

**APPROVED Minutes of Dangar Island League AGM and Public Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011 at 11 am**

Attendance: to be completed: Bonek Karcz, Andy Payne, Antony Schinckel, Chris Innis, Christine Sanderson, Jo Karcz, Heather Dorrough, Tony Partridge, Sue Merricks, Judy Recher, Sarah Calvin, Ron Barrelle, Nicola Weddin, Harry Recher, Wendy McMurdo, Charlotte Godbolt, Peter Wolfe, Mark Coles, Wally Bower, Margaret Bower, Hans Pols

1. Welcome and apologies
  - Meeting opened at 11.10
  - Apologies from Ross and Lee Spence; Judy Nikola; Stuart Allen; Judith Doyle; Linda Sullivan, Michael Dean, Jonathan Sykes
2. Previous Minutes
  - Minutes of the last AGM read to the meeting. Proposed for adoption by Ron Barrelle, seconded by Tony Partridge and passed by meeting
3. President's report
  - Busy year
  - Focus on water access related topics; the Community Hall; island roads; domestic pets; the Peat Island development and Brooklyn sewer problems.
  - All are on-going issues, and details will be given in the following sections.
  - Report proposed for adoption by Ron Barrelle, seconded by Chris Innis and passed by the meeting
4. Treasurer's report
  - Presentation table
  - Profit for the year \$888.91
  - Cash balances over \$14,000
  - Use of funds discussed but no conclusions
  - Discussion on need for audit – what level of auditor is required ? Unresolved but will be investigated by the executive committee
  - Report proposed for adoption by Chris Innis, seconded by Tony Partridge and passed by the meeting
5. Membership report
  - Currently 25 financial members
  - All encouraged to pay and get others to join – 5-year memberships available
  - Website allows you to apply for membership on line
  - Report proposed for adoption by Sue Merricks, seconded by Chris Innis and passed by the meeting.
6. **Election of officers**
  - Current committee stood down and Charles Hill appointed as electoral officer
  - After nominations and votes, the following were appointed:
    - **President: Antony Schinckel.** Proposed by Ron Barrelle, seconded by Sue Merricks
    - **Vice President: Bronek Karcz.** Proposed by Antony Schinckel, seconded by Chris Innis
    - **Secretary: Judith Doyle.** Proposed by Chris Innis, seconded by Andy Payne
    - **Treasurer: Hans Pols.** Proposed by Terry Dorrough, seconded by Chris Innis

- **Officers:** Judy Nikola; Michael Dean; Tony Partridge; Christine Sanderson, Ron Barrelle. Proposed by Wendy McMurdo and seconded variously by Chris Innis, Andy Payne and Antony Schinckel

**AGM closed at 12.15 pm**

## **GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING**

### **1. Sub Committee and Activity Reports**

#### **a) Water Access**

- New committee appointed: Antony Schinckel; Ron Barrelle; Stuart Allen; Michael Dean; Sue Merrick; Tom Weddin. David Pakes to help
- Update on progress: there have been updates at DIL Public meetings along with a dedicated PM in July on this topic; there has been feedback to Hornsby Council on the community views and support; and the HSC proposal for a feasibility study to be prepared
- Some funding from Islanders for Coop related expected in the next two to four months
- Suggestion that ferry travellers be represented. Agreed by meeting, though it was acknowledged that the process will probably be subject to a full DA so ferry operator and users will be consulted
- Suggested and agreed that website be used to inform residents and consult with residents as this helps with approval processes

#### **b) Peat Island**

- Presentation from Bronek Karcz available on website
- Proposal to split site between residential development Mooney side, and community park, Peat Island side
- Need for petition and social media proposed
- Need for a meeting with Matt Keen urged
- Development seen as the thin end of the wedge as other land might be required later
- Need for more volunteers to help

#### **c) Sewerage Plant**

- Presentation from Bronek Karcz
- Costs of Brooklyn Treatment Plant on the rise.
- Sydney Water asking for more nutrients to be released into the river or residents will have to pay more. Inappropriate given the problems seem to be a result of poor design or implementation.
- Technicalities discussed
- Suitability of plant discussed and its working order
- Meeting reminded that changes can be made by Sydney Water without consultation
- Plant not yet at full capacity and Peat Island seen as part of its development plan, which is a concern given current performance
- Information to be posted in Mullet Mail and on web site
- Matt Keen needs to be informed and briefed

#### **d) Companion pets**

- Presentation from Tony Partridge
- Various initiatives during the year
- General feeling is that there are just a few problem owners
- On-going issue

**e) Trees**

- Discussion lead by Jo Kraz
- Good support for register of significant trees, increase in public awareness etc.
- “My favourite tree” initiative on 8<sup>th</sup> October to include an exhibition
- Promotion of awareness of trees and their impact discussed

**f) Website**

- Discussion lead by Andy Payne
- New website created by Andy Payne
- Includes calendar of events, photo gallery, information from League and Island
- All encourage to provide content to post
- Separate entries for Island sub groups
- Vote of thanks for all Andy Payne’s work

**g) Roads**

- Discussion lead by Antony Schinckel
- Some work being done around the Island
- Sticky clay seems to be being used instead of crushed sandstone
- Request to Council will be made to clear access paths

**2. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS**

**a) Community Hall**

- More costs will be put on Hall by Council
- May be a need for fund raisings to help pay for costs
- AGM for Hall next Saturday

**b) Bowling Club**

- Improvements continue
- Community meeting held
- Big focus and expenditure on noise mitigation
- Working bee at beginning October to continue improvements

**c) Café**

- Trading with a small profit
- Requires continued community support
- Otherwise performing well enough

**d) Fire Brigade**

- Open Day on 24<sup>th</sup> September to promote activities and awareness
- Residents urged to take pre-cautions for fire season

**e) Buggy**

- Buggy continues to be a success
- New Buggy next July
- More drivers always needed

**f) Bushcare**

- Continue to meet regularly
- Newcomers welcomed
- Programme for blackbutt seeds in place

**g) Art Projects**

- Two projects in place
- Applications in to Council for funding

### **3. New business**

#### Emergency helipad

- Current evacuation procedures discussed for the Island
- Comment that existing procedures are approved by Emergency Services and RFS
- Discussion about available space and suitability
- Discussion about whether a helipad would improve response – this was put to a vote and received NO support.
- Meeting agreed it was satisfied with existing arrangements

### **4. Any of business**

#### On Island Assistance

- Discussed situations where people have an emergency need or safe haven
- Networks and support mechanisms discussed
- Agreed there might need to be a more formal arrangement
- No decisions made

5. **Next meeting:** Proposed : Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**Meeting closed at 1.20 pm**