

## **MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday 19 April 2014, Rosedale NSW**

David Boardman opened the meeting at 11:08 am on the grass verge at the end of Knowlman Road, South Rosedale.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Keith and Mary Boardman, Elizabeth Drysdale, Noel and Wendy Egan, Katie Friend, Ruth Friend, Paul and Robyn Isaacson, Bruce and Ann Kent, Onko and Jennifer Kingma, Adrian and Susan Lewis, Judy Mallett, Margot Marshall, David, Jane and Katie Nicholas, Faye Reynolds, Murray and Christine Shiels, Elise Stutchbury, Max Tischler and Bill Williams.

### **2. 2013 AGM MINUTES**

It was proposed that the Minutes of the 2013 AGM, as published in the December 2013 newsletter (No.116), be accepted.

**Proposed:** David Mackenzie

**Seconded:** Michael Braham

### **2. PRESENTATION BY RURAL FIRE SERVICE (RFS)**

Helen Ridden from Malua Bay RFS addressed the meeting, advising members on bushfire preparation around their properties. She asked members to help the RFS by identifying fire hydrants near their homes and keeping them accessible by clearing away weeds and debris. Council and RFS had done some work, she said, to clear the understory in the area and urged members to contact Council, or the Moruya RFS, if they had questions. She also explained how funds donated by landowners were used to purchase equipment and make the Malua Bay fire shed safer. She urged people to read the next RFS newsletter and attend the open day on 13 September 2014 at the Malua Bay shed.

In response to a question from Michael Skipper, Helen said there was no such place as a 'safe' place in a bushfire but that Malua Bay Surf Club and the Tomakin Sports and Social Club were considered 'safer' places. While people could go to the beach, she said it was not ideal but agreed it might be the only option if fire was coming up quickly. She urged people to make a bushfire survival plan, make early household decisions and follow them through, noting that Rosedale's narrow streets would be difficult to navigate with fire trucks also moving through the area.

In response to a question from Darren Gribble, Helen said it was a long time since a fire went through Rosedale. Harry Tischler advised of a 1925 photo that showed the headland had been burnt. Helen Ridden said people could access fire record maps and other tools on the RFS website and advised people to listen to 2EC and watch ABC24 for fire warnings. Members were also urged to download the 'Fires Near Me' app on their mobile phones but cautioned against relying on messages being sent over mobile or fixed line networks, as fires might move so quickly that messages would not get out fast enough. When raised by David Mackenzie, Helen said that the 'Go or Stay' option did not exist but the 'Prepare, Act and Survive' strategy should be followed.

### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT: ROBIN OLDHAM

The Treasurer's report, as published in the April 2014 newsletter (No.117), was presented by Robin Oldham. He provided a breakdown of assets and income, noting that member subscriptions were up by \$380.00 on the previous year. He also explained difficulties in sorting out member payments, particularly those made by electronic funds transfer, when there was no detail of the intended breakdown for RAI subscriptions and Rosedale Landcare (RL) donations. He asked members to try and make this clear when making payments. Robin also called on members to email the Committee with ideas of how to spend the money.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and a \$500 donation to the RFS:**

**Proposed: David Boardman**

**Carried: By a show of hands**

### 4. LANDCARE REPORT: DAVID MACKENZIE

David Mackenzie referred members to the full Landcare report, published newsletter No.117. He praised Jane Lemann for starting RL in the 1980s, saying that the environmental aspects of Rosedale had been maintained and RL's work had added value to Rosedale properties. He asked members to consider joining volunteers on the ground or donating to the Landcare fund, saying that the Federal Government had calculated one hour of Landcare work to be worth \$30.00 per hour. He also asked for feedback on what RL should, or should not, be doing. Michael Braham asked if RL was reluctant to spend funds on outside parties to do the work. David Mackenzie explained that RL needed to keep a reasonable amount in reserve for projects but it did pay a contractor to supplement Council's payment, principally for work on Banksia Flat. Members responded positively, when David asked if they were happy for funds to continue to be used to pay contractors. Jane Enright said that work at the Retreat was going well and asked other landholders to contact RL for help, if weeds on their properties were too much for them to deal with, explaining that costs could be shared.

Tim Brown asked where members could access educational information about weeds, with David Mackenzie referring people to the 'Rosedale Landcare' section on the RAI website and suggesting they read Jane Lemann's book or ask for advice.

