

MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. (RAI) - AGM
20 April 2019 – Rosedale, NSW

Margot Marshall opened the meeting at 11:10 am.

1. APOLOGIES: Bill and Prudi Baker; Al and Jenny Baxter; Richard and Maxi Bell; Keith and Mary Boardman; Counsellor Lindsay Brown; Kathy Buchanan; Jan Clark-Walker; Christie Cooper; Ann Cootes; Katie Friend; Peter and Deirdre Graham; Amy and Henry Hamilton; John Hindmarsh; Libby Hindmarsh; Robyn Isaacson; Councillor Liz Innes, Mayor; Jacquie Leong; Daniel and Luisa Long; Judy Mallett; Penny Mlakar; Robin and Jan Oldham; Jennifer Onko Kingma; Anthony and Faye Reynolds; Amy Skipper; Fran Stewart; Tony Thatcher; Nick and Max Tischler; and Jessica Williams.

2. 2018 AGM MINUTES: The 2018 AGM Minutes published on the RAI website, were accepted by the meeting.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: David Boardman reported progress on beach access projects, with Council receiving a NSW Recreational Fishing Trust grant of \$10,000 for the Yowani stair project. He said Council would match a community contribution up to a maximum of \$12,500, which would mean \$35,000 for the project. As it was less than Council's original estimate, he said Council had revised the project plan and come up with a much better result. On Nuns Beach access, David referred to discussions at previous AGMs, saying the only feasible alternatives to access Nuns Beach via public land were stairs from where the headland narrowed on Cooks Crescent or via the track from the top of Miller Avenue. He said Council had considered both options, finding the first option to be too expensive and recently drawing up plans for the second option, with an improved track and stairs down from the viewing platform. He undertook to talk more about these projects later in the meeting.

On Council's Rural Lands Strategy, David said Council expected it to be ratified by the NSW State Government soon, with the land to the north of Rosedale zoned E4 and Tranquil Bay zoned Rural 1. He referred to the Committee's submission and discussions with Council's General Manager and Executive about the need for continued protection of the area and had been assured that there was no potential to subdivide, due to minimum lot size requirements, and the environmental integrity of Rosedale and similar areas would be well protected. David reported that the property known as The Camp and Rosedale Farm were both up for sale. He understood that any potential purchaser for Rosedale Farm would be buying into an approved development with existing Development Applications and the current owners still intended to commence road works this year, which would eventually mean a roundabout at the Rosedale Parade/George Bass Drive intersection.

David reported on Council's Companion Animal Management Plan (CAMP), noting that substantial lobbying by the Association and many individuals had seen Council finally agreeing for all of Rosedale Beach to be a shared zone. With the new rules coming into effect on 1 May, he said Council would roll out new signage and dedicated information and education programs on responsible pet ownership. He also noted Council advice about increased patrols over summer, with no formal warnings or fines issued at Rosedale.

David returned discussions to the Yowani stair project, inviting questions and comments and circulating Council's latest plan. He confirmed that Council was ready to match a community contribution, up to a maximum of \$12,500. If members agreed for \$5,000 to be contributed from RAI funds and \$5,000 from RL funds, as agreed by RAI and RL committees, he explained that \$2,500 would need to be raised through donations, noting that some pledges had already been received. In response to questions, David confirmed these projects had to go

through Council, as works needed to be done to a certain standard, and Council would be responsible for maintenance. From a recent meeting on site between RAI, RL and Council, Council was confident they could do the project for \$35,000 and commence in July, with the track closed for approximately six weeks.

Motion to approve the allocation of \$5,000 from Rosedale Association Inc funds and \$5,000 from Rosedale Landcare funds towards the Yowani project, with the remainder to be raised by donations and pledges.

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

David said Council had not yet given a firm costing for the Nuns Beach project, but had estimated \$45,000 to \$50,000. He reported RAI discussions with the Mayor and Andrew Constance MP's office, with the Mayor instructing Council staff to look at available grants. David also said Fiona Lodge was willing to contribute to the project. David circulated the project plan and responded to questions, confirming that Council had surveyed the entire track and would do some work to improve it.

Motion to authorise the committee to pursue the plans with Council for the track and stairs to Nuns Beach.

