

MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. (RAI) - AGM
31 March 2018 – Rosedale, NSW

Margot Marshall opened the meeting at 11:13 am.

1. APOLOGIES: Bill and Prudi Baker; Al and Jenny Baxter; Mary Boardman; Sue Braham; Tim and Amber Brown; Peter Carter; Jan Clark-Walker; Ann Cootes; Darren, Bev and Jason Gribble; David Hamilton; Glenda Hill; John Hindmarsh; Libby Hindmarsh; Jacquie Leong; Daniel and Luisa Long; Belinda Lucas; Judy Mallett; Penny Mlakar; Robin and Jan Oldham; Anthony and Faye Reynolds; Michael and Amy Skipper; Fran Stewart; Graham and Jessica Williams; Ben and Emma Wyndham.

2. 2017 AGM MINUTES: The 2017 AGM Minutes, as published on the RAI website, were accepted by the meeting.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: David Boardman reported positive progress on beach access projects, with Council adopting RAI Committee recommendations to construct safe beach access tracks and stairs at the end of Yowani Road and to Nuns Beach. He noted both projects were subject to external funding but were listed in Council's Recreation and Open Space Strategy (ROSS) as High Priority projects, with Council advising a timeframe of 12 to 18 months. He said the Committee had also lodged a letter of support for Council's application for a Recreational Fishing Trust grant for the Yowani Road project, with the outcome expected in May. Still on beach access, David said Council had been asked to improve the step down to the beach from the Cooks Crescent track. He also noted the inclusion of a local park in the ROSS, with Council advising it was a longer term project connected to developments to the west and there would be community consultation before plans were drawn up.

David reported on the Committee's submission in response to a Development Application for a 60 lot residential subdivision as part of the Marsim development, saying that Council had agreed with RAI's recommendations for an updated Master Plan and an integrated Road Master Plan for the Marsim development and Rosedale Farm, with consideration given to the impact on Rosedale roads and traffic. He said Council had requested more information from the developer in December and was yet to receive a response and that no plans had been submitted for the construction of a roundabout or roads into these developments. David then reported on the traffic survey conducted by Council on Rosedale Parade, which showed 15% of vehicles were speeding, with Council subsequently installing pedestrian warning signs along Rosedale Parade. Council considered engineered calming devices were not warranted and thought the eventual roundabout would slow entry speeds into Rosedale. David advised that Council would consider ways to improve visibility at the Miller Avenue blind corner and repaint the lines.

David said the Committee had congratulated Council on the well run sewerage installation project. He passed on Council's advice for members to turn their water off when they were absent from Rosedale but not to turn power off to their pump. David then asked members to help build membership numbers, so the Association represented a higher proportion of ratepayers. He thanked his Committee for their hard work, noting that submissions and other dealings with Council were achieving results and the newsletter provided another line of communication between RAI and Council.

Bill Williams asked if the Committee had any information regarding proposed changes to dog beach access rules at Rosedale or if it could follow up with Council on the issue. It was agreed to discuss the issue under 'Other Business'. David agreed with Michael Braham's suggestion for a letter of appreciation to be sent to the owners of The Retreat, thanking them for allowing

continued beach access through their property. The Committee was also asked to consider doing something in honour of Gordon Bray, with David inviting suggestions.

Motion to accept the President's report, as presented:

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

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report, as published in the March 2018 newsletter (No.125), was presented by Noel Egan.

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

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

5. FIRE REPORT: Peter Ward introduced RFS representatives, Superintendent John Cullen (*Manager, NSW RFS Far South Coast*) and Inspector Kelwyn White (*Community Protection Planning & Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP) Officer, NSW RFS Batemans Bay*). Kelwyn asked members to fill out survey forms passed around at the meeting. She then briefed the meeting on efforts to better tailor bushfire information to communities, working with other agencies to identify risks and manage assets. She stated that Rosedale was a High Risk area, with the RFS keen to work with the community to ensure everyone was fully informed about risks. She referred members to the RFS website for updated information and noted that the Risk Mitigation Plan in the carpark would be updated.

Kelwyn pointed to displayed Bushfire Survival Maps for Rosedale, noting there was no 'Be Aware' zone and no 'Safer Place' within Rosedale, but the Surf Club area at Malua Bay and Jack Buckley Park in Tomakin were designated Neighbourhood Safer Places. She also referred to Bushfire Preparation Maps, stating that everyone had a responsibility to manage their own property and advising that half day Property Protection Workshops had been conducted in other areas. Kelwyn also undertook to work with the RAI and Rosedale community to map static water supplies, such as pools and grey water.

