

# ***General Meeting Minutes 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020***

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 9:00am

**Minute Taker:** Jenny Skinner

**Chairperson:** Craig Singleton

*Acknowledgement of Country*

*Yahway - Barri Dhungatti*

**Housekeeping:**

Reminder regarding meeting etiquette.

10:30am tea break

**Attendance:**

**Directors:** Craig Singleman, Bruce Hore, Callum Lawson, Wayne Skinner, Nick Reid, Adam Cvetkovski, Steve Campbell (secretary)

**Members:** Wayne Ellis, Sattwa Horne, Nityama, Jim Ronchetti, Cindee Pascoe, Michael Clancy, Ralph Van Hulst, Denise Cobourn, Dennis Coburn, Ralph Erthel, Ben, Mog, Frankie, Ric Marie, Sam A, Ben Adams, Peter O'Hara, Trinh, Tony Roberts, Mark Doonan, Mohini, Alicia Fox, Shantelle, Chris Jones, Bronwyn, Dan Rose, Ralph Hurst, Larry Knight, Alan Blake, Ishbel Keenan, Luke Keenan, Russell Childs, Robin Hewitt, Clint Campisi, Roger and Belinda Ball, Jenny Skinner, Greg Ryan, Petra, Crow Tribe, Marty.

**Apologies:** John Tennock, Kevin Harper, Lexie Gonzalez, Rose Mahar, Anne Wilson, Louise Roberts, Marc Rosenthal, Atmo Kusseler, Julica Junghulsing,

**Visitors:** John Brumpton, Christina Meyer, Sam Wong and Andrew Barson

**Proxies**

From Member	To Member
Rose	Bronwyn
John S	Sattwa
Anne W	Cindee
Griff	Trinh
Kevin H	Craig
Harvey	Greg R
Mark G	Rob H
Justin F	Steve C
Dave Van Meg	Steve C
Sue L	Steve C
Mark D	Wayne S
John T	Wayne S

**Confirmation of previous minutes: (Chair)**

**PROPOSAL:** To accept the previous GM Minutes.

**PROPOSED:** Wayne Skinner

**SECONDED:** Kevin Harper

***Carried unanimously ( 32 for, 2 abstained, 0 against)***

*Nityama proposed – amendment to minutes to notify the community requesting Agenda Items. It was agreed that this was missed and would be included.*

**Treasurer's Report & Work Claims: (John)**

**PROPOSAL:** To accept Treasurer's Report and Work Claims.

**PROPOSED:** Wayne Skinner

**SECONDED:** Kevin Harper

*Carried unanimously*

**Business arising:**

**Confidence in the Board to uphold the Code of Conduct and Complaints Management Policy (Wayne)**

**Ordinary Resolution**

***The community has confidence in the board to fulfil its obligations and duties under the Law, including the implementation of Complaint Management Policy and Procedure to ensure members uphold the Code of Conduct.***

**Proposed:** Wayne Skinner

**Seconded:** Craig Singleman

**Rationale:** At the November General Meeting some members indicated that the board was not impartial, had acted improperly and were effectively unfit to represent the members. Two complaints have been raised against the Board, one by Michael Clancy and the other by Cynthia and Justin Fitzpatrick. These complaints also challenge the Board as being unfair, not impartial and effectively untrustworthy in their approach to implementing the Complaint Management Policy and Procedure.

**'Yes' vote** - you have CONFIDENCE in the Board to fulfil its obligations and duties, including the implementation of the Complaint Management Policy and Procedure to uphold the Code of Conduct.

**'No' vote** - you have NO CONFIDENCE in the Board to fulfil its obligations and duties, including the implementation of the Complaint Management Policy and Procedure to uphold the Code of Conduct.

***Carried (for 30 , abstain 2 , against 14 )***

Lengthy discussion on the proposal ended with a vote and two new resolutions being raised as below.

