

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC  
22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2007**

**1. PRESENT**

Lyn Edwards, Steve Whan, Brian Brown, David Hope, Kim Rybinski, