**WOODVALE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc.** *A0053464H*

**Minutes of the meeting held at the Woodvale Hall on Thursday 28 th November 2019 at 7:30pm**.

*The Woodvale Progress Association Inc. gratefully accepts the invitation of the Woodvale Hall Committee for the useof the Woodvale Community Hall for the purposes of conducting regular quarterly, and special community meetings,as required for the benefit of Woodvale.*

**Present:** Brendan Bartlett, Kerry Errington, Andrew Prentis, Lynda Newton, Gary Davis, Carol Davis.

**Apologies:** Ken Stent, Lyn Talbot, David Stuchbery, Mal Hall, Glenys Hall, Jenn White.

The meeting was opened by Brendan Bartlett at 8.02 pm.

Apologies were accepted: **Moved**: Gary Davis **Second**: Brendan Bartlett **Carried**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge that we are on Dja Dja Wurrung Country of which the members and Elders and their ancestor are

the Traditional Owners of this land and have been custodians for many centuries where they continue to perform

age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated, via email and have been published on the Woodvale

Community web site.

**Moved**: Gary Davis **Second**: Lynda Newton. that the minutes are accepted. **Carried**

**Action items from previous meeting**

Confirmation and acceptance of positions from AGM in August.

Kerry Errington has agreed to take on the position of President, and Brendan Bartlett has agreed to move over to the

position of Secretary. Helen had expressed an interest in coming back to a role when they return from their trip.

Motion: Positions appointed for 2019-2020:

**President:** Kerry Errington

**Vice President:** Gary Davis

**Secretary:** Brendan Bartlett

**Treasurer:** Andrew Prentis

**Moved:** Brendan Bartlett. **Seconded:** Andrew Prentis. Carried.

Meeting continued with Kerry Erringnton as chair.

**Kerry: We wish to acknowledgement of the recent passing of our past president and Woodvale community stalwart John Riley. Our thoughts with his family. John is deeply missed and fondly remembered.**

**Correspondence**

Outwards:

Letters to Jacinta Allan and Lily D'ambrosio regarding Greater Bendigo National Park Management Plan

update due for. Letter drafted by Lynda and distributed on letterhead by Brendan.

Email to Jacinta Allan requesting meeting to discuss evaporation ponds. Meeting held on 4th of October with

Gary and Brendan attending, as well as three Whipstick Ward CoGB Councilors.

Inwards

Acknowledgment letter from Jacinta Allan re confirming receipt of letter regarding National Park. She will

follow it up with Lily D'Ambrosio and get back to us. Haven't heard anything further as yet.

Correspondence from Jacinta Allan's office arranging meeting.

Minutes of meeting with Jacinta Allan.

**Moved:** Lynda **Second**: Andrew , that correspondence be accepted **Carried**

**Reports**

**Treasurers report.**

Accounts balance all up $6173. Cheque account balance $2007 Historic markers

$859.00 CoGB book grant money $3200.00 petty cash $106.00

Andrew applied for CoGB grant to cover insurance which was approved and we received $473.00.

Sent Glen Woodhatch from Gun Club invoice for reimbursement yearly website hosting fee which is usually

kindly paid by them.

**History book:**

Lynda provided a report from the working group. Will be around $5000. Going with Espress

Printers. Have a proof. Ray Wallace has been through it, others still going through. Still a few errors to fix .

Thought to charge $20 per book. Cost around $10. Only have $3100 from the grant. Ken and Bev kindly

putting in $1000, with a possible further 'guarantee' for the publication. Decided to give Ray $1000 up front

(10%). Not enough time to launch before xmas, looking at around Feb. Potentially with a 'back to' type event

for launch at the hall. Kerry: potentially around Australia Day? Working group will look into, but agree not

to rush it. Kerry: consider put $17 on it so it's under the $20 threshold. Handling change would be difficult

though. Getting 500 printed. Lynda: sub-group things they will sell well considering the number of families

included etc. Andrew: Thinks it should be $15 or $20 so change is simple, also can add money left over from

Historic Markers. Kerry: Potential to ask for a grant or ask various groups to contribute say $500 towards

launch?

