

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. (RAI) A.G.M.
16 April 2022 – Rosedale, NSW**

Margot Marshall opened the meeting at 11:03 am.

1. APOLOGIES: Tim Brown, Kathy Buchanan; Doug Craig; Rory Eames; Peter Graham; Darren and Bev Gribble; Peter Hoad; McInerney family; Jane Nicholas; David Talko-Nicholas; Georgia Press; Juliet Ramsay; Faye Reynolds; Angus Skipper; Fran Stewart; and Nick and Max Tischler.

2. 2021 AGM MINUTES: It was proposed that the Minutes of the 2021 AGM, as published on the Rosedale Association website be accepted.

Proposed: Margot Marshall - Seconded: Kit Tischler - Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: David Boardman reported that zoning for the Rosedale hamlet was now C4 Environmental Living, rather than E4. Apart from the change of initial, he said there were no changes to zoning requirements but that C4 was quite different to Residential zoning. As an example, he said that C4 required a minimum of 45 per cent of land be set aside for landscaping, including 50 per cent of the front setback (half of 5.5 metres). He said adherence to this requirement was important for maintaining the character of Rosedale. He reported discussions with Council's development team to raise concerns about bigger houses replacing more traditional holiday shacks. He noted that there was a reason why Rosedale had some of the highest land values in the Eurobodalla Shire, with people valuing the bush setting and being prepared to pay for it. David asked members to help educate new neighbours on ways to maintain the environmental character of Rosedale.

David reported on meetings with the new Mayor Matthew Hatcher and Council's General Manager and Executive team, noting that the Rosedale Association had good access to discuss issues. In relation to developments to the west, David said all seven stages of the Rosedale Farm development had been approved, with 50 southern blocks and 170 northern blocks ready. He also reported good access to the developer and a positive response to the Association's concerns about clear tree felling and silt runoff. David then reported a change of ownership of the Elements development (previously Bevia Park) to Walker Corporation, noting Council understood that Walker Corporation would revise the Master Plan and had been advised to consult with the Rosedale Association.

David said issues with roads, stormwater runoff, erosion and land slips in Rosedale had been reported to Council. While Council had undertaken to assess Yowani Road and Knowlman Road, David noted that Council had said repair budgets were fully allocated three years in advance.

On resilience projects, David said the Association had sent a letter to relevant authorities in support of Council's request for a resilience upgrade for the Mt Wandera telecommunications tower for the Eurobodalla community. He also reported discussions with South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance (SHASA) for a feasibility study for a microgrid in Rosedale, noting that he had also mentioned this to the Project Manager at Rosedale Farm and put SHASA in contact with him. In response to a question, David said the design for the roundabout had not yet been approved but confirmed it would be a major entry point for the development, with another exit point at the top of the Tomakin sewerage treatment works and a left in/left out point to the north at Bevia Road.

Motion to accept the President's report.

Proposed: Margot Marshall – Seconded: Bardi Carter – Carried

4. TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR 2021: Melissa Gribble reported on the healthy financial status of the Association, as reported in the 2022 Easter newsletter. She noted the increase in

membership funds was in part due to people now able to pay subscriptions up to five years in advance. Melissa also reported on other income and expenses.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, as published in the March 2022 (No. 133) newsletter.

Proposed: Margot Marshall - **Seconded:** Dugald Stewart - **Carried**

5. FIRE REPORT: Michael Skipper urged members to be vigilant in managing undergrowth on their properties, noting that the significant growth across Rosedale due to rain could become a burden over the next 12 to 18 months if not managed properly. He also reported that a new fire trailer had been purchased from donations, which would help provide a quick fire response if needed. Michael then read from an email of thanks from Malua Bay Rural Fire Service for last year's \$500 donation and reported that RFS's Kelwyn White had left the area, with a new RFS Community Engagement Officer to be appointed in the next few weeks. Michael undertook to foster this important relationship and concluded his address by urging members to keep their Fire Survival Plan updated. There was a brief discussion about the Association's donation to the Malua Bay RFS, with the meeting agreeing that the \$500 donation did not need to be increased. In response to a question, Michael said it was no longer a requirement for new properties to put in Static Water Systems (SWS) and that he had been recording the location of SWS in Rosedale for many years.

Motion to donate \$500.00 of RAI funds to the Malua Bay RFS.

Proposed: Michael Skipper – **Seconded:** Sally Edsall – **Carried**

Motion to accept the Fire Report.

