

# Dangar Island League

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## Minutes of Dangar Island League PUBLIC MEETING Saturday 23 JULY 2016

**Those in attendance:** Sophia Walsh (P), Vanessa O'Keefe (VP), Ross Spence (Sec), Hans Pols (Treasurer), Trevor Kanaley, Sue Merricks, Judy Nikola, Graham Ley, Peter Wolfe, Ross Higgins, Rick Stockley, Alec Pratt, Brenda Hall, Jenny Turner, Ana Pollak, David Ruppin, Cybele Shorter, Anthony Schinckel. Di Bowles (Brooklyn Community Association).

**Apologies:** Joanne Karcz, Bronek Karcz, Lyn Higgins, Jenny Rowe, Leonie Findlay, Judith Doyle, Jackie Fristacky, Alison Megarrity, Sarah Galvin, David Turner, Tony Partridge, Rajeev Ranardham.

Meeting Commenced 2:05pm

**1. Acceptance of Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting:** Proposed by Sue Merricks, Seconded by Ross Higgins.

### **2. Welcome and Introduction to Di Bowles (Brooklyn Community Association)**

- Di spoke about the current issues in the Brooklyn community and the role of the Community Reference Group in the Brooklyn Master Plan development. Vanessa O'Keefe is the DIL rep on the CRG.
- Comment was made about the common issues such as parking, lifts for the railway station and the Peat Island Development.
- Di mentioned the intention to conduct surveys in the local communities to back up the work of the CRG.
- Encouragement given to keep aware of developments through the process and contribute as much as possible.

### **3. Committee Reports – Treasurer**

- Hans collecting outstanding membership fees.
- Accounts being prepared for end of 2016 financial year for AGM.

### **4. Committee Reports – Secretary**

- Rather than correspondence in/out we now have to describe it as communications in/out as there is now very little formal communications.
- There have been three main issues of communication occupying our attention since the last public meeting; changes to the garbage collection arrangements and the infrastructure related to that, repairs to the roads in the lower section of the island and the progress of the wharf update. Progress on these matters will be discussed in the President's report.

## **5. Committee Reports – President**

### **Changes to the garbage collection**

- Up to 30 residents spoke to Council officers in the Community Hall prior to this Public Meeting. The DIL Committee has raised with Council many resident concerns related to the proposed service but there is a decision to proceed with the new service on Friday 26 August. Officers have indicated that in Riverview Avenue there are legal issues with the land on the verge of the roads as this is Council land and should not have storage bays for bins. However the view seems to be that this is not easily resolved and therefore the collection service will change and residents will need to address any issues when and if they may arise.
- We have been informed that Monday 22 August is the last day for the existing practice with new wheelie bins to be delivered 23-24 August with first collection on the Friday 26 August of the yellow recycling bin and the red garbage bin.
- The DIL is suggesting that any practical issues that arise from the new service be directed to a DIL committee member so that we can coordinate an approach to Council officers.
- The existing contractor Geoff Gauzler has indicated that kerbside waste collection twice a year will be picked up from jetties if this is required.
- There is also a suggestion that a locked collection bin may be located at the wharf and at McKell Park for local residents to drop off garbage if required.
- Cybele indicated that she has been requesting that council vehicles not be driven through the park as there are plans for landscaping in the park.

### **Wharf Upgrade**

- The DIL is still waiting for a confirmation of a date in August for a community consultation. It was requested that Council officers should be present at this consultation as there has been no direct contact with residents to this point.
- Rick Stockley indicated that he has been in contact with the Maritime Services about required maintenance on the bottom steps of the existing wharf.

### **Council Road Works**

- Assurances have been given of roadworks to be carried out on the lower roads on the island – a widening of some asphalt sections in Neotsfield and Grantham Crescents and a resurfacing and rolling of other dirt sections. We have been unable to confirm exact dates but it is anticipated to be happening very soon.

### **Matt Kean meeting**

- Further to our meeting with Matt Kean and his assurances around certain matters raised Sophia Walsh is to follow up and determine progress.
- The proposed development of Peat Island matter is still in its preliminary stages as it is yet to proceed through the Gateway process before other considerations commence.

### **Grant Applications.**

- Further to being unsuccessful in the current round of grant applications encouragement was given for new ideas that can be considered and submitted. It was suggested that applications should request sums less than \$20,000. We understand that the DI Bowling Club has submitted a request for a shade cloth for the bandstand area in the park.

- A suggestion was received from Ana Pollak that a grant be sought to develop approaches to community decision-making when there are contentious issues with different stakeholder positions. This suggestion was favourably discussed although it may fall outside of the normal criteria for a government grant. On the other hand the work of the New Democracy Foundation was discussed and it was referred to the DIL committee to investigate and possibly organize a seminar on the island after the next AGM to review their approach to improving democratic processes with community groups.

## **6. Other Business**

- The newly elected Federal member for Berowra, Julian Leeser was to attend the Christmas in July function at the Bowling Club this evening and residents were encouraged to meet with him and discuss any local issues.
- Cybele and Ana indicated that Council had planted local tree on nature strips around the island without consultation in some case. If these trees are not required then please contact Cybele or Ana so that a more suitable location can be found.

## **7. Next Meeting**

- The next Public Meeting and AGM of the DIL will be held on **Saturday 24 September 2016** at 2pm in the Community Hall and you are all welcome.

**Meeting closed at 3:25pm.**