

## Draft Minutes of Dangar Island League ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Those in attendance:** Peter Wolfe, Wally Bower, Bronek Karcz, Tony Isgrove, Joanne Karcz, Michael Liebenberg, Judy Nikola, Judith Doyle, Trevor Kanaley, Alec Pratt, Brenda Hall, Lynda Dryden, Heather Dorrough, Terry Dorrough, Ron Barrelle, Tony Partridge, Sue Merricks, Tayna Rogasfort, Lisa Hayes, Dean Finnigan, Helman Rogasfort.

**Apologies:** Hans Pols, Vanessa O'Keefe, Sarah Galvin, Henry Innis

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**1. Minutes of Last Meeting:** Accepted by Tony Partridge / Seconded by Wally Bower

**2. Financial Report:** Judith D reported on behalf of Hans P (Treasurer) – in summary;

- **Income:** Membership was high during the year - \$1,935.00. Bank Interest - \$452.66. Outlay for Jetty signs \$990.90 for which \$725 had been re-imbursed by jetty owners.
- **Expenses:** Mullet Mail \$484. Other printing/stationery costs \$362. Office Fair Trading \$98. Social \$201 – guest attendance to island volunteer event + Australia Day. Web Hosting \$89. Annual depreciation of projector 80.40.
- **Assets:** Cheque Account \$3,632. Term Account: \$12,322

Accounts were accepted by Peter Wolfe and seconded by Judy Nikola

**3. Dangar Island League Presidents Report – 2014**

1. **HSC proposal 2p Parking in Brooklyn. (Petition. Stopped implementation of 2proposal)**
2. **Native Title Application (Investigation completed)**
3. **DIMC (Exit from League)**
4. **Jetty Signs (Completed)**
5. **DIL Constitution (Updated)**
6. **e Waste pickup (Completed)**
7. **Mullet Mail (Four editions delivered)**
8. **Ausgrid (Transformers and poles upgraded)**
9. **Master Plan Brooklyn (Started & DIL Involved)**
10. **Public Wharf Upgrade (Push for consultation from HSC)**
11. **Bird Signs (Concept/Design completed)**
12. **Peat Island (Govt re-zoning application underway – DIL opposing)**
13. **Set up of Brooklyn/Milsons/MM/Dangar Associations working group. (Monthly meetings)**
14. **Other issues:**  
**Telstra Lines, Railway lift and Park/toilet upgrade.**

The Dangar Island League Executive addressed the following projects and issues in the 2014 year.

1. **HSC proposal to implement 2p parking at Brooklyn.**

An HSC proposal to establish a 2p parking area in the “fisherman’s co-op area in Brooklyn was strongly opposed by the DIL. A petition in opposition to the proposal was organised and over 200 signatures registered. The petition was presented to Council.

In response to strong the opposition from Dangar and Brooklyn Residents the 2p plan was shelved.

2. **Native Title Application.**

Landholders on Dangar who had usage licences over Crown Land (jetties & boatsheds) were informed that an application had been made for Native Title over a large section of Central Coast Land that included Dangar Island.

The League Investigated the information provided and decided that the League would not register itself as a party in the Native Land Claim Legal process.

3. **DIMC (Dangar Island Mooring Co-op subcommittee)**

The DIMC sub-committee of the League was closed and it moved to set itself up as an independent entity. This was in line with the original remit of the sub-committee in that it was to be closed once all investigative work on this issue was completed. The completion of the sub-committee work culminated with the Island vote regarding the proposed design of a mooring facility positioned **alongside the public wharf on the Island. (The vote was held in September 2013)**

4. **Jetty Signs**

Island jetty sign design, production and provision was completed.

Jetty signs were provided so that Emergency Services can easily identify a jetty when called out.

5. **League Constitution**

The League Constitution was updated to come into line with the latest State Legislation.

A special resolution to accept the new constitution was held in June 2014. The required majority passed the resolution and therefore the new constitution was accepted. The new constitution was registered with the NSW Office of Fair Trading.

6. **e- Waste pick-up**

An e-waste pick-up was completed on the Island. The volume of waste picked up was low indicating that there is little of this type of waste accumulated on the Island. It was decided to hold e-waste pick-ups on a bi-annual basis from now on.

7. **Mullet Mail**

The four seasonal MM editions were successfully compiled, printed and distributed for the 2014 year.

8. **Ausgrid (Transformers and poles)**

Ausgrid liaising through the DIL completed the upgrade of the Island transformers and poles.