Proposed: Margot Marshall – **Seconded:** Michael Buchanan – **Carried**

6. STAIR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS: David Boardman reported that Council had replaced the Yowani stairs after the fires through Council insurance, so did not seek a community contribution. The nearly \$12,000 of community funds set aside for this project were then redirected to the Nuns Beach stair project, with another \$13,000 raised to meet the \$25,000 estimated community contribution needed for these stairs. He said that Council had recently advised that the total cost of the Nuns Beach stairs was \$35,916 and had asked for a community contribution of \$5,916. David said that leftover community funds could be allocated to the upgrading of tracks across Rosedale, undertaking to develop a maintenance plan with Council to keep them in good repair. He later confirmed that he would contact people who had donated money for the Nuns Beach stairs and ask if they were happy for the funds to be redirected to tracks.

David updated the meeting on the dune project, noting the great work done over the past 12 months to help protect the dunes. He noted the significant growth of vegetation, which had held the dunes together well despite the recent big seas. He also noted the challenges of managing invasive species and encouraged members to get involved with the project. Katy Hamilton then invited people to volunteer for a training session in May on using a Trimble device to track rabbits and record GPS data, which would inform a Council management plan and help avoid another surge of rabbits across Rosedale. Di Clark then talked briefly about plant identification and propagation activities, noting the intention to condense and share plant identification information for the Association's website. She also displayed an Easter Cassia (or *Senna pendula*), urging people to completely remove these problem weeds from their gardens. In response to a report of blackberry growing in Rosedale, people were urged to report them but not to confuse them with native raspberries.

David talked about the history of various pollutants in Saltwater Creek and ongoing discussions with Council and the Project Manager at the Rosedale Farm development about the health of the Creek. He reported issues with silt run-off, noting the developer was doing a lot to manage the silt but that engineering works had been held up by the weather. In addition to immediate issues, he said there were also long-term concerns for the health of the Creek. He was pleased to announce that Rory Eames had nominated for the Committee, explaining

that he had been working with the committee on Creek issues and had developed a Saltwater Creek Monitoring Project Plan. David explained that he was waiting on a quote for a study on the current status of the Creek and would be seeking volunteers to do regular water sampling and monitoring.

David noted a lot of invasive species at Banksia Flat and said it had been suggested by local traditional owners that it needs a burn-off. This would be looked at, he said, along with other ways to manage the invasive weeds.

Motion to accept the report.

Proposed: Margot Marshall – **Seconded:** Bill Legge – **Carried**

7. BEACH SAFETY: Vicki Smith passed on apologies from Tim Brown, who could not travel to Rosedale for Easter so the beach safety event was cancelled. Vicki reported on the impact of recent high seas, with Batemans Bay recording the highest wave height on the NSW coast at 13 metres. She urged people to assess the conditions before entering the water. Vicki also reinforced the importance of phoning 0-0-0 and asking for Police to report an in-water emergency. She then thanked Don and Kerry McDonald for accommodating the community defibrillator and passed on thanks from BBSLSC for last year's \$500 donation.

Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Batemans Bay Surf Lifesaving Club.

Proposed: Vicki Smith - **Seconded:** Jane Crisp - **Carried**

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: Margot Marshall thanked Noel Egan, Dugald Stewart and Daniel Long for their valuable contributions to the committee, which was welcomed with applause. Margot confirmed that all other committee members had re-nominated. She then introduced Sally Edsall and Annie Shillington as new nominees and confirmed Rory Eames had also nominated. Margot explained that the number of nominations equalled the number of places available, so there was no need for an election. Margot then announced that David Boardman had nominated for President, Vicki Smith as Secretary and Melissa Gribble as Treasurer.

Motion to accept the nominations for the 2022 Committee and nominations for President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2022.

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

9. OTHER BUSINESS: Vicki Smith informed the meeting that the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) website with all the Honours student projects on Rosedale was expected to be live soon and a link would be sent out to members. She also directed people to a list of free training courses for bushfire impacted communities and again called for volunteers for environmental projects. David Boardman then advised the meeting that the committee had considered the question of whether to restrict membership of the Rosedale Association to the Rosedale hamlet. He said a paper would be prepared for members that set out the pros and cons. Vicki Smith added that the committee would also consult with Tomakin and Guerilla Bay associations on this issue.

The meeting closed at 12:03 pm.

* 71 people were present



(Margot Marshall)

RAI Committee Member and AGM Chair

Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, RAI Secretary, 19 April 2022