

## MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC AGM, 30 March 2024

Margot Marshall opened the meeting at 11:10 am

1. **APOLOGIES:** David Boardman, Murray and Betina Barrell, Judith Phillips, Faye Reynolds, Joanne, David & Jane Nicholas, Michael and Amy Skipper, Robert McMahon, Paul Stewart, Cathy Bowdler, Jack Egan, Andy and Libby Castle. Warwick Wynn (General Manager, Eurobodalla Shire Council) apologised that he was unable to present to the meeting due to family commitments.
2. **2023 AGM MINUTES.** It was proposed that the Minutes of 2023 AGM, as published on the Rosedale Association website, be accepted.  
**Proposed:** Margot Marshall **Seconded** Annie Shillington. Carried.

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** Margot Marshall read David Boardman's report in David's absence. David noted:

- The importance of looking after Rosedale's environment, working with Council, Landcare and community members.
- The dunes were looking better than they had in decades, as a result of the dune project.
- Monitoring of Saltwater Creek had commenced.
- Sue Davenport would coordinate a new project to tackle invasive plants in the gully between Cooks Cres and Tranquil Bay Place., with support from Council's Landcare Coordinator Emma Patyus.
- Banksia Flat – a weed management plan to be developed with Emma Patyus in April.

He encouraged community members to get involved and suggest ideas for projects, confirming the Association had funds and would help with projects, including liaison with Council.

David reported two recent meetings:

- **Meeting with Council GM Warwick Wynn** (David Boardman and Vicki Smith)

Warwick Wynn said Council was in a bad financial state and he was reviewing priorities. David's impression was he was not welcoming requests for funding; however, David and Vicki pressed the need to have Rosedale's beach access paths upgraded. David planned to walk the tracks in April with the new Director of Infrastructure, Graham Attenborough, to develop a plan. The Yowani Road access track to the mouth of the creek and beach was a priority, with a work plan likely involving a private contractor and some contribution of funds from the Association.

Council had surveyed for a shared path along Rosedale Parade from George Bass Drive to Rosedale Beach. In the absence of Council funds, Council might ask West Rosedale developers to fund the path. On developments in West Rosedale, Warwick Winn was critical of the cookie cutter approach to development planning, which he said needed to be more site specific and fit in with the local environment.

- **Meeting with Walker Corporation, 12 March** (David Boardman, Vicki Smith and Sally Edsall.)

Overall, pleased that our community feedback on the revised masterplan had been taken on board: eg plans for parks, walking tracks and bike paths, plus a new roundabout near the Tomakin sewerage plant to provide a safe and efficient southern entry/exit point. The revised Master plan was expected to be released for public comment in May or June 2024.

### Comments from members.

- When asked for views on the proposed path along Rosedale Parade, members agreed that the north side of the road, where there were no intersections, would be better than the proposed southern side. Peta Sheppard pointed out that the north side would be safer.

- Bruce Callaghan reported seeing Council surveyors some months ago, apparently planning for the south side of Rosedale Parade to take advantage of the wider verge.
- Vicki Smith said the roundabout near the sewerage works would take advantage of existing clearings and the addition of a shared path would provide easy access to Barlings Beach.
- Sue Davenport questioned the impact on the wetlands, with Vicki Smith explaining that the proposed southern exit point onto George Bass Drive had been moved closer to the sewerage works, so as to protect the wetlands. The developers said they valued the wetlands and were meeting the latest regulations - environmental, biodiversity, bushfire etc - in their revised masterplan. They had also engaged a Canberra company for ongoing water quality testing across the development site. Vicki also noted they were retaining three dams and enhancing them to provide walking features.
- Sally Edsall said we needed better roadside planting prior to the cessation of a project to ensure it was actually carried out.
- The committee was asked about possible plans for new amenities at Rosedale beach – such as public toilets - to support increased visitors. Margot Marshall responded that we still enjoyed a hamlet with a natural atmosphere, which we hoped to preserve for the time being. She added that we were aware the Rosedale Statement of Place may need to be updated.

