

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. (RAI) - AGM**  
**3 April 2021 – Rosedale, NSW**

Margot Marshall opened the meeting at 11:08 am.

1. APOLOGIES: Al and Jenny Baxter; Richard and Maxi Bell; Keith and Mary Boardman; Kathy Buchanan; Rob and Ann DeJong; Brian Egloff; Tony Hamilton; Glenda Hill; Stewart and Libby Hindmarsh; Peter Johnson; Margaret Knight; David Mackenzie; Jenny Manning; Jennifer McNeil; John, Jane, Katie and David Nicholas; Juliet Ramsay; Anthony and Faye Reynolds; Angus Skipper; Fran Stewart; Nick and Max Tischler; Graham and Jessica Williams.

2. GIFTING OF PLANTS: Noel Egan explained that RAI had asked Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens to seed a selection of native plants that were suitable for fire prone areas and invited people to collect plants at the end of the meeting to help regenerate Rosedale.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: David Boardman reported repairs to the Yowani stairs and work underway on the Nuns Beach stairs, acknowledging generous donations from the community and Fiona Lodge. He briefed the meeting on the rapid progress of developments to the west, which would eventually result in around 900 houses, with 230 homes approved and selling well. David outlined plans for the road network through the development, noting the roundabout design at the entrance to South Rosedale was not yet finalised. This, and other issues, would be discussed with Council's Executive team at a meeting later in April. David talked about the challenges of rebuilding and recovery, highlighted the ongoing value of the natural environment and the challenges of balancing this, while also increasing protection and resilience to ensure the long-term protection of Rosedale. He said that RAI's Committee had looked widely at options for long-term resilience, including initiating discussions with Lake Conjola representatives, the RFS and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

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

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

4. TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR 2019 AND 2020: Noel Egan reported on the financial status of RAI and Rosedale Landcare (RL) as reported in the 2020 and 2021 Easter newsletters, including expenditure from GoFundMe bushfire recovery donations. The increased memberships and healthy income from donations was noted, with RAI total assets sitting at \$67,800.22 and RL at \$5,793.82. Peter Ward reiterated the increased membership, which he said translated to an influential association.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's reports, as published in the March 2020 (No. 129) and March 2021 (No.131) newsletters.**

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall - **Seconded:** Jason Gribble - **Carried**

5. FIRE REPORT: Michael Skipper briefed the meeting on extensive research and liaison undertaken to identify suitable fire equipment and protocols for Rosedale, as a secondary fire response group supporting the RFS as primary responder. He invited people to contact him, if they were interested in being trained and part of the group. Michael's hard work was acknowledged with a vote of thanks.

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

**Proposed:** Michael Skipper – **Seconded:** Melissa Gribble – **Carried**

Kelwyn White (RFS Manager of Community Risk for the South East area of NSW) said that Rosedale was a wonderful example of a resilient community. She thanked RAI's President and Secretary for recently meeting with representatives from the RFS Community Protection Team Head Office, taking the time to discuss what programs had been delivered in Rosedale and identifying knowledge gaps and improvements for RFS community engagement in future. The information would be reported to the Australasian Fire Awareness and Fire Engagement Conference later in 2021. Kelwyn reported on progress to date on the

implementation of bushfire inquiry recommendations and responded to a question about the RFS working with traditional owners on fire land management practices. Kelwyn said there were a lot of meetings, discussions and workshops happening and provided an example of a recent highly successful forum she attended at Pambula Beach to discuss cultural land management in that community. She was excited to be working with local Aboriginal Land Councils in the South East to see how RFS could support them in implementing programs.

6. BEACH SAFETY: Vicki Smith acknowledged the strong support provided to Rosedale over summer by Anthony Bellette and duty officers at BBSLSC. She reinforced the importance of phoning 0-0-0 and asking for Police to report an in-water emergency. Council had been advised of the dangerous conditions at Rosedale, with a request to replace the “Rosedale Beach” tourist sign at the entrance to South Rosedale to help protect the public. Tim Brown briefed the meeting on resources and assets at Rosedale to assist in emergencies and reminded people about the beach safety event on Easter Sunday.