**Complaint Management Policy Procedure review**

Proposal: To review the Complaints Policy and Procedures

Proposer: Peter O'Hara

Seconder: Tony Roberts

**Rationale**

The Policy was due for review in 2018/2019. As there is concern over certain components of the policy a review process should commence as soon as possible. Subject to community consultation and a full reviewed process in the coming months. Bruce will begin the process after Christmas and suggested a meeting Saturday 16 January 2021.

**Passed unanimously (33 Yes, 1 abstain, 0 against)**

***Carried***

**Introduce a moratorium on the Complaints Management and Policy and Procedure until completion of the review of the policy.**

Proposal: To review the Complaints Policy and Procedures

Proposer: Peter O'Hara

Seconder: Tony Roberts

**Rationale**

The Complaints process consumes a lot of time and effort being expended by the board. By pausing the Policy and Procedures the community will be able to focus on the review.

**Not Carried (17 Yes, 0 abstain, 14 against)**

**New Membership resolution (Trinh)**

Proposal: To approve John Brumpton as eligible for membership.

Proposer: Trinh Nguyen

Seconder: Alan Blake

**Rationale**

John has fulfilled all the requirements of membership.

**Passed unanimously**

***Carried***

**New Membership resolution (Adam)**

Proposal: To approve Christina and Mark as eligible for membership.

Proposer: Adam

Seconder: Ishbel

**Rationale**

Christina and Mark have fulfilled all the requirements of membership.

**Passed unanimously.**

***Carried (Yes 33, abstain 1 , against 0 )***

**New Membership resolution (Adam)**

Proposal: To approve Steve and Justine as eligible for membership.

Proposer: Adam

Seconder: Shantell

**Rationale**

Steve and Justine have fulfilled all the requirements of membership.

**Passed unanimously.**

***Carried (Yes 32, abstain 2, against 0 )***

**AGM date [Wayne]**

During the March 2020 GM we discuss changing the AGM date from October to August, however, due to Covid this was not possible.

### **Rationale**

The reasoning behind this was to bring the AGM closer to the start of the financial year whereby the budget would be more closely aligned with spending. This is an opportunity to start discussion and thinking about a change. We would like to put a proposal for this change to the community at the next GM.

### **Proposed Dam near Site 42 [Clint]**

#### **Proposal**

To obtain Community approval to build a dam on community land behind site 42. Clint Campsi to fund the dam.

Proposed: Clint Campsi

Seconded: Wayne Skinner

#### **Rationale:**

Clint to explain.

Dam between Mayumi and Dan. Dam site already cleared.

**(Yes 32, No 0, Abstain 2)**

**Passed unanimously** on condition that the DPI regulations do not restrict the Dam construction.

### **Bus proposal: (Russel)**

Russell is proposing a community bus to be established when Maria River Road is sealed and is looking to understand if there is community support for this idea. He has detailed the benefits and is looking to providing a cost benefit analysis and management plan. His next step is to organise a meeting to discuss the logistics.

Russel – in 18 months time Maria River Road will be sealed. If we vote on this soon it will be in the next budget. A bus that only requires a car license (11 seater). Cost \$20,000 \$280 per member one off cost. Ongoing services, maintenance, registration, voluntary bus committee and bus could be housed at machinery shed which is under Kevin portfolio. Running cost of annual subscription, non members charged a fare for costs. Schedule bus leaving here at 8.30am. Drop kids at school, people who want to spend day at Crescent. Bus continues to Kempsey for shopping, banking etc. After lunch, do reverse, pick up kids, surfers, etc. School finishes at 3pm.

If this bus has to make an unscheduled trip a volunteer with car to help out.

The community agreed it was worthwhile continuing the research and provided other suggestions such as looking at ex Government buses.

Roger suggested it might be best for people who support the project to pay for the bus and running expenses.

### **Camp Kitchen – Disabled Toilets (Wayne)**

Disabled toilets are required as part of our DA approval.

Construction Certificate obtained from KSC.

Foundations inspected. Platform commenced.

### **Director's minutes of meetings. (Steve)**

Available online.