Motion: The WPA is very grateful of the kind financial donation from Ken and Bev Stent towards the book,

and the clear intention of the group is for their contribution to be reimbursed as a priory as books are sold:

o Moved: Kerry Seconded: Garry Carried

Launch: Sub-group to discuss the potential launch date and time (day or afternoon – evening with BBQ etc).

**Website.**

Gary. 1600 unique visitors. 20,000 hits! Kerry: Suggest we should update the welcome info etc

that is a bit out of date. Kerry and Gary will go through and update.

**Hall Committee:**

Gary reported

o Acceptance from DELWP of new positions. Don Romey new Hall Committee president.

o Carol is doing a great job handling bookings!

o Bush market was a great success. Well done, Gary and Ken in particular for their organisation. Not

sure yet of the total takings but it was all quite positive. Profit will be split 50/50 between fire

brigade and hall committee. Gary: keen for more people to help with organisation.

**Woodvale Recreation Reserve:**

Kerry reported

o Held another meeting with Jacinta Allan end of Nov.

o Sent the guidelines for the Infrastructure fund.

o Still working with council and state government regarding funding for the proposed redevelopment

and pavilion. Sourcing some other ideas and review of grant applications, how they fit into grant

categories etc.

**Rural Communities.**

Gary reported:

 Jenn White was an apology.

o Personal letter from Gary Davis to Cr. Andrea Metcalf regarding the effective 'removal' of our

representative on this committee and other difficulties relating to council was circulated. Felt a lot

more heard with the previous 'ward meetings' rather than the 'listening posts' held now. Listening

posts seem to be focused on individual issues with council rather than engaging properly with rural

communities.

Kerry: Suggestion, should we invite ward councillors to a future WPA meeting?

 Gary: suggested they should be invited to all events we hold.

 Lynda: If we want to get stuff done should be a very organised meeting with a tight agenda and who is going to speak on each.

o Motion: In our February meeting we allocate time to discuss topics and formulate a detailed agenda

for the May meeting, with the idea to invite ward councillors and the Mayor to that meeting.

**Moved: Kerry, Seconded Lynda. Carried.**

**Clay Target Club.**

Clay Target Club. Nil report, Glen Woodhatch absent.

**Woodvale Fire Brigade**

Woodvale Fire Brigade.

 Gary reported

o Busy month, especially last Thurs with fires in Rochester. Members in NSW at fires and returned

now.

**Bendigo Groundwater Reference Group.**

No meeting since last WPA meeting, nill report.

**Woodvale Evaporation Ponds. Gary:**

o Frustrations with lack of action. Why aren't the company being penalised for not complying with

notices etc?

o Simon Perrin has arranged 2 questions from MP Ellen Sandell on notice to Minister for Resources in

Vic Parliament.

o GBM's current capital raising exercise has failed, underwriter has pulled out. No further info on ASX

since that announcement on 15th Nov. They are still suspended from trading.

o Frustrations with no reporting of monitoring to community via ERC, and that the government are not

enforcing GBM's non-compliance as it is the subject of legal action. We also can't be told what's

going on as it is the subject of legal action.

o Kerry: We write a letter to Jacinta Allan, asking for the other meeting (which was promised in the

previous meeting). Reminder that earth resources are required to engage with us. Brendan will

draft the letter and email for everyone to review and contribute / approve before sending out.

o Sensitive and emotional topic. Kerry reminded everyone to be respectful of other people's views.

**Motion:**

 **Reports are accepted**:

 **Moved**: Brendan Bartlett **Second**: Gary Davis **Carried**

**General Business**

Marlene Quay wishes to be added to the email list. Kerry to pass email address to Brendan.

Pat Horan wishes to be included also and pay membership fee by bank transfer. Brendan will send her a

follow up email.

Brendan is updating the notice board, pass on anything to include to him.

**Action items:**

Lynda to follow up about the book launch etc.

Brendan will email draft letter to Jacinta Allan.

Brendan to contact Pat Horan and update mailing list.

Kerry and Gary to meet, go through website and make updates.

Time to be allocated in next meeting to discuss agenda for May 2020 meeting, with the view to invite Mayor

and Ward Councillors.

The meeting closed at 9.47 pm.

**Next Meeting will be on Thursday 27th February 2020 at Woodvale Hall. Bring a plate to share for supper**