

## **MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. (RAI) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Saturday, 15 April 2017, Rosedale NSW**

Margot Marshall opened the meeting at 11:13 am on the grass verge at the end of Knowlman Road, Rosedale.

1. APOLOGIES: Richard and Maxie Bell; Mary Boardman; Catherine Falk; Peter and Deidre Graham; Darren and Bev Gribble; John and Rosanna Hindmarsh; Adrian Lewis; Judy Mallett; Peter and Margaret Morris; Leah Myers; Jane Nicholas; Elizabeth Richardson; Tony Thatcher; Nik Tischler; and Bill Williams

2. 2016 AGM MINUTES: It was proposed that the 2016 AGM Minutes, as published on the RAI website be accepted.

**Proposed:** Melissa Gribble - **Seconded:** Kit Tischler - **Carried**

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: David Boardman reflected on the 45 years since RAI's formation and his 35 years involvement with the Committee, encouraging other young people to get involved with RAI and Landcare. He also noted the loss of founding President, Gordon Bray, and also Paul Mlakar; confirmed the purchase of a defibrillator and rescue tube; advised that sewerage installations were progressing well; and that plans were underway to commence the main sewer line through Rosedale farm and Bevia Park, which indicated some movement on part sub-division and an increased likelihood of a roundabout at the end of Rosedale Parade.

David circulated Council's draft plans for the Yowani road steps project, with initial costing around \$36,000. He said an application had been lodged for a Fisheries grant and RAI's Committee had discussed a possible community contribution of half the cost, in order to progress the project, with \$10,000 from combined RAI and RL funds and \$8,000 from fundraising. On Nuns Beach access, David referred to his presentation to the AGM last year and advised that Fiona Lodge, with Council assistance, had now completed a wheelchair path and viewing platform at the southern headland, saying we could now look at how best to connect to this path from Cooks Crescent and improve beach access down the cliff.

In response to a request from Gerry Crisp, David agreed to lodge a reparation request with Ledonne and Council to ensure the track and wooden steps from Yowani Road were repaired, once sewerage work was completed.

**Motion to access the President's report, as presented:**

**Proposed:** Melissa Gribble – **Seconded:** Bill Legge - **Carried**

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report, as published in the March 2017 newsletter (No.123), was presented by Noel Egan. He asked members to complete the membership form and be clear on how they wanted their money distributed between RAI and RL. Keith Boardman asked why insurance was still being paid for RL, since it now came under Eurobodalla Landcare. David Mackenzie explained why the insurance through RAI should be continued, as Council's insurance only covered RL volunteers working on particular parcels of Council land, and not all Council land, in the Rosedale precinct. Margot Marshall said the issue would be further considered by the Committee.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, as published:**

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall - **Seconded:** Daniel Long - **Carried**

5. LANDCARE: Daniel Long reported on Council funding for Rosedale projects, including a three year commitment to maintain Banksia Flat and an upcoming weed control project on

the cliff leading down to Boatshed Beach. Council had also responded positively to a request for planting of endemic species to screen the sewerage pump station; the Green Army would reinstate the dune fencing damaged by storms last year; and Council would do a sand fill to repair the lower stairs at the southern end of the beach. He reminded members of the weedathon and dune planting and invited suggestions for additional projects.

**Motion to accept the Landcare report:**

**Proposed:** Joanna Nicholas - **Seconded:** Kate McInerney - **Carried**

6. FIRE REPORT: Michael Skipper highlighted the importance of being vigilant in reducing fuel loads around homes, citing bushfires that had destroyed homes and out buildings in other areas. He said a hazard assessment reduction program would continue in Rosedale and Malua Bay Rural Fire Service (RFS) had worked with Ledonne to remark all watering and hydrant points on Rosedale roads. Michael urged members to access RFS website resources, including to report hazards.

**Motion to accept the Fire report and donate \$500.00 to the Malua Bay RFS:**

**Proposed:** Michael Skipper - **Carried**

7. BEACH SAFETY: Vicki Smith advised that the new defibrillator, First Aid Kit and rescue tube were installed on the log cabin's western wall. She encouraged members to attend the rip dye and defibrillator demonstration the following day and reported an influx of bluebottles and jellyfish over the summer and dangerous surf conditions, with several cases of people caught in rips. Vicki reminded members to phone 000 to report incidents in the water and ask for Batemans Bay police. Tim Brown highlighted the importance of people knowing how to use the defibrillator in an emergency on the beach or at home and thanked the Gassons for storing the items.

