

# The Rosedale Association Incorporated

## Annual General Meeting – 22 March 2008

### Minutes

The 2008 Annual General Meeting commenced at 11:00am on the Cabins Lawn.

#### 1 Presiding member

Sue Falk presided as chairperson in the absence of the Emmett O'Loughlin. Sue announced that Emmett has resigned as President owing to family circumstances. She acknowledged Emmett's contribution in many areas: the Marsim development, the Saltwater Creek environment, and representations to Council. She proposed a vote of thanks.

Affirmed with applause.

#### 2 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

David Boardman, Peggy & John Bright, Brian Egloff, Cathy Falk, Ruth Friend, Deirdre Graham, Richard and Catriona Graham, Nick Hopkins, Peter Isaacson, Bruce Kent, Rohan Kent, Helmut & Sigrid Loofs, Paul Morrow, David Nicholas, Joanna Nicholas, Emmett O'Loughlin, Greg & Sallie Ramsay, Annie Shillington, Bruce Stark, and Ted and Barbara Wilcox.

Accepted.

#### 3 Reports

##### 3.1 *President's report*

The President's report was circulated under the heading *President's Piece* in Newsletter 103, March 2008.

##### 3.2 *Treasurer's report*

The Treasurer's report was circulated in Newsletter 103, March 2008.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Proposed: Bill Coupman. Seconded: Tony Cooper. Carried by show of hands

### **3.3 Landcare report**

The Landcare report was circulated in Newsletter 103, March 2008.

David Mackenzie addressed the meeting on:

#### **Saltwater creek, formation of subcommittee**

David Mackenzie described some factors affecting water quality in Saltwater Creek. He emphasised that relative to others like it, the creek was healthy. However this was not to say that from time to time it has been affected by sewage leakages which are a cause for concern. It is costly and technically difficult to track sources of pollution.

David said that he and Bill Maher are attempting to set up inflow and water quality monitoring equipment with the objective of compiling sets of data before, during, and after the residential developments to the west of George Bass Drive.

The Association views the health of Saltwater Creek as a critical matter. A subcommittee comprising David Mackenzie, Bill Maher, and Emmett O'Loughlin will, on behalf of the Association, prepare a report to Eurobodalla Shire Council covering water quality in Saltwater Creek and in particular the potential threats to it from the new developments.

#### **Fish kill event**

In the second week of February many fish died in Saltwater Creek following a break-out of the creek a day or two earlier. A committee member contacted Council, a Health Officer subsequently investigated but was unable to pinpoint the exact cause of fish death. David explained that the most likely cause was de-oxygenation of the creek water resulting from any one of or a combination of factors. Fish kills following an opening, natural or artificial, are not uncommon but we should be concerned if it happened frequently. Sewage overflow can lead to de-oxygenation but he did not believe that had occurred, at least on this occasion.

#### **Landcare Plan of Works**

The Plan of Works for 2007 was not presented for approval at last year's AGM. The Plan of Works for 2008 presented to this meeting is unchanged from the Plan of Works for 2007.

MOTION: That the Landcare Report and the Plan of Works for 2008 be accepted. Proposed: Sue Falk. Seconded: Jo Calaby. Carried by show of hands.

MOTION: That a subcommittee be formed to prepare a report on Saltwater Creek water quality and any other relevant matters for submission to the Eurobodalla Shire Council. Proposed Sue Falk. Seconded: David Mackenzie. Carried by show of hands.

### **3.4 Fire Officer's report**

The Fire Officer's report has not been prepared. Sue Falk said that she will endeavour to obtain a report to be included in the next newsletter. She said that the Committee would like to have the annual donation capped at \$500.

## **4 Other business**

### **4.1 Marsim development**

The attention of the meeting was drawn to the *Environmental Assessment Bevia Road Concept Application* which is open for public submissions until 6 April. This document includes the requirements of the Director General of the Department of Planning (NSW) and an assessment of many key issues.

David Mackenzie said that he and Bill Maher propose to make a submission. If practicable they would also consult with Guerilla Bay Association submitters. David invited interested members to make their own submissions and to forward copies to himself and Emmett O'Loughlin.

Peter Graham said that he was concerned that a vehicular access road to the Rosedale Farm development might be created as a prolongation of Rosedale Parade. This should be drawn to the attention of Council and RTA

MOTION: The Rosedale Association Incorporated opposes the development of land to the west of George Bass Drive (Marsim and Rosedale Farm) with vehicular access via a prolongation of Rosedale Parade. Proposed: Adrian Lewis. Seconded: Peter Graham. Carried by show of hands.

### **4.2 History projects**

Two projects to record the history of Rosedale are in progress.

#### **General history project**

Sue Falk said that she will coordinate a project to gather material for a written and illustrated history of Rosedale to be published, at least initially, on the Association's web site. In answer to a member's question she said that publication in print may follow. A show of hands indicated that simple submission of material to the coordinator was preferred to an Internet blog site.

Contributions were solicited. Sue requested that material be forwarded to her at the Association's PO Box 4134, Manuka ACT 2603 or to [sue@susanfalk.net](mailto:sue@susanfalk.net). She requested that material be marked clearly with the sender's name and address. A full description should accompany photographs, etc.

## **Oral history project**

Gordon Bray said that he, Jane and Martin Lemann have been preparing an oral history of Rosedale. He said that the Lemanns had experience in producing oral histories. Gordon said that he had photographs from 1928 and extending though the 1970s to the 1990s.

Sue Falk said that the Committee unanimously agreed to thank Gordon and the Lemann's for their efforts. Members present applauded.

## **4.3 Tree management**

David Carter said that he wished to submit a paper on tree management in Rosedale for the next newsletter after consultation with David Mackenzie.

## **4.4 Acknowledgements**

Sue Falk acknowledged the assistance to the Association of Annie Shillington (newsletter design and preparation), Paul and Penny Mlakar (newsletter printing), Anton Cook (newsletter distribution, and web site), Deirdre Prussak, Kit Tischler, and Bardie Carter (Sausage Sizzle).

## **4.5 Newsletter by e-mail**

A show of hands indicated that about one-fifth of those present would be prepared to receive their Rosedale Newsletter by e-mail.

Sue Falk said that it was the Committee's intention to produce 3 newsletters between this and next AGM.

## **5 Election of officers and committee**

There being no need for an election the new committee will comprise:

- Sue Falk – Secretary
- Noel Egan – Treasurer
- David Boardman
- Anton Cook
- Darren Gribble
- Rohan Kent
- David Mackenzie
- Bill Maher
- Emmett O'Loughlin
- Deirdre Prussak

The office of President is presently vacant.

## **6 Chairperson – vote of thanks**

Darren Gribble proposed a vote of thanks to Sue Falk for presiding over the meeting in the absence of Emmett O'Loughlin.

Carried with applause.

## **7 Attendance**

An attendance register was signed by 58 members and a head count showed an attendance of approximately 63.

*Anton Cook (Minute secretary)*

**9 April 2008**