**Motion to accept the Landcare report**

**Proposed: David Mackenzie**

**Seconded: Colin Enright**

**Carried**

### 5. SEWERAGE PROJECT, COUNCIL AND DEVELOPMENTS: DAVID BOARDMAN

David Boardman said that Council had an information trailer to bring to Rosedale to provide more information about the sewerage project. As Council was not available to attend the AGM, he undertook to organise it for a later date. David understood from Council that their timetable was on track to have sewerage connected to Rosedale by the end of 2015.

On developments, David reported that one year of Marsim's five year extension had now gone and Council was still waiting for further information from the developers of Rosedale Farm. David said he was keeping track of what Council was doing with zoning in parts of Rosedale, mainly Tranquil Bay, and hoped for no changes to current zoning.

## 6. BEACH SAFETY: TIM BROWN

Tim Brown explained how the RAI Committee had responded to concerns about beach safety. He talked briefly about an incident in January, when an adult and children were caught in a rip on main beach, despite the adult being very capable in the surf. He also referred to the tragic loss of Clive Murray.

Tim advised that two members of the Bell and Crisp families had their Bronze Medallions and that he was nearly finished his. He said that the Committee's approaches to Council and local surf lifesavers had identified education as the best approach to improve beach safety, as the more people with knowledge and skills the better. He reported that two Committee members had attended Council's recent adult Surf Education and Awareness Workshop and it was hoped that a similar workshop could be held in Rosedale.

Tim explained the logistical and potential liability issues associated with leaving floatation equipment on an unpatrolled beach. He instead suggested that members take boogie boards or surfboards with them to the beach and send as many of them as possible into a rip to help someone, if needed. He strongly advised members against entering a rip to save someone, if they did not have a floatation device with them. He also noted that current advice from lifesavers was for people to remain calm and just float in a rip to reserve energy, rather than panic and try to swim across the rip to get out. He explained an exercise where buoys had been placed in a rip to track their movement, which showed them being taken out by the rip, before being washed back into shore as the rip merged with the breaking waves.

Tim also talked about the CPR training in Rosedale in December 2013, saying that the Committee hoped it could be an annual event. In response to a question, Tim said that putting flags out to warn of a rip was not an option for Rosedale, or other non-patrolled beaches. He then welcomed Clive Murray's widow, Pam, to the meeting and said that the memorial seat for Clive was to be a great reminder of his valour.

Harry Tischler asked if a phone could be put in the carpark for people to ring '000'. David Boardman explained that the Committee had talked to Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club about installing an emergency device but there were logistical problems with this. As an alternative, he suggested that members take a mobile phone to the beach and welcomed Deidre Prussak's offer for people to use her phone in emergencies.

## 7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Boardman explained why Max Tischler had not nominated for re-election this year and thanked him for his contribution to the Committee, saying he hoped Max might still contribute articles for future newsletters. He advised that permanent resident, Jacquie Leong, had nominated for the Committee, so that the number of nominations equalled the number of places available and no election was necessary. As a result, the following are the executive and committee of Rosedale Association Inc. for 2014:

President: ..... David Boardman

Secretary: ..... Vicki Smith

Treasurer: ..... Robin Oldham

Members: ..... Tim Brown

..... Noel Egan

..... Colin Enright

.....Melissa Gribble  
.....Jacquie Leong  
..... David Mackenzie  
..... Margot Marshall

**Motion to accept the proposed Committee Members**

**Proposed: David Boardman**

**Secunder: Barbara Carter**

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

David Boardman announced the launch of the “My Rosedale” initiative, advised that Pam Murray’s “My Rosedale” article would be in the next newsletter and encouraged contributions from other members. He also said that the RAI Post Office box would be moved from Manuka to Malua Bay in the near future and members would be advised.

Vicki Smith said that the Producer for the next series of “Coast”, which runs on Foxtel’s history channel, wanted to talk to families who still owned old fibro shacks. She said they would be on the NSW south coast on 27 April 2014 for filming, if members were interested.

Members were reminded about the weedathon and sausage sizzle.

Michael Skipper announced that RAI’s Facebook page was up and running and encouraged members to search and ‘like’ *rosedaleassociation*.

Darren Gribble asked about progress to repair the steps at the end of Yowani Road, suggesting that Council be approached to co-fund the project. David Boardman advised that the Committee had previously taken it up with Council but would try contacting the General Manager directly. In response to a question, Darren Gribble advised the steps were on Crown Land.

David Boardman reminded members to pay their subscriptions, so RAI could represent a high number of ratepayers and members when approaching Council on issues. It was agreed that the Committee should email members towards the end of the calendar year to remind them that subscriptions were due.

The meeting closed at 12:08 pm.

\* 68 members were present at the AGM

*Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, Secretary  
22 April 2014*



(David Boardman)  
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