9. **Masterplan Brooklyn**

HSC has been discussing the need to create a Master-Plan for Brooklyn for a long time. The League has been in constant communication with the HSC and other community groups (mainly Brooklyn), to ensure that Dangar Island residents and ratepayers are not left out of this process and the Island’s interests are protected.

Parking for Dangar residents in Brooklyn is a major concern.

In August HSC announced that a survey would be conducted to ascertain the needs and concerns of Brooklyn, Dangar and River Residents.

10. **Public Wharf Upgrade**

The Dangar public wharf needs to be upgraded to include disability access. HSC had promised to complete the upgrade in 2014.

Although the DIL was in communication with HSC highlighting the need for the upgrade in 2014, a HSC design and tender was issued to construction companies without public consultation or notification to the League.

The League acting on behalf of members, who have identified safety issues with the HSC wharf design, has pressed the HSC to conduct public consultation forums before proceeding any further. At the writing of this report, HSC has verbally committed to hold the public consultation meetings requested.

11. **Bird Signs**

Signs to educate residents and visitors about the Island bird wildlife have been designed by the LHEMC. The League has worked with the LHEMC on this issue and signs are about to be produced and should be erected by December 2014.

12. **Peat Island**

The commencement of the rezoning process for land at Peat Island and Mooney Mooney by State Government came out of the blue. All River Communities as well as Hornsby Council were caught on the hop. This is a start of the formal process by Government to achieve a sale of the Peat Island land. The process is rigorous and will include environmental studies as well as community consultation. Opposition to the Governments "concept plan" for Peat Island is organising and building. It is going to be a hard fought tussle over the next two years or so.

A co-operative group known as the "Hawkesbury Gateway Group" has been set up to oppose the Governments push to sell and develop the Peat Island Land. The League must decide if it wishes to join Brooklyn, Milsons Passage and various other community groups and become a member of the "Hawkesbury Gateway Group."

13. **Set Up of the Dangar/Brooklyn/Milsons/ MM Associations group**

A semi-formal committee of the Presidents and senior members of the River Community associations has been set up to discuss and deal with common problems and issues.

The improved cooperation between communities on the River is very pleasing. A week does not go by without a meeting or discussion between the Residents Associations of Brooklyn, Dangar, Milsons Passage and Mooney Mooney. The Brooklyn Master Plan, Peat Island Development, NBN/Telstra services you name it, members talk, compare notes and try to work together to achieve successful outcomes.

14. **Other issues.**

The other key issues in play are:

- Provision of improved Testtra/NBN services to Dangar particularly internet services
- The fight for a lift at Hawkesbury River Station continues.

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**Bronek Karcz**  
**President - Dangar Island League**

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**Date**

~ Tony Partridge asked that members join in him thanking Bronek for his time and asked that appreciation be recorded for his works. Support shown by applause from the floor.

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**All Officer Bearers and Executive Committee members stepped down.**

#### **4. Election of 2014.15 Office Bearers and member of the Executive Management Committee**

Bronek welcomed and thanked Wally for acting as Returning Officer for the Election Process.

**Nominations received by 19<sup>th</sup> September as follows:**

~ **President / Vice President / Secretary -**

None

~ **Treasurers:** Nominated and seconded:

Hans Pols

~ **Executive Committee:** Nominations and seconded –

Judy Nikola, Peter Wolfe, Vanessa O’Keefe, Judith Doyle

**Nominations received after the 19<sup>th</sup> September as follows:**

~ **President/ Secretary**

None

~ **Vice-President:**

Vanessa O’Keefe nominated and seconded

Henry Innis nominated but no seconder

~ **Executive Committee:**

Tony Isgrove nominated and seconded

Trevor Kanaley nominated and seconded.

**The 2014/15 Executive Committee was therefore elected as follows:**

**Vice-President: Vanessa O’Keefe, Treasure: Hans Pols**

**Executive Committee: Judy Nikola, Peter Wolfe, Tony Isgrove, Trevor Kanaley, Judith Doyle**

~ Whilst two Office Bearer positions remain vacant – Chair of meetings and taking of Minutes could be shared. This would be up the elected committee to decide how they run and recorder the EC & Public meetings in line with the requirements of the Constitution.

~ Bronek thanked Wally for his assistance.

He also took the opportunity to thank present members for their attendance at the meeting and for the support that he'd received during his two-year tenure as President during which period there had been some challenging events.

The meeting was then declared closed.

Next General Meeting will be in 2015 - yet to be scheduled.

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