

MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday 4 April 2015, Rosedale NSW

Margot Marshall opened the meeting at 11:15 am at 19 Knowlman Road, South Rosedale.

1. APOLOGIES:

Al Baxter, Mary Boardman, John Braham, Noel and Wendy Egan, Katie Friend, Ruth Friend, Onko and Jennifer Kingma, Judy Mallett, Rick Marshall, Jane Nicholls, Jan Oldham, Faye Reynolds, Elise Stutchbury, Tony Thatcher, Nick and Max Tischler, Bill Williams, Ben and Emma Wyndham.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: ROBIN OLDHAM

The Treasurer's report, as published in the March 2015 newsletter (No.119), was presented by Robin Oldham. He provided a breakdown of assets and income, noting that income was slightly down and that the funds in the NAB term deposit represented the sum paid out when the Perpetual Account was closed. In response to a question from John Gasson about why money is not being spent, David Boardman explained that the funds had slowly accumulated over 20 years and invited members to suggest projects to spend it on.

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

Proposed: Ian Holmes - Seconded: David Mackenzie

Carried

3. 2014 AGM MINUTES

It was proposed that the Minutes of the 2014 AGM, as published in the November 2014 newsletter (No.118), be accepted.

Proposed: Margot Marshall - Seconded: Joanna Nicholas

Carried

4. LANDCARE REPORT: DAVID MACKENZIE

David Mackenzie briefed the meeting on principal Rosedale Landcare (RL) activities, including works in the carpark, Creek Mouth Reserve, the Retreat Gully leading to Nun's Beach and Banksia Flat. He noted that opportunities to utilise Green Army resources had been secured for May and that further opportunities existed over the next 18 months. He proposed that Banksia Flat continue as RL's major project for 2015 and outlined the estimated funding allocation for this and other projects. Lengthy discussion followed on the need for RL to spend the funds already donated by members and define additional projects, as an incentive for members to contribute more funds. While Darren Gribble's suggestion to introduce a mandated levy of \$15.00 to support RL did not receive overwhelming support, the meeting agreed that RL should be proactive in asking RAI members to donate to specific projects.

Motion to accept the Landcare report

Proposed: David Mackenzie - Seconded: Tim Brown

Carried

5. FIRE REPORT: MICHAEL SKIPPER

Michael Skipper advised that the immediate fire danger for the local area had been classed as 'Low' but cautioned against complacency, pointing to the growth in vegetation and noting that it could be a different scenario this time next year, if action was not taken to reduce fuel loads.

Motion to accept the Fire report

Proposed: Margot Marshall - Seconded: Barbara Carter

Carried

6. COUNCIL ISSUES: DAVID BOARDMAN

David Boardman reported his recent discussion with one of the developers of Rosedale Farm, who said they had no plans to start the development in the immediate future. He said they may, however, submit a Development Application for a residential development on the Lot that had previously been identified as the site for a retirement village. David also noted his understanding that the Marsim development was still on hold.

From his discussions with Council, David said he was confident that they were wanting to push ahead with the sewerage project and that tenders for a pump station on Rosedale Farm were set to close on 30 April 2015. If satisfactory tenders were received, he had been advised that Council would invite tenders for the installation works at Rosedale. He explained that Council wanted a clearer idea of the costs involved before tendering for the next stage and acknowledged that this meant that timing for completion of the project was again delayed. He confirmed that the Minister had stated some time ago that funding was available and that we needed to keep pushing Council to progress the project. He also acknowledged the efforts of other RL members to keep the project moving.

David advised that the amnesty for line fishing within the Marine Park had been removed, so these areas were again No Take Zones. He briefed the meeting on the increased incidence of poachers being observed in Rosedale and his discussions with relevant authorities, who urged members to continue to report suspected poaching.

David reported that Council had applied for a 6.5% special rate variation over three years, which was less than the original 8% considered, with the outcome not known until May.

On the project to repair the stairs at the end of Yowani Road, David said he was disappointed with the slow progress and felt that Council wanted a 'Rolls Royce' set of stairs that would be expensive. He undertook to go back to Council to discuss the possibility of doing the work in stages, with the first stage being the steps to the beach. He confirmed that RAI was happy to contribute funds for the project and that the Committee was also writing to seek a grant from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust. Michael Skipper raised concerns about the longevity of the small bridge over the creek leading to Nun's Beach, with some question as to whether or not it was on private land. A motion was proposed for the Committee to look at the track and bridge to Nun's Beach, consider projects to address issues and identify funding options.

**Proposed: Michael Skipper - Seconded: Georgina Lynch
Carried**

7. BEACH SAFETY: TIM BROWN

Yvonne Brennan addressed the meeting, stating she wanted to see some devices to improve beach safety at one or both ends of the beach. Tim Brown advised that he and two other members had their Bronze Medallions and that the Committee had looked at ways to improve beach safety, with the relationships with Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club (BBSLSC) significantly strengthened and an increased focus on education programs. Yvonne asked about Silent Angels, noting that it would give people peace of mind to know that floatation devices were available on the beach if needed. David Boardman undertook to report back to members on this. In response to a question from Cathy Holberry, Vicki Smith confirmed that members should phone triple zero to report incidents in the water and ask for Batemans Bay police to ensure a coordinated rescue. She also reminded the meeting that the surf lifesavers based at Malua Bay were, in fact, members of the BBSLSC. A motion to donate \$500.00 every year to both the BBSLSC and the Malua Bay Rural Fire Service was then proposed.

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

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Margot Marshall advised that 10 nominations had been received, which equalled the number of places available on the Committee and no election was necessary. As a result, the following are the executive and committee of Rosedale Association Inc. for 2015:

President: David Boardman

Secretary: Vicki Smith

Treasurer: Robin Oldham

Members: Tim Brown

..... Noel Egan

..... Melissa Gribble

..... Tom Hickey

..... Jacquie Leong

..... David Mackenzie

..... Margot Marshall

Margot thanked Colin Enright for his contributions to the RAI Committee, saying he had been fantastic and would continue to put his time in on the Rosedale Landcare Committee.

Motion to accept the proposed Committee members

Proposed: Margot Marshall - Seconded: John Nicholas

Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Brown encouraged members to be proactive in presenting projects to the Committee for consideration. Members were also reminded about the weedathon and sausage sizzle, with Bill Mobbs and Cathy Holberry thanked for their generosity in allowing the meeting and sausage sizzle to be held on their property due to the inclement weather.

The meeting closed at 12:28 pm.

* 73 people were present at the AGM

*Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, Secretary
28 April 2015*



(Margot Marshall)

RAI Committee Member and AGM Chair