



**Draft Minutes of Dangar Island League General Meeting  
Saturday 24 June 2017**

**Those in attendance:** Sophia Walsh (Chair), Bronek Karcz (Committee), Vanessa O'Keefe (Committee), Ross Spence (Minutes), Judith Doyle (Committee), Marina Garvey (Committee), Trevor Kanaley (Committee), Brenda Hall, Joanne Karcz, David Ruppin, John Sullivan, Tony Partridge, Ron Barelle, Graham Ley, Graham Morey, Jenny Rowe, Judy Nikola.

**Apologies:** Sue Merricks, Hans Pols

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Meeting Commenced 2:07pm

Sophia Walsh welcomed new members John Sullivan and Graham Morey. Also Sophia welcomed Councillor Nathan Tilbury (NT) of the Council who had attended an Executive Committee Meeting on 10 June and had been invited to attend this General Meeting and contribute to the discussion.

**1. Acceptance of Minutes of Last General Meeting 25 February 2017:** Proposed by Bronek/  
Seconded by Vanessa. Carried. No business arising.

**2. Communication In and Out:** Ross indicated it had been a busy time communicating with Council over a range of matters. This would be detailed in the following items.

**3. Dangar Island League President's Report – 2016** (prepared by Sophia Walsh but presented with Bronek, Trevor and Vanessa)

1. Brooklyn Master Plan Update
2. Garbage Bin Services
3. Council Roadworks
4. Dangar Island Wharf Upgrade
5. Telecommunications
6. Council Vehicles – Ute and Buggy
7. Mullet Mail

Points presented were as indicated – discussion points raised from the presentation follow.

### **1.1 Brooklyn Masterplan: Strategy Document (Bronek)**

- ▶ Consultant to present a draft Opportunities and Strategy Document to Council before seeking further response from the Community Reference Group (CRG)
- ▶ Focus on 3 precincts; Marina, Village Green and Town Centre
- ▶ Further community consultation in September/October
- ▶ Implementation of any approved plan is 10 – 20 years
- ▶ Council considering some rezoning for residential and the promotion of high-end tourism
- ▶ All this would increase road traffic and demand for parking

### **1.2 Brooklyn Masterplan: Parking & Access**

- ▶ Last traffic survey from HSC was in 1998 - DIL requested this be redone as part of the BMP process. Not happening.
- ▶ Parking spots are clearly insufficient
- ▶ Failure to integrate thinking with the Gateway plans for Peat Island, Mooney Mooney and the NSW Ports Authority development plans for the port of Brooklyn.
- ▶ Visitors by boat not considered - launching at Parsley, cruise operators and day boating traffic
- ▶ BMC was not well understood by Council or consultants

### **1.3 Brooklyn Masterplan: River Communities Group**

- ▶ Coalition of river communities (LHCG) group formed
- ▶ Survey is being planned by LHCG so that consultants are presented with some factual information prior to community consultation
- ▶ This would include parking requirements

NT indicated that the report from the consultants was already 2 months late. With the Council election now planned for 9 September 2017 it would not be considered until the new council was appointed.

Graham Ley expressed a number of concerns;

- Worried that there were not progressive reports on each step of the consultation.
- Thought the website for the masterplan was poor lacking details and progress.
- No improvements on the Brooklyn ferry wharf for people with disabilities
- Lack of action on the railway station stairs.

Ron Barelle raised the issues;

- Single road into Brooklyn – fire hazard
- New technology such as driverless cars – impact on issues
- Impact of rising sea levels from climate change

NT responded ;

- Frustrated himself by the poor website
- Disability issues were being considered in the Masterplan.

- Parking and road access to Brooklyn are being considered in the Masterplan.
- At this stage no final parking solutions
- Council has the responsibility to consider the impact of climate change on all its activities.

## **2. Garbage Bin Service (Vanessa)**

- ▶ Council still waiting for consultant's report
- ▶ Letter sent from Narelle Bowly to residents offering the provision of smaller bins and a recycling caddy
- ▶ 18 households have taken up the offer of smaller bins
- ▶ Plastic bags in recycle bins?
  - Brenda pointed out that not all residents had received the letter offering smaller bins.
  - Judith commented on the need for proper recycling and the information available on the ABC War on Waste series.
  - NT indicated that the Council was conducting its own 'war on waste'. Steps included the operation of the e-waste facility at Thornleigh, the encouragement of cafes to introduce re-usable coffee cups and efforts to reduce landfill.
  - Vanessa suggested the use of recycling caddies to transport recycled material to the yellow bins.
  - Judy emphasised the correct use of the recycled bins – no plastic bags.

## **3. Council Works (Bronek)**

- ▶ Council advised of the damage to recent roadworks by the inclement weather
- ▶ Request made for the roads to be maintained as part of an annual maintenance program
- ▶ Recent problems on the roads & park related to heavier trucks being used for the waste collection
  - NT indicated options were limited with the heritage listing of the roads. Suggested the trial of plastic mats to provide stability and through which grass can grow.

## **4. Dangar Island Wharf Upgrade (Vanessa)**

- ▶ Contractor has been engaged by Council
- ▶ Work will commence next month (July)
- ▶ Designs are essentially the same as presented last year (see DIL website)
- ▶ DIL has stressed importance of notifying residents about the works and the impact this will have on their ferry services
  - Need for disability access at Brooklyn again emphasised.

## **5. Telecommunications (Vanessa)**

### **NBN will go live towards the end of 2017**

- ▶ Construction will commence early 2018

- ▶ Due to the complex design challenges of delivering fibre to the island, this timetable may change
- ▶ Fibre to the node proposed

#### **Mobile Black Spots**

- ▶ Brooklyn and Dangar now 'priority location' for new Mobile Black Spot Program
- Letter has been sent to Julian Leaser MP to seek his support in the resolution of this important issue.

#### **6. Council Vehicles – Ute and Buggy Service (Trevor)**

- ▶ Council reviewing management arrangements
- ▶ Meeting held on the island on 9 June with HSC
- ▶ Options being explored and data collected
- ▶ Issues around ownership, financial management, reporting and insurance
- ▶ DIL stressed importance of ute as back up emergency service vehicle
- NT suggested that some Councillors did not appreciate the unique environment of the island and the need for special arrangements. The acting General Manager did appreciate the issues.
- Ron suggested that there were records of the various users of the ute.
- Trevor encouraged islanders to be actively involved in the resolution of these important issues.

#### **7. Mullet Mail**

Winter Edition out now

2017 submission closure dates:

- ▶ SPRING 17 August for September publication
- ▶ SUMMER 16 November for December publication

#### **Any other Business**

- **Sydney Water Tank Rehabilitation (Vanessa)**

There have been a variety of suggestions regarding the rehabilitation of this site including a community space, seating and bushland regeneration. As the work will commence in July it is important that ideas and plans be forwarded to Sophia (President @dangarislandleague.net) so that they can be collated and reviewed for discussion with Sydney Water.

- **Renovations to Dangar Island Community Hall (Sophia)**

The new polished floor was considered a great addition to the Hall and Nathan was asked to pass on the appreciation of residents to the appropriate Council staff.

#### **Future Dates**

- **General and Annual Meeting – 23 September 2017 2:00pm**

**Sophia thanked present members for their attendance and contribution to the meeting. The meeting was then declared closed at 3:12pm.**