

Minutes of the meeting held at the Woodvale Hall on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 7:30pm.

The Woodvale Progress Association Inc. gratefully accepts the invitation of the Woodvale Hall Committee for the use of 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, Gary Davis, Carol Davis, Marlene Quay, Ross Tyben (Treasurer Clay Target Club), David Vaughan, Stephen Kirkpatrick, Mal Hall, Glenys Hall, Ken Stent, Glenn Woodhatch.

Apologies: Lynda Newton , Jenn White, Helen Hickson, Jim Hickson, Lyn Talbot, David Stuchbery.

The meeting was opened by Kerry Errington at 7:40 pm. Special welcome to new members, Marlene and Ross, David and Stephen.

Apologies were accepted: **Moved:** Glenn **Second:** Carol **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.

Preliminary to the meeting, Kerry distributed the WPA Statement of purposes, and held an initial discussion on the format of future meetings. General thoughts good to have more structure to the meetings. Agenda will be done in advance.

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

Moved: Gary **Second:** Andrew , that the minutes are accepted. **Carried**

Action items from previous meeting

- Book Launch. Planning underway, will discuss.
- Meeting with Jacinta Allan. Will discuss. Ian Magee is trying to arrange meeting.
- Brendan to contact Pat Horan and update mailing list. Done.
- Kerry and Gary to meet, go through website and make updates.
- Discuss agenda for May 2020 meeting, with the view to invite Mayor and Ward Councillors.

Correspondence

Outwards:

- Letter and email to Jacinta Allan
- Email to Pat Horan

Inwards

- Letter from Jacinta Allan MP and minister Lily D'ambrosio regarding national park plan.
- Email from Simon Perrin with additional question on notice to Vic parliament regarding the ponds. There are now three unanswered questions on notice.

Moved: Mal Hall **Second:** Ken Stent , that correspondence be accepted **Carried**

Reports

Hall Committee - Carol Davis. Had a number of bookings. Three broken chairs from recent booking. Followed up and the hirer will replace. Broken bottles etc from some recent bookings unfortunately, something the hall committee will discuss. Most people are good though. Discussing holding a 'Woodvale' event to encourage new and more people to become involved. One idea, cake and coffee night at the hall. Looking for other ideas. Gary Davis. Memorial Avenue. New tree is dead, third tree along (from 1919) is not looking good. Trying to get someone from council to come and have a look. Hall floor to be sanded and sealed tomorrow. David Vaughan, Hall Anzac day setup on 26th of March 7:30pm, looking for anyone to come and help.

Treasurers report - Andrew Prentis As of 31st Jan. Cheque account balance \$2007 Historic markers \$859.00 CoGB book grant money \$3200.00 petty cash \$126.00. Changed as of today regarding book payment.

Fire Brigade – Ken Stent. Had a couple of callouts but quiet season. Strike teams, 2 members went to Mallacoota. Two others went up to New Castle, and two others went Mt. Buller. The brigade will be in the Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Parade, and the Swap Meet will be doing errands. Supported the recent goat show, doing first aid.

Woodvale Evaporation Ponds – Gary Davis. Gary circulated a written report. Pond 2, 24 hours ago seemed dry but now looks like water in it (from a distance). GBM trading still suspended on ASX, share value less than 1 cent. Financial status totally untenable therefor licenses not renewed. Been like that now for nearly a year. There is no ERC any more.

Motion – Kerry Errington: That although there is no longer an official ERC, that Gary Davis and Brendan Bartlett remain jointly appointed to represent the Woodvale Progress Association on matters regarding the evaporation ponds.

Moved: Kerry Errington. **Seconded:** Glenys Hall. Carried.

Questions on notice to parliament. 11 Questions going back to 2017. Three outstanding questions that haven't been answered, one new one since the last meeting (regarding where the minister approves the dispensation of the ERC).

Motion – Garry Davis: We write a letter to Jacinta Allan to request a follow up meeting and ask why the promised meeting last year didn't occur, and no other information has been received.