### **Secretary's Report: (Steve)**

Steve reported correspondence  
2 in mail – approval for sewer grey water system. 1 for treasurer, NAB deposit will mature soon. Insurance portfolio – in hand.

**DA Report: (Wayne)**

Wayne Skinner to update on progress.

Hones Lawyers has provided an advice letter on the Modification of the DA.

As we wish for it to remain somewhat confidential we can show it to members and can explain its content but do not wish to publish it on the Web at this stage.

We did obtain another update on the chances of success which was also positive.

**Road Report: (Callum)**

External road maintenance

Internal Road Maintenance

Callum is looking to understand if there is community support for the usage of a tipper at an hourly rate, ie. if Callum purchases and maintains the tipper at his expense.

**Rationale**

By funding usage of a tipper and enabling the community to utilize the tipper for maintaining the road, the duration of road maintenance will be extended and the time to manage the road will be reduced. As Callum is willing to manage and maintain the tipper, this relieves the burden on the community. Expected cost of funding is \$50 per hour.

Callum would maintain it. Unregistered.

The community agreed unanimously to Callum's initiative.

**Nevertire Road upgrade. (Wayne)**

Waiting on progress of DA legal.

**Complaints: (Nick)**

Six complaints exist which are being dealt with through the Complaints process and as Code of Conduct breaches.

Two notices have been completed.

The Board is in the process of managing these.

Complaints had been received from the community for Kevin's behavior at the last GM. Nick tabled Kevin's apology and read parts of the letter to the community. Kevin apologized for his actions to Atmo, Petra and the community.

**Policy Report: (Bruce)**

Bruce provided copies of a list of suggested Policy amendments for the community to scrutinize, understand and bring suggestions or ideas.

Anyone interested in being a support for the policy committee with constructive, positive changes please contact Bruce.

**Machinery Report: (Kevin)**

Slasher is up and running. Post hole digger is working. Thanks Frank for welding it up – 6 times!

**Membership Report: (Adam)**

## Membership Process Review report:

Currently into the 12<sup>th</sup> month of the review, the New membership committee will continue the review. The Committee expect a conclusion date early next year.

Share sale etiquette – current policy and opportunity for review.

Prospective Members activity will be updated at the next GM.

## Sites for Sale:

1. #7 Stuart Pougher
2. #18 Isaac Ryan
3. #66 Sue Loudon
4. #25 Anne Wilson
5. #50 Ralph Erthel
6. # John Seed

## Fire and Flood Report: (Craig)

Meeting on 14 November – 13 members attended. Someone from each area was present. More people from the Outback would be good. Brainstorming session. It's everyone's responsibility to work on improving fire preparedness. Craig updating bushfire action plan. Another small meeting next week (1hr maximum) is planned. The biggest area of concern is asset protection zones – your own home. And bush common area around your home. Clumps of wattles etc. are overgrown and need to be cut down. Mounds and tank stands, piles of junk need looking at and attended to. Visit the North Shore Fire Brigade and Crescent Head Fire Brigade, to liaise with them. Tree down has closed track around Gold Mine Hill.

## Social Committee Report: (Craig)

Romeo and Juliet – well received. Noemi will continue on with Acts II and III. Music night last Sunday, not well participated as a result of the heat. Next event – New Years Event and Bar humbug Christmas. Calendar for Social Events. General Meeting dates etc. is to be reproduced.

## Last Resort Report: (Sattwa)

Copula is erected. Villa boards there and gutter guards. Need a crew to get together.

## General Business / new items:

Crow – would like to plant banana trees, mulberries and citrus. Like to see more fruit growing everywhere at Goolawah. Crow will propagate seedlings. He will not introduce new species until consultation with the community.

A straw vote by the community unanimously agreed to this activity.

## Next GM.

Trinh suggest a short meeting in January for membership issues and old members selling their share. Date proposed for 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Agreed unanimously.

**End of Meeting Time: 12.52pm**