

The Rosedale Association Incorporated

Annual General Meeting – 11 April 2009

Minutes

The 2009 Annual General Meeting commenced at 10:30 am on the Cabins Lawn.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from:

David Boardman, Keith & Mary Boardman, Peggy & John Bright, Ruth Friend, Tim & Katie Friend, Darren Gribble, Paul Isaacson, Rohan Kent, Helmut & Sigrid Loofs, David Mackenzie, Paul & Penny Mlakar, Paul Morrow, David Nicholas, Jane & John Nicholas, Faye Reynolds, Annie Shillington, Richard Skipper, and Ted and Barbara Wilcox.

Accepted.

2 Reports

2.2 President's report

The President's report was circulated in Newsletter 106, March 2009.

Sue Falk added that she had written to the Eurobodalla Shire Council seeking clarification of the planned changes to the Yowani Road and George Bass Drive intersection. These would turn a T-intersection into a dangerous crossroad. The matter is with the Road Transport Authority.

MOTION: The President's Report be adopted.

Proposed: Jim Bryant. Seconded: Joanna Nicholas. Carried.

2.2 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was circulated in Newsletter 106, March 2009.

MOTION: The Treasurer's Report be adopted.

Proposed: Kitty Tischler. Seconded: Tony Cooper. Carried.

2.3 Landcare report 2008-9

The Landcare report was circulated in Newsletter 106, March 2009.

MOTION: The Landcare Report 2008-9 be adopted and the Program of Works approved.

Proposed: Ian Holmes. Seconded: Barbara Cook. Carried.

3 Membership

Noel Egan said that membership of the Rosedale Association had fallen away slightly in the last year. Income from subscriptions was now barely covering costs. He said that it was important for membership to be maximised so that the views of all owners and residents could be represented to Eurobodalla Shire Council and treated with due weight.

Noel asked members to encourage newcomers to join the Rosedale Association and to advise the committee of prospective members so that they could be invited to join.

4 Saltwater Creek

Emmett O'Loughlin said that Saltwater Creek was a highly degraded waterway even before development. He attributed this to pollution by cattle having access to the creek over the past century.

Emmett said that Saltwater Creek was an important fish nursery. Past construction of dams on the creek allowed pollution to settle when flow rates were low. This sediment would be disturbed following heavy rain leading oxygen depleted and the death of fish. The pollution included the Escherichia coli bacteria, Nitrogen and Phosphorous compounds.

Emmett said that there were presently four developments that should receive attention to ensure compliance with water sensitive urban design requirements:

1. The Marsim development, currently up for sale, on the western side of the ridge
2. The Bruce Edwards development on the eastern side of the ridge
3. The Retirement Village of 140 units excised from the original Bruce Edwards development
4. The 9-block Bruce Edwards development near the corner of Yowani Road and George Bass Drive.

Emmett said that in the long term the increased flow resulting from development could reduce the level of pollution with proper management.

In discussion raised by members Emmett agreed with David Carter that grazing should not be stopped altogether, and only that the livestock should be prevented from access to the creek. He said that in a similar situation in Victoria, Melbourne Water had funded alternative watering sources for livestock.

Bruce Kent asked about the relative amounts of human and animal pollution. Emmett said this was not known. He said that effective monitoring of the creek would be very costly—over \$100,000. Septic tanks intended for 2 or 3 people have overflowed into Saltwater Creek when used by large parties.

Greg Tegart asked if opening the lagoon to the sea might achieve better flushing. Emmett said that the role of the creek as a fish nursery carried much weight with authorities and that artificially opening the lagoon would defeat this.

MOTION: The Rosedale Association Inc. requests that the Eurobodalla Shire Council imposes as conditions of development, that the impacts on water quality of any changes in land use in the catchment of Saltwater Creek be minimised by providing fenced buffers along the creek, specifically to exclude livestock. The Association also requests that its nominee writes a letter to Council, expressing its concern for the current degraded status of water quality in Saltwater Creek, the potential for further degradation, and the critical importance of this water body as a marine habitat.

The nominee to write to the Eurobodalla Shire Council shall be Emmett O'Loughlin.

Proposed: Emmett O'Loughlin. Seconded: Cathy Falk. Carried.

5 Sewerage

Sue Falk said that owners will have received a letter from Pressure Sewer Solutions Pty Ltd which is the contractor to Eurobodalla Shire Council for the proposed Guerilla Bay and Rosedale reticulated sewerage system. This asks owners to make an appointment for a meeting with a company representative if they wish to discuss their own particular installation on-site. Sue said that appointments in the declared period 16-25 April were filling quickly. If an on-site appointment is not made then it is understood that the owner will receive a plan of the proposed installation with the opportunity to object then.

A typical installation will include an on-site holding tank and pump connected to the existing house sewer lines, an electrical control panel on the side of the building and electrical wiring to the pump. A new pipe will connect to the street sewer line with an isolation valve contained in a covered pit at the property boundary.

The extent to which the installation of new sewer lines would require open trenches or subterranean boring was not known.

6 History Project

Sue Falk drew attention to the article *Archiving Rosedale's History* in Newsletter 106, March 2009. This invites people with photographs of Rosedale to make them available for digitisation. Material could be submitted electronically to any of the persons whose names are listed in the newsletter article. It was suggested that the weekend of the October long weekend might be a suitable time to have a gathering at Rosedale to scan photographs and

documents. Details will be provided in the next newsletter. A deadline for submissions of the October long weekend was proposed.

Sue said that she hoped the history of Rosedale could be told with as many voices as possible.

7 Other business

7.1 Newsletter article on Flora and Fauna of Rosedale

A vote expressing appreciation was carried unanimously for the articles on the flora and fauna of Rosedale in the last two newsletters by Max Tischler, John Knight of the ESC Botanical Gardens, and David Mackenzie.

7.2 Subscription payment by bank deposit

Noel Egan drew attention to the procedure described in Newsletter No 106 for renewing membership subscriptions and making Landcare donations by bank deposit to the Association's account.

8 Election of officers and committee

The Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected unopposed as office bearers.

There being no nomination for a President the Executive Committee will seek a President from among its members.

There was no need for an election of ordinary committee members. The committee will comprise:

President - vacant
Sue Falk* ☐ Secretary
Noel Egan ☐ Treasurer
David Boardman
Darren Gribble
Rohan Kent
David Mackenzie
Margot Marshall
Emmett O'Loughlin
Barry Shorter
Michael Skipper

* also the person registered with Fair Trading, as required under the Rules of Incorporation.

9 Chairperson – vote of thanks

Anton Cook proposed a vote of thanks to Sue Falk for presiding over the meeting and for acting as President for the year.

Carried with applause.

10 Landcare working bee and sausage sizzle

Members, families and friends were invited to the Landcare working bee commencing at 2:00pm and the sausage sizzle commencing at 5:00pm.

11 Attendance

A head count showed an attendance of approximately 74.

Anton Cook (Minute secretary)

23 April 2009