

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. (RAI) A.G.M.  
8 April 2023 – Rosedale, NSW**

Margot Marshall opened the meeting at 11:05 am.

1. APOLOGIES: Murray and Bettina Barrell, Al and Jen Baxter, Maxi and Richard Bell, Keith Boardman, Andrew Craig, Doug Craig, Nola Edsall, Stuart and Libby Hindmarsh, John and Rosanna Hindmarsh, Peter Hoad, Onko and Jennifer Kingma, Jane, David and Jo Nicholas, Anthony and Faye Reynolds, Dugald Stewart and Bronwyn Woods.

2. 2022 AGM MINUTES: It was proposed that the Minutes of the 2022 AGM, as published on the Rosedale Association website be accepted.

**Proposed: Margot Marshall - Seconded: Bardi Carter - Carried**

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: David Boardman reflected on a busy year and what had been achieved over the nearly 50 years, since plans for a caravan park led to the formation of the Association. The strong community Association had been a big part of maintaining the environmental character of the hamlet, which he said was driven by the community working towards a common goal. He talked about the Dune and Saltwater Creek projects, noting they were long-term projects driven by community members and generously funded by members. While on donations, David said most people who had donated to Rosedale stair projects had agreed for leftover funds to be redirected to track upgrades. He urged members to stay engaged and report any concerns to the committee, highlighting the continued importance of working together to maintain our rare coastal hamlet and protect Rosedale's environmental zoning status. David then updated the meeting on the status of developments to the west; reported an invitation to the Mayor to address the AGM; and a request lodged for a meeting with Council's new General Manager and Executive team. David also reported ongoing investigations regarding markings on a large number of trees between Nuns Beach and Tranquil Bay that had been earmarked for pruning or removal.

**Motion to accept the President's report.**

**Proposed: Margot Marshall – Seconded: Kit Tischler – Carried**

4. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2022: Melissa Gribble detailed the Association's income and expenditure, as reported in the 2023 Easter newsletter. She thanked members for paying subscriptions and donations via the payment portal on the website, noting it provided a clear record of payment and had cyber security protection.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, as published in the March 2023 (No. 135) newsletter.**

**Proposed: Margot Marshall - Seconded: Michael Braham - Carried**

5. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Peter Ward reported that 215 members were already financial for 2023. He thanked members for being so prompt with payments and encouraged them to mention RAI to both new and old neighbours.

David Boardman reported email feedback from members, regarding RAI membership from west Rosedale. Of the 21 emails received, 15 agreed with the committee's position to not restrict membership; three called for membership to be restricted to east of George Bass Drive; and three were 'on the fence'. He said there were already members from west of George Bass Drive, also noting a previous President. He invited additional feedback from the meeting, which included asking the committee to look at ways of getting information out to

new people about the history of the area and the Association. David undertook to seek Council's advice on the best way to do this. He also agreed to offer support and ongoing liaison, if residents of the new area decided to set up their own community association. David concluded by confirming that RAI's Constitution would not be changed at this stage.

6. **FIRE REPORT:** Tim Brown delivered the fire report, in Michael Skipper's absence. He noted the increased fuel loads due to La Nina and two recent fires in the area. He urged members to manage fuel loads on their properties as an ongoing property management process. Tim also asked members to advise of Static Water Systems on their properties, with information to be recorded and kept in the fire container for reference, if needed. He noted that the fire container would soon be painted and thanked Michael Skipper for his work with Rosedale Rovers.

**Motion to accept the fire report and donate \$500.00 to Malua Bay RFS.**

**Proposed:** Tim Brown – **Seconded:** Sally Edsall – **Carried**

7. **BEACH SAFETY:** Tim Brown reported the highest number of drownings in recorded history in Australia, with the majority in NSW and 100% of them at unpatrolled beaches. He noted the Angel Rings at Rosedale Beach and the defibrillator and rescue tube stored at 17 Knowlman Road. Tim also stressed the importance of getting assets into a rip to assist someone in trouble, such as Angel Rings, boogieboards, surf boards and esky lids. He advised members to float and raise an arm if they need assistance in the water and for people to phone *000 Police* for a coordinated response.

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

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall - **Seconded:** Kit Tischler - **Carried**

8. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS:** Peter Ward reported on the dune project, thanking Katy Hamilton for her work as project coordinator. He noted RAI funding, community volunteers and Council and Landcare support. He highlighted the successful regeneration of the dunes, with increased sightings of native animals, birds and insects. He said efforts were continuing to document dune plants, stabilise beach access tracks, address erosion and control rabbits. He reported severe damage by rabbits in various areas, including under boats stored at the northern end of the beach. He thanked Paul Martin from Council for his support, including running a workshop for Rosedale volunteers to help monitor rabbit activity. Peter encouraged more member volunteers for the project, including as project coordinator. David Boardman supported Peter's call for more volunteers and help to identify and remove abandoned boats from the beach, noting the cooperation of the boatshed company. David also reported that works would soon commence on a turning bay at the end of Knowlman Road, which he hoped would improve stormwater drainage and reduce erosion.

Sally Edsall presented a report on the Saltwater Creek project, on behalf of project coordinator Rory Eames. She thanked volunteers and RAI's committee for their interest and support for the project. Sally noted the value of various resources in building knowledge and ensuring consistency with the project and those of others around the state. She advised that a Water Quality Monitoring Plan had been developed and the Association was awaiting delivery of made to order water quality test kits. Sally also provided Rory's assessment of the impact of land use change at the catchment scale of Saltwater Creek, noting that the project was monitoring the Creek and its catchment in a holistic manner over the long-term and not just monitoring the effect of developments to the west of George Bass Drive.

Di Clark was introduced to the meeting. She thanked volunteers at weeding sessions and reported on work to document native plants and weeds across Rosedale. She asked people to completely remove Easter Cassia (or *Senna pendula*) from their gardens and invited members to contact her with any plant issues in their Rosedale gardens.

Rory Eames, Katy Hamilton and Di Clarke received a round of applause for their work on the Dune and Creek projects.

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: Margot Marshall said all current Committee members had renominated, so the number of nominations equalled the number of places available and there was no need for an election.

**Motions to accept the 10 nominations for the 2023 RAI Committee.**

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall – **Seconded:** Jane Crisp - **Carried**

Margot announced that David Boardman had nominated for President, Vicki Smith as Secretary and Melissa Gribble as Treasurer.

**Motion to accept the nominations for President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2023.**

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall – **Seconded:** Gerry Crisp - **Carried**

10. OTHER BUSINESS: Margot Marshall reminded members of the weedathon, sausage sizzle and beach safety events. Sightings of European wasps was noted, along with a reduction in mosquito numbers. A request for the committee to press Council for bus shelters was also noted. Michael Braham's vote of thanks to the committee was welcomed with applause.

The meeting closed at 12:15 pm.

\* 79 people were present



(Margot Marshall)

RAI Committee Member and AGM Chair

*Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, RAI Secretary, 13 April 2023*