

## DANGAR ISLAND LEAGUE Inc

### GENERAL MEETING and PUBLIC MEETING

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 held at the Community Hall**

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**Meeting Opened after the AGM at : 11:22am - Welcome** by Antony Schinckel extended to attendees.

**1. Attendance:** Wally & Margaret Bower, Cybele Shorter, Peter Wolfe, Peter Baekdal, Susan Adams, Michael Liebenbore, Sue Merricks, Tony Partridge, Anne & Garry Mahony, Heather & Terry Dorrough, Susan Judd, Michael Dean, Wendy McMurdo, Jenny Rowe, Marina & Tom Garvey, Broneck Karcz, Leigh Johnson, Aaron Zorzo, Elizabeth Trevena, Linda Sullivan, Jackie Morgan, Christine & Phil Sargent, Bruce Fitzgerald, Jim Rea, Charlie Hill, Antony Schinckel, Chris Innis, Hans Pols, Judith Doyle

**2. Apologies:** Judy Nikola, Andy Payne, Yvonne Terkildsen, Jo Zarcz, Miranda Dines

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**1. Minutes** (Previous public meeting minutes were accepted at the AGM)

#### **2 . NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 Fee for Community Hall Proposal :** (Michael D was asked to leave the room).

The Hall committee has approached the League to assist with the funding of \$500 committed by the Hall committee to pay for the professional fees for preparing this document. Donations had been requested in the Mullet Mail.

After much discussion on many points including:

- *There was a need for a Professional proposal in preparing this document.*
- *Why the League would pay and not the Hall funds?*
- *Conflict of interest : Author is a League committee member ?*
- *The Community Hall is a vital facility to the Islanders with a rich history !*
- *The island runs on volunteer support – why exception? - Setting a precedent ?*

Cybele S proposed that the League donate \$100. Nobody was able to advise the group how much had been collected to date in private donations. It was finally agreed that the private donations be followed through until the end of the October. The Hall Committee would then advise the DIL president of the total. AS proposed then that The League would pay any “shortfall” sum up to a maximum of \$250.

This motion was seconded by Chris I.

There was confirmation of where the Private Donations should be ‘left’.

#### **2.2 DOGS ON THE ISLAND**

Ant S advised the group that he had received communication with regard to dogs:

- ~ roaming free around the island
- ~ owners not picking up after their dogs
- ~ dogs killing chickens

None of these issues are new on the Island but it was felt that there was a need to again bring the rules of dogs (specifically, but also other animals) on the Island to the attention of their owners.

Generally it was felt that some relaxing of the rules for those with dogs off leashes is acceptable IF the owner is with them at all times (i.e. dogs roaming without their owners is not acceptable). However it is noted that this is not consistent with the Shire Council.

**There was thanks and praise to the responsible dog owners of which there are many.**

Suggestions :

- Doggie bag dispensers placed in say three places around the Island for those who forgot a bag (bio-degradable)
- Calling the Council ranger when dogs are roaming
- Communicate / Education Owners to the mess, fear and nuisance their dogs might be causing
- Reinforce responsible behaviour for everyone's pleasure
- Take your dogs faeces home – not dump in another resident's rubbish bin.
- Whilst we may need notice for visitors most concern is with resident's dogs
- Have dog-friendly off-leash area (would require HSC process and fencing).
- Sign at Wharf – inc. map/dog rules/public toilet location etc.,\*\*

HSC does have some leaflets available. **Judith D** to investigate Council rules. Also talk with Nessa who embarked on the last 'doggie' campaign.

This issue can be discussed more fully at the next Committee Meeting for them come up with an encouraging communication to dog owners to think differently and be aware of how their dog might effect others! We do not want to overload the Island with signage, however.

### **2.3 FERRY SHED**

Re-cycling/re-use area: We have a wonderful tradition of placing goods for "re-use" by others in the ferry shed. However it can create a mess. **Jim R** proposed that an alternative site for re-use items might be a good thing – he will investigate. Need to remind islanders of what should or should not be left at the Wharf. Computers etc could go in a 6 monthly / annual e-clear up.

### **2.4 PUBLIC TOILET SIGN**

Jane P asked if a directional sign to Public Toilets could be considered. This could be included in suggestion above. However always conscious to minimise signage around the island, so one sign that covers many things proposed.

### **2.5 FILM SOCIETY – 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Cybele S took opportunity to remind everybody on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2010 there would be the 'Best Party Ever' Rocky Horror Cocktail Party – to celebrate the Film Societies 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **2.6 WATER ACCESS UPDATE**

Ant S gave some background on the Water Access proposals. In Feb/March 2010 a survey was carried out where all responses were positive and supportive of the need for improved wharf/water access facilities and specifically 42 respondent's said they would be willing to pay for a "coop" style spot.

The preparation of proposals had several challenges one being the number of various government bodies and authorities involved in such a projects funding.

- By 2018 handicap access for public transport access has to be in place – HSC is responsible
- Maritime are responsible for ensuring there is a public access area – visiting tinnies, etc,
- The residents would be responsible for the funding the private part.

The current proposal aims to take all three areas of funding into account.

Communication and meetings have taken place with Maritime, HSC and Department of Lands – in principle Dept of Lands have no objections (but reserve comment until a formal proposal is submitted). HSC's concern would appear to be capital outlay and ongoing maintenance costs to them. Maritime are very supportive of a joint solution and encourage another meeting soon with all parties present.

Current proposal builds on the existing Wharf – whilst there are 6 other public access points on the Island, the current one provides an existing structure to build on & deep water, though it is exposed to the westerly weather. The other 6 locations all have substantially bigger issues (shallow water, poor land access, long wharf required, sea grass impacts, more houses impacted, higher costs, storm impacted etc). Artist's images of the proposed wharf were circulated.

As well as resident's tinnies, provision must remain for the fire boat, and access for heavy boat access (ferry), commercial barge traffic, the ambulance boat, together with visitor spaces.

The current thoughts are to form Co-operative – along the lines of Brooklyn Co-op Marina – but clearly tailored to the Island's needs which are different. Meetings have taken place with BMC representatives.

Next stage is to work with known local wharf builders to obtain costing against current plans in order to ascertain the scope of funding required. For islanders, at this stage, it is envisaged that it would be not less than \$5k each berth and hopefully not more than \$10k.

It is thought that if such a proposal would go ahead it would remove about 70% of the 'inappropriately' moored boats from around the island.

There are still many considerations to be discussed in consultation with residents: berth one per household max, ownership not for profit or sub-lease, rental possibilities, priority offering as some examples – to this end a second survey will be drawn up and issued in the couple of months.

## **2.7 Bowling Club Catering Tenders**

Michael D noted that many of the islanders were concerned at that announcement of the 'new kitchen' tender at Club had last minute 'drop-outs' and offered a name of person who might be considered to mediate between the parties. Ant S suggested, this should taken off line from League business and that Michael talk directly to the interested parties on this.

**3.0 Date of next PM** Next Public Meeting to Announced via posters but around 3 months from now

Meeting closed 12.35pm