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

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Noel Egan was pleased to report donations totalling \$168.55 from cake stalls run by four young girls, who received a round of applause. Noel then briefed the meeting on the status of the RAI and RL accounts, confirming RAI and RL were well placed to contribute to the Yowani stair project.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, as published in the April 2019 (No.127) newsletter.

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

5. FIRE REPORT: Michael Skipper took the opportunity to ask members for suggestions to improve RAI's website before introducing Rob Geraghty, Deputy Captain of Malua Bay RFS. Rob opened his address by saying the Tathra fires were a good example of how the fire season had extended and now went from the middle of March till the end of August. He advised that the NSW RFS had finalised fire preparedness information for Rosedale and Guerilla Bay and his brigade would assess risk at the time of a fire, which would determine if they could come into Rosedale. He said RFS familiarisation exercises in Rosedale would now include marine rescue personnel and reaffirmed his brigade's interest in increasing community engagement. He explained the main risk continued to be from ember attack, highlighting the need for whole neighbourhoods to be prepared, rather than individual homes. He encouraged people to read information on the brigade's website regarding the Dunns Creek and Tathra fires. In response to questions, he said fire mitigation actions for home owners included clearing leaves and other debris from roofs, gutters and around trees and shrubs, and encouraged people to phone Moruya RFS for more information.

Motion to donate \$500.00 of RAI funds and \$168.55 cupcake donations to the Malua Bay rural fire brigade:

Proposed: Margot Marshall – **Seconded:** Tim Brown - **Carried**

6. LANDCARE: Melissa Gribble delivered the Landcare Report on behalf of Daniel Long, firstly inviting people to join the RL committee and noting work with Council to coordinate support activities, including weed spraying. Following a successful working bee in March, Melissa said Daniel had planned follow up activities on a bi-monthly basis for the rest of the year. He had also been assisting the RAI Committee with feedback and advice, including on the Yowani stair project which was a high priority project for Landcare, with the RL committee supporting the utilisation of some RL funds donated by the community to ensure the project could go ahead. Margot thanked Melissa and reminded members about the weedathon and

information in the newsletter about weeds and how to deal with them. The Landcare report was accepted by the meeting with applause.

7. BEACH SAFETY: Tim Brown said people had been caught in rips and assisted from the water over summer. He encouraged members to display information in their holiday houses to let renters know where they should swim. He reminded members to phone 000 to report incidents in the water. He also advised that the Association's defibrillator and rescue tube had been moved to the side of the demountable on the cabin lawns, thanking the Gassons for accommodating the items. He thanked the President of BBSLSC for lending equipment for the next day's beach safety event and encouraged attendance. He also drew people's attention to the important information on the rip sign at the carpark entrance to the beach. In response to a question, Tim undertook to develop information about rips and beach safety at Rosedale. Members also suggested standard information about dog beach access and fire evacuation would be useful.

Motion to donate \$500.00 to the BBSLSC:

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

8. MEMORIAL FOR GORDON BRAY: Vicki Smith referred to a request at the 2018 AGM for a suitable memorial for Gordon Bray. She thanked members for their suggestions and briefed the meeting on consultations with Council regarding each idea. Following consideration of all options, she said the Committee's preferred option was for the beach track at the end of Knowlman Road to be named after Gordon Bray.

Motion for the Committee to follow up with Council to have the beach track at the end of Knowlman Road named as 'Gordon Bray Beach Track', allocate up to \$500.00 for signage and finalise the wording for the sign, in consultation with Gordon's family.

Proposed: Vicki Smith - **Seconded:** Michael Braham - **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.

Motions to accept the 10 nominations for the 2019 RAI Committee and accept the nominations for RAI President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2019.

Proposed: Margot Marshall - **Seconded:** Bill Williams

10. OTHER BUSINESS: Margot Marshall reported occasional problems with campers in Rosedale, advising that Council or the police could be contacted. She also encouraged members to provide their *My Rosedale* stories for RAI's website and/or newsletter and a member warned of a blue-ringed octopus in a rock pool at Rosedale.

The meeting closed at 12:28 pm.

* 69 people were present



(Margot Marshall)

RAI Committee Member and AGM Chair

Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, RAI Secretary, 3 May 2019