Moved : Gary Davis, **Seconded:** Brendan Bartlett. Carried.

Website – Gary Davis. Remains active. 1574 unique visitors. Kerry and Gary spent some time updating the website, still a little more to finish off, including 'welcome pack'. Brendan noticed Mailchimp can give code to add mailing list, will work out with Gary. Gary reminded everyone that financial members of WPA are able to get a personalised @woodvale.vic.au email address.

Clay target club - Glenn Woodhatch and Ross Tyben. All material dropped off for new shed, starts tomorrow. Looking into a state government program to install solar. Later in March they will hold the Vic police and emergency services games. Had success with grant applications, recommend groups attend grant writing workshops.

Recreation Reserve – Kerry Errington. Invited by CoGB in Jan to make a submission under local sports and infrastructure fund. Put the submission in on time. Contacted by CoGB advising that the grant application wouldn't be going any further due to a couple of reasons. Very frustrating. Taking it further, higher up with council and Jacinta Allan. It was a lot of work, very humbled with everyone's commitment and work putting the application together. Project was supposed to be 'shovel ready'.

History Book– Ken Stent. Circulated minutes from a recent project subcommittee meeting. Launch May 2nd. Saturday. Cost \$6030 for 500 copies. Express printers quote was \$5000. Due to extra work for setting up the photos it jumped by \$1030. Debts. Pay Ray Wallace 10% of each book. Selling \$20 each. Ken and Bev Stent kindly loaned \$1000. Progress to pay a cheque \$5031.30. Ken cheque \$1000.

Motion: Kerry Errington. Woodvale Progress Association wishes to thank Ken and Bev Stent kindly for their loan of \$1000. We commit to pay back Ken and Bev as early as possible. The WPA will write a cheque out to Express Printers. for the remaining \$5031.30.

Moved Kerry Errington. **Seconded** Brendan Bartlett. Carried.

Subcommittee formed to plan the book launch, including reps from WPA, Hall Committee, Fire Brigade, chaired by Ken Stent. Launch is to be officially opened by Jim Evans or a councilor. Initial proposal was distributed by Ken. Looking at having the BBQ at lunch time (12:00) rather than evening meal, then the official launch, panel session and discussion, then afternoon tea, memorabilia on walls and photo slideshow. Subject to confirmation by sub-committee.

Moved: Brendan Bartlett **Second:** Kerry Errington , that reports be accepted . **Carried**

General Business.

General discussion regarding book launch.

Kerry- questions where money will come from for BBQ, food, promotion. Ad for Bendigo Advertiser.

Ken. That WPA writes to the hall committee for formal approval to hold the event at the hall. Brendan will do.

Carol, suggestion to charge \$5 entry per person.

Mal, unsure whether people will come to the BBQ beforehand.

David, Hall committee did agree to do the afternoon tea.

Andrew, proposed the rec reserve pays for advertising.

Mal, potentially approach printers for 500 or 600 prints as a donation. Kerry to follow up with Mal regarding leads.

Group suggestion is to back to 2pm start. Format otherwise as above. Confirmed that no BBQ, just afternoon tea. (kindly supplied by Hall Committee). Kerry to investigate grants for food or advertising. Rec Reserve will investigate printing of fliers. Ken to write an ad. Cost of Ad will be progress association. Glenys – will raise at the next fire brigade meeting whether they will like to contribute. Group confirmed that we won't have a charge for the event, but look to sell as many books.

Marlene, is the date totally locked in? She is a barista and volunteered to donate coffee, milk etc, but isn't available on May 2nd. Group expressed their thanks to Marlene for this very kind offer. Unfortunately the week after is Mothers day, and the sub committee struggled to find the date.

Kerry Errington – Thanked Brendan for acting as president for the last 7 years.

Gary and Carol Davis will be apologies for next meeting

Meeting closed 9:10pm

Next Meeting will be on Thursday 28th May 2020 at Woodvale Hall. Bring a plate to share for supper.