**Motion to donate \$500.00 to the BBSLSC.**

**Proposed:** Vicki Smith - **Seconded:** Tim Brown - **Carried**

7. RECOVERY PROJECTS: Margot Marshall advised of a new RAI website aimed at improving communication with members. The project was supported by a \$1,500 grant from Coördinaire, South Eastern NSW, through the Australian Government’s Primary Health Network Program. She registered her thanks to Nadiah Christensen, who had strong links to Rosedale and had committed many hours of work to the new website.

UTS Professor Martin Bryant praised the remarkable efforts to preserve the Rosedale community and its values, noting that more trees coming down threatened those values. He distributed a document showcasing some of the UTS students’ work focused on making Rosedale more resilient into the future. These included more firebreaks (recreationally friendly) and the development of small community pockets to work together and build resilience. UTS was seeking grant funding to advance their research and had been invited to display their work at the Venice Architecture Biennale 2021.

Lynne Bousfield talked about the recovery of people within the immediate and surrounding community, providing advice on immediate help and available resources and highlighting the need for mental preparedness for future disasters.

8. LANDCARE UPDATE: David Boardman reported on discussions with Emma Patyus, Eurobodalla Landcare Coordinator, and the proposal for Landcare activities in Rosedale to be managed by Eurobodalla Landcare. He explained this arrangement was in line with arrangements for other Landcare groups across the Shire. In addition to managing noxious weeds and invasive species, he noted there were other environmental projects that could be progressed in Rosedale, including a current sand dune project. He proposed that funds held in the Rosedale Landcare account be transferred to an environmental fund and used for projects such as the dunes, tracks, erosion, Banksia Flat and Saltwater Creek. He stressed the importance of RAI maintaining its close relationship with Eurobodalla Landcare and reminded people of the weedathon at 2:30pm.

**Motion: That Landcare activities in Rosedale be managed by Eurobodalla Landcare and funds held in the Rosedale Landcare bank account be transferred to a Rosedale Environment Fund to be used for environmental projects in Rosedale.**

**Proposed:** Margot Marshall - **Seconded:** Jack Egan - **Carried**

Katy Hamilton was introduced to the meeting to brief members on the sand dune project, which she was invited to coordinate for the community. She provided background on coastal scientist, Hannah Power, who was undertaking an assessment and preparing a report on the health of the dunes. She briefed the meeting on the current five stages of the project, with Hannah’s recommendations providing a basis for an agreed plan for dune management in

Rosedale. Katy encouraged people to get involved in the project and confirmed the intention to work closely with ESC and other organisations on the project. She also reported on the current rabbit control work in Rosedale.

**Motion: That the amount of \$4,235 (GST inclusive) be allocated from the Rosedale Environmental Fund for the agreed five stages of the Dune Project.**

**Proposed: Margot Marshall - Seconded: Lyn Stadtmiller - Carried**

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: Margot Marshall said all current Committee members had renominated, so the number of nominations equalled the number of places available and there was no need for an election.

**Motion to accept the 10 nominations for the 2021 RAI Committee.**

**Proposed: Michael Brahm – Seconded: Kit Tischler**

Margot thanked Noel Egan for his service as Treasurer, advising that Melissa Gribble had nominated for the role, with David Boardman nominating for President and Vicki Smith for Secretary.

**Motion to accept the nominations for 2021 President, Secretary and Treasurer.**

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

10. OTHER BUSINESS: Margot Marshall asked for old photos for the new website, advised that Jack Egan was running for Council and sought views on a bushfire memorial, with the community giving the project the go ahead. Michael Brahm proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee, seconded by David Carter, and Tim Brown further reinforced appreciation to the Executive for their hard work and commitment.

In response to questions, it was agreed that consideration would be given as to whether RAI would be confined to the Rosedale hamlet or further west. David Boardman also provided an update on clearing at The Camp, confirming that Council had re-zoned the land to R1 against RAI advice, thereby transferring responsibility to NSW State government. He reported on positive discussions with the new owners. David also said he was shortly doing a 'walk around' Rosedale with Council to identify repair works needed on tracks and stairs. Issues with increasing holiday traffic and parking in Rosedale were also raised, with David committing to raise the issue with Council's Executive at RAI's April meeting.

The meeting closed at 1:00 pm.

\* 98 people were present



(Margot Marshall)

RAI Committee Member and AGM Chair

*Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, RAI Secretary, 6 April 2021*