John Cullen reiterated Kelwyn's comments on identifying and managing major assets, and preparing Risk Plans and Community Protection Plans, with community consultation. He reminded members about the AIDER program, where the RFS helps owners manage their properties if they were not physically able to do so. He briefed the meeting on the Tathra fires, noting that power lines had started the fire 5 km from Tathra and it was over in two hours, with homes lit indiscriminately. He urged members to have the discussion and know what they would do, including planning for no phone contact, ember attack, smoke, radiant heat, flame impact and power lines or trees down across roads, with exits blocked. John urged members to get out early, if that was their plan, and to have a Plan B. He encouraged members to seek RFS advice to manage their properties, noting some requirements might change as a result of inquiries into the Tathra fires. He said Tathra property owners could face significant additional costs and changes to what they could build and may find they were underinsured.

A vote of thanks to the RFS representatives was greeted with a round of applause.

Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Malua Bay RFS:

Proposed: Margot Marshall – **Seconded:** Noel Egan - **Carried**

6. LANDCARE: Jane Enright delivered the Landcare Report on behalf of Daniel Long. Beach sand dunes, car park, Saltwater Creek, Banksia Flats, beachfront slopes, sewerage pump station, Dale Place reserve, beach access paths/stairs and vacant blocks of land were stated as priorities. Jane asked members to remove Cassias from their gardens and reminded them about the weedathon and weed swap at 2.30pm.

Motion to accept the Landcare report:

Proposed: Margot Marshall - **Seconded:** David Mackenzie - **Carried**

7. BEACH SAFETY: Vicki Smith explained where the defibrillator, first aid kit and rescue tube were located, thanking the Gassons for allowing the items to be stored at the log cabins. She advised that the SMART Pads would be replaced in May at the cost of \$117.90 and encouraged members to attend the next beach safety event on 22 April 2018. She said Council would look at installing more obvious signage to alert people to rips as they entered the beach from the carpark and reminded members to phone 000 to report incidents in the water, asking for Batemans Bay police.

Motion to donate \$500.00 to the BBSLSC:

Proposed: Vicki Smith - **Seconded:** David Carter - **Carried**

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: Margot Marshall moved a vote of thanks for outgoing Committee member Robin Oldham, noting his significant contribution to RAI particularly regarding governance and legal issues. She explained that all other Committee members had renominated and introduced new nominee, Kate McInerney. As the number of nominations equalled the number of places available, she confirmed an election was not necessary.

Motion to accept the 10 nominations for the 2018 RAI Committee:

Proposed: Margot Marshall – **Seconded:** Bardi Carter

Motion to accept RAI President, Secretary and Treasurer nominations for 2018:

Proposed: Margot Marshall – **Seconded:** Dugald Stewart

9. DATABASE UPDATE: Peter Ward reiterated David Boardman's comments, asking attendees to help secure new RAI members.

10. OTHER BUSINESS: Margot Marshall asked members to contact the Malletts if they knew anything about a tree ringbarked on their property. She also asked if anyone could help with historical information about the Smidmore family's Rosedale connections. On Council's proposed changes to dog rules on Rosedale Beach, members were encouraged to email Council or complete the survey on Council's website. Members also voted in favour of the Committee following the issue up with Council. The Committee would also ask Council to review carpark signage, following comments from Harry Tischler who also suggested an enclosed swimming area to minimise risk to swimmers.

In response to additional questions to the RFS, Superintendent John Cullen said it was difficult to advise people to stay or go, as they needed to be physically (and emotionally) able to stay and defend their property, and their house needed to be prepared. He noted that many older homes were lost in Tathra, pointing to old timber decks, leaves on roofs and decks, and exposed storage areas under homes that allowed the fire to get in. He reminded members there was no Neighbourhood Safer Place in Rosedale, that it would be difficult for fire trucks to get in and that the beach would be a last resort. He also asked members to report fire hazards to the Far South Coast Fire Control Centre in Moruya. David Mackenzie reported RFS work done on the land, west from the footbridge in North Rosedale, and plans for a cool burn at the first opportunity.

The meeting closed at 12:55 pm.

* 89 people were present



(Margot Marshall)

RAI Committee Member and AGM Chair

Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, RAI Secretary, 5 April 2018