**Motion to donate \$500.00 to the BBSLSC:**

**Proposed:** John Nicholas - **Seconded:** Tim Brown - **Carried**

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Margot Marshall advised that Tom Hickey's intended renomination for the Committee had not been received but all other Committee members had renominated. She introduced new nominee, Dugald Stewart, explaining that no election was necessary as the number of Committee nominations equalled the number of places available. The proposed RAI Committee for 2017 was presented with election affirmed with applause:

President: ..... David Boardman

Secretary: ..... Vicki Smith

Treasurer: ..... Noel Egan

Members: ..... Tim Brown

.....Melissa Gribble

.....Daniel Long

..... Margot Marshall

.....Robin Oldham

.....Dugald Stewart

.....Peter Ward

9. YOWANI ROAD STEP PROJECT: David Boardman invited questions and comments about Council's plan for the Yowani Road stair project. Joanna Nicholas asked if the amount of use justified the cost and Charles Freer asked about cheaper options. David explained that the project had to meet certain standards and Council would not consider cheaper options that they would need to maintain. Jane Enright raised concerns about funds going from RL, with David noting that the track and steps from Cooks Crescent to main beach were built by RL and that he saw the Yowani steps as a joint RAI and RL project. Daniel Long stated his

support for the project, citing erosion issues at the site, and that the RL Committee would discuss RL's financial commitment. Jane Enright suggested that people who use the track more than others may wish to contribute to the project themselves and that RAI should pursue stairs down to Nuns Beach, as the more popular beach. Robyn Tegart agreed that access to Nuns Beach was more important and Ann DeJong noted that the aging population needed safer beach access. In response to a question from Barbara Carter, David Boardman said Council would maintain the stairs. John Nicholas asked about the Committee's priority regarding beach access projects, with David Boardman saying the Committee felt that both projects could be pursued but at this stage it was up to members to say whether they wanted that type of structure at the end of Yowani Road. Members voted with a show of hands to confirm their agreement to that type of structure being constructed at the end of Yowani Road. David Mackenzie then reminded the meeting that the project was on public land, not private, so they were public facilities. Members subsequently voted in favour of the Committee advising Council of the community's in principle commitment to contribute funds to the Yowani Road stair project, without specifying an amount.

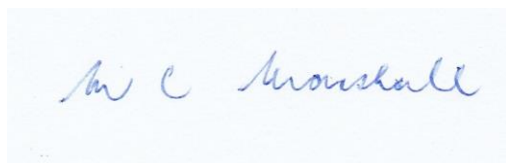
David Boardman reiterated that access to Nuns Beach had to be through public land, with possible track access via the corner of Miller Avenue and Cooks Crescent. Maps showing the narrow strips of public land behind Cooks Crescent were distributed to the meeting. He said that Fiona Lodge also wanted access to the beach. He talked about the history of RAI's poor relationship with Fiona Lodge and his efforts to improve relations, resulting in an invitation to attend a meeting with Fiona Lodge and Council. He said his intention was to continue to pursue Council and Fiona Lodge to improve beach access and asked whether members wanted steps down the cliff. Members voted in favour of the Committee pursuing options to access Nuns Beach via public land, including steps down the cliff. In response to a comment from Jane Enright, David Boardman said the Committee had undertaken to improve communication with members.

10. OTHER BUSINESS: Margot Marshall reported a suggestion to have a traffic mirror installed on Miller Avenue and traffic calming measures on Rosedale Parade. Response to the traffic calming measures was mixed and Kate McInerney alerted members to the increased noise resulting from speed humps. Ann DeJong reported a blind spot at the top corner of Tallwood Crescent and Tranquil Bay Place and that traffic needed to be slowed down in general. Jane Enright suggested a 40 km speed limit be introduced across Rosedale. Daniel Long suggested blisters on the side of the road as an alternative. The Committee undertook to seek Council advice on this issue and also follow up on a request for an extra garbage collection during school holidays.

The meeting closed at 12:45 pm, following a vote of thanks to the Committee.

\* 73 people were present

*Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, Secretary, 25 April 2017*



(Margot Marshall)

RAI Committee Member and AGM Chair