#### **Call for volunteers to coordinate projects**

- Yowani Road track: Catherine Westwood, Brian and Lyn Joyce.
- Rosedale Parade path: James Blogg.

Vicki Smith confirmed that the Yowani track priority is the whole track, including the branch staircase.

#### **Motion to accept the President's report.**

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall **Seconded:** Bev Gribble. Carried.

#### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2023.**

Melissa Gribble highlighted elements of the Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter. She said member subscriptions made up most of the Association's income, with many members now paying for five years and perhaps forgetting when their subscription ran out. The main expenses were \$3155 for creek testing equipment and \$500 each for RFS and Batemans Bay Surf Lifesaving. Funds had been moved into varying term deposits to access higher interest rates, with the GoFundMe fire donations in a separate term deposit. Overall, the Association had \$25,000 in the cash account but \$67,000 in total.

No questions.

#### **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the March 2024 (137) newsletter.**

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall **Seconded:** Jane Crisp. Carried

#### **5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT.**

Peter Ward reported that 170 members were already financial for 2024. In 2023 there were 262 members (170 members 5 years ago.) He reminded members to email him if they didn't know whether fees were due. There were no applications from West Rosedale as yet. Peter urged members to encourage friends and neighbours to join the Association.

#### **6. FIRE REPORT**

In Michael Skipper's absence, Peter Ward referred to Michael's fire report published in the March 2024 newsletter. While Rosedale had escaped the threat, in this NSW fire season 25 homes were lost with four fatalities and over one million hectares burned across the state. He warned that we had a high rate of

regrowth, particularly black wattle which was quick to burn and burnt very hot. He recommended to keep flammables away from homes and address high levels of grass.

Peter added some personal observations – get prepared early, maintain dwelling routinely as your home may present increased danger to neighbours, and have a good fire plan. Remember that embers like those which destroyed the Cooks Crescent homes in 2019, can travel more than 10 kms.

Beach fires need to be reported to 000 to avoid risk to community.

**Motion to donate \$500 to The Malua Bay RFS.**

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall **Seconded:** Rick Marshall. Carried.

## **7. BEACH SAFETY.**

Vicki Smith said there were no reported incidents at Rosedale over summer – although across Australia there were 99 deaths. If caught in a rip, she said lifesaver advice was to relax, float in the rip, wave an arm and call out for help. If you witness an incident, she said to call 000, ask for Police and report an in-water emergency at Rosedale Beach NSW – and tell them the nearest crossroad e.g. Knowlman or Rosedale Pde.

Vicki pointed to a new rescue tube located next to defibrillator, and the three life (angel) rings rescuers could throw into a rip as required. She urged members to attend the beach safety and CPR session on the beach on Easter Sunday.

**Motion: That the association donate \$500 to Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club.**

**Proposed:** Vicki Smith **Seconded:** Sally Edsall. Carried.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

### **Saltwater Creek**

Rory Eames reported on monitoring of Saltwater Creek, referring members to the newsletter for more detail. He thanked Sally Edsall, Dugald Stewart and Bill Legge for their help with water quality testing.

He reported some initial results – ICOLL which waxes and wanes with saltwater levels - and pH changes and conductivity were being monitored. Rory pointed out that long term testing was needed in order to understand ebbs and flows of creek health indicators.

The monitoring team was already engaged with Walker Corp and other developers and with a Council officer who oversees all Eurobodalla creeks.

Rory warned that the future 10 -15 years of development will have ongoing long-term impacts, with our data supporting future analysis of changes with increased roads, lawns and construction all impacting on runoffs to the creek.

### **Tranquil Bay/Cooks Crescent Gully**

Margot Marshall introduced Sue Davenport to the meeting, explaining that Sue had coordinated donations from Tranquil Bay and Cooks Crescent residents for the Nuns Beach stair project. It was now proposed to direct the \$7,250 funds leftover from that project to a Tranquil Bay/Cooks Crescent gully project. An additional contribution of Association funds of \$2,250 would bring the community contribution to \$10,000, which would be matched by Council/Landcare funds.

