take on the role of landcare officer as well as and editor of the Warbler. (Jo Leggerini will circulate this information to the Honeywood Resident Group.) He encouraged residents to volunteer for the various busy bees held at the community centre.

## **GUEST SPEAKER – MAYOR CAROL ADAMS, CITY OF KWINANA**

Carol thanked the committee for again inviting her to speak at the AGM. She congratulated Les Whiddett on his nomination as Citizen of Year and acknowledged Janet Carr's role as editor of the Warbler.

She commented on the City of Kwinana's increasing population, that there are nine schools (with more needed) and two train stations within its boundary. There are 130 public open spaces (20% of the land area). The City is a member of the National Growth Areas Alliance ([www.ngaa.org.au](http://www.ngaa.org.au)) a national advocacy group for outer suburbs.

She also highlighted:

The new Adventure Park at Calista Oval.

That work will be commencing soon on the new Youth Outdoor Space.

That Council is advocating for new port facilities in the Kwinana coastal strip.

The need for long term land planning.

The multicultural policy (reportedly 37 languages are spoken at Gilmore College)

The previous success of the Neighbour Day events.

Plans for an Environmental Festival to be held mid-year.

A new residents group being started in Casuarina.

Projects are being considered for inclusion in the 2017-2018 budget period.

Carol introduced Chris from City Assist who spoke of the various services provided and encouraged residents to contact them for a quick and improved response to issues ranging from wandering dogs to noise complaints to anti-social behaviour.

A short Q & A session followed:

Carol was asked about the proposed Wandi High School, residents noted that land had been set aside in Honeywood. Carol was unaware of any timeline in relation to this development.

Lyn Osborn (on behalf of Mary Margetts) was concerned about there not being a sufficient volume of water available in event of a serious bushfire in Wandi. It was suggested that the resident email City Assist who will then arrange for someone make contact with the resident to discuss this issue. A Marshall also suggested sending a message via Facebook to the Mandogalup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade who would be able to answer this resident's query.

L Carr noted that Carol was standing as an independent candidate for the upper house in the upcoming State election and asked if she would have to resign from her role as Mayor if successful. She advised that she had stood as a candidate for the lower house unsuccessfully on two previous occasions and felt she could have more influence as an independent in the upper house. If successful, she will resign from her position as Mayor.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Fees**

***R Cocks moved that the membership fee for the WPA remains at \$10 per property with an additional \$5 for the membership of the Wandi Landcare Group. Seconded by L Carr. Passed.***

**Neighbour Day 2017**

This will be held on Sunday 26 March between 3pm and 6pm at the Community Centre with food, music and children's activities. A flyer will be distributed prior to the event.

**Clean Up Day 2017**

Debbie Tentori advised that the WPA had again decided to hold Clean Up Wandi Day later in the year to avoid the clash with the long weekend in March and also the hot weather. This year it will be held on Sunday 7th May 2017, 8.30am – 11am. Registration at the entry to the Community Centre. A notice will be distributed prior to the event.

**Closure of meeting**

The President closed the meeting at 9pm. Residents and guests were thanked for attending and invited to stay for refreshments.

**THESE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2017  
WERE APPROVED AT THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

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**PRESIDENT**

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**DATED:**

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