

WANDI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (Inc)

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL AT 7.00PM BY TELECONFERENCE

1. ATTENDANCE

Ken Workman (President), Les Whiddett (Vice President), Rod Cocks (Vice President), Mark Wells (Secretary), Debbie Cocks, Chris Barnes, Debbie Tentori, Wayne Tentori, Amanda White (Treasurer), Gary White

Guests: Janet Carr, Jim Russell (both by email)

2. WPA FUTURE

- 1 President Ken Workman welcomed all to the special meeting of the WPA and reviewed the protocols in the conducting of meetings by teleconference.
- 2 Website contact was made from local resident Carlo Galati regarding a letter received from Main Roads re the installation of a roundabout on the intersection of Lyon and Anketell roads. It is thought the roundabout is to assist with the congestion on Lyon Road. Ken workman to follow up with Carlo to find out more information and any action required by the WPA.
- 3 Prior to the meeting Ken Workman emailed Janet Carr and Jim Russell (former committee members) to ask for feedback on the long-term future of the WPA and what our focus should be. Ken acknowledged the ongoing negotiations of the lease for the Wandi Community Centre had consumed a lot of the time of the WPA and it has proceeded as far as we can. It was now up to the City of Kwinana to move the process forward. It was acknowledged in the current Covid 19 environment that the lease would be the primary focus of Council officers.
- 4 Email from Janet Carr was tabled. Janet reviewed the history of the WPA. The WPA was formed about 30 years ago to lobby for facilities for Wandi, which at that time was a rural area. The WPA managed to lobby and assist in the construction of the Wandi Community Centre. About 15 years ago the urban area of Honeywood was developed, and residents there formed their own group. At the present time, the number of residents in Honeywood outnumber the number of residents in Wandi and Anketell. Janet felt that the general population only became involved when there was a contentious issue (such as phone towers and roads etc). Janet pointed out it was an invite to a land care event which introduced her to the WPA. The best way to communicate with residents was through Facebook and the Website and for that to be relevant it must be fresh and keep residents informed of local issues which may affect their lives. Janet also broached the subject of lessening our workload at the WCC by transferring the responsibility of maintenance to the users.
- 5 Discussion on Janet's email was conducted. WT believed post Covid 19 clubs may struggle to get people back to the activities having become used to operating in isolation. AW stated that the relevance of community groups was being overtaken by social media ability to inspire grass root activism to contentious issues. Social platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter are more relevant to the general population than Facebook. Amanda was of the opinion we should work out our goals and our relevance to the community. WT believed we had a role as the middleman between the clubs using the WCC and the COK.
- 6 Debbie and Rod Cocks gave an update on the Wandi Community Centre. Since the Premiers Covid 19 update on 26 April re social distancing they had contact from 3 groups requesting to recommence operations at the WCC. The COK has yet to lift restrictions. Rod and Debbie believed people wanted face to face social contact. We have a responsibility to look after our present groups regarding the COK and are unsure how the COK can break the WCC down to subleases. Debbie and Rod agreed with Janet's observation that we should be supporting the local community.
- 7 Les Whiddett stated we have to identify the issues we wish to pursue. He also highlighted previous successes such as organising community first aid courses and Landcare events.
- 8 Ken reviewed the comments from Jim Russell. Jim acknowledged the efforts put in to create the Wandi Community Centre. He highlighted the attractions of Wandi such as bushland and suggested these can be enhanced by walk trails around Lake Magenup. The Facebook and Website should be kept up to date and relevant. His last word of advice was to retain as much funds as possible to enhance the amenities in Wandi.

- 9 Ken suggested we review our agenda items and drop off the Lease as a topic and replace it with a general topic such as Topics of Interest to the Community. Rod Cocks pointed out not all information is passed on to us and we have to work sometimes to discover information of interest to the community.
- 10 Gary White stated we should engage more with the community and liaise with other community groups such as the Honeywood Residents Group and Casuarina Wellard Residents Group. We should run more workshops that are relevant to the local community such as First Aid, Gardening Workshops, Landcare and Composting.
- 11 Chris Barnes suggested being more involved in Neighbourhood Watch to better connect with neighbours and make a stronger community.
- 12 Wayne Tentori cited the extension of the fire ban as something we could communicate more effectively to the community than the City of Kwinana. Mark to write to the COK through Jenny Marslen.

3. TREASURES REPORT

- 1 Amanda White presented advised a Mr Gary Mann requested a bond refund of \$1380 for a booking which could not proceed because of Covid 19. Moved Rod Cocks, seconded Les Whiddett that the refund be paid. Passed.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 Rod Cocks advised the leaking water tank is empty after the recent rain. The tank has been isolated. The problem has been identified as a faulty union in the ground. The join needs maintenance which will just require shovels and spanners.
- 2 COK has advised that they will be replacing the pole and rail fence in front of the Wandi Community Centre in mid-May. The COK will leave the old posts on site near the clothing bins and will be available to the local community. The users of the Equestrian centre maybe interested in the poles.
- 3 Neighbour day. The COK enquired whether any of the funds were still available. The COK was advised all funds had been paid to suppliers before the event was postponed due to Covid 19 restrictions.

5. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 20 May by teleconference.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Executive Summary of Recommendations

1. Continue with the management of the WCC and wait for the COK to engage the WPA further on the lease.
2. Consider the WPA advocacy on behalf of the local community.
3. Utilise Facebook and Website to inform Wandi residents of events that may affect them.
4. Foster closer relationship with HRG and CWRA.
5. Consider events such as Landcare workshops or other workshops of interest for the local community.
6. Consider the upgrade of community access to the Lake Magenu Nature Reserve to allow better access.