Sue Davenport provided further background on the donations and the desire of donors to have the funds allocated to a new project to clean up the gully between Tranquil Bay and Cooks Crescent. She advised of a walkthrough the gully with Landcare's Emma Patyus, David Boardman and Di Clark, with various weeds identified including: Cassia (*Senna*), with hundreds of seeds vulnerable to spreading; wild tobacco, wild

ginger, passionfruit and climbing asparagus; and the Illawarra flame tree (a large plant common across Rosedale).

Sue explained a group of experts could come in after Easter to do a primary sweep through the reserve and consult residents that live along the gully. Sue warned that Emma had pointed to a need to spray climbing asparagus ferns; a poison will be used which is non-toxic to frogs and other animals living in the gully. A second sweep through would happen May/June, with a Gully Group then formed for ownership of the project and ongoing maintenance. She confirmed that Emma had committed to match a community contribution of \$10,000 and was ready to get started on the project.

**MOTION: To allocate a total of \$10,000 from the Environment Fund to the Tranquil Bay/Cooks Crescent gully project.**

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall **Seconded:** John Sheffield. Carried.

### **Weeds**

Di Clark displayed a cutting of flowering *senna*, to alert residents to at least cut off the seedheads if they want to keep this plant in their gardens.

She reminded the meeting of the monthly dune weeding sessions – at 3 pm (sometimes later in summer) on the second Saturday each month. Sessions were advertised via email and on the Rosedale Renew Facebook site.

Di said that dune plantings were doing well with consistent rains, but weeders needed to constantly keep up with fleabane and remove it before it went to seed. Easter Saturday Weedathon was to focus on the carpark.

Di displayed a range of Council brochures to help gardeners. She encouraged people to pull out weeds as they walk down the tracks if they know what they're doing – otherwise please ask and email a photo if necessary.

## **9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Margot Marshall expressed the Committee's sorrow that Vicki Smith was standing aside as Secretary after 12 years; she'd been the backbone of the committee and the right-hand person to President David Boardman. She referred to Vicki's long volunteer hours working on submissions, her community leadership before and after the Black Summer fires, remembering her activity forming the night patrol, organising community meetings and the memorial on the new Saltwater Creek bridge joining North and South Rosedale. She pointed too to years of beach safety work with Tim Brown, organising and maintaining the defibrillator, angel rings and safety signs.

There was spontaneous applause from members to a vote of thanks and a gift of flowers.

Vicki responded by thanking members for their support and praising Rosedale's great group of volunteers, saying how much she enjoyed working with committee members on a great range of projects. She also thanked her husband and other committee spouses for their support.

### **New Committee.**

As there were only nine nominations for the ten positions, there was no need for an election. Members endorsed the appointment of David Boardman, James Blogg, Melissa Gribble, Rory Eames, Sally Edsall, Margot Marshall, Annie Shillington, Michael Skipper and Peter Ward.

**Motion: That David Boardman be elected as President, James Blogg as Secretary and Melissa Gribble as Treasurer.**

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall **Seconded** Kit Tischler. Carried.

It was noted that one committee seat remained free and may be filled by the Committee.

#### 10. OTHER BUSINESS

Suzanne Blogg suggested that the AGM timing should be later to avoid the heat of day. It was noted that there was a need for tarps in future as the tree shade had been lost in the fires.

Sally Edsall noted that an off leash dog park was being planned by Walker Corp, which would take the load off our beach which had time share restrictions for dog access.

Lyne Joyce asked the committee to raise with Council the problem of garbage collection routinely not collected east of Dale Place. She said the garbage contractors were unable to turn trucks around, as so many construction contractors parked along Yowani Rd. There was general agreement the Committee should liaise with council and builders, asking contractors not to park along Yowani Road on Wednesday mornings.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm, with thanks to John and Nicky Wallace for the use of their land for the AGM and sausage sizzle, and to Kit Tischler and Bardi Carter for organising the sausage sizzle.

67 people attended.



(Margot Marshall)  
RAI Committee Member and AGM Chair

*Minutes prepared by James Blogg, RAI Secretary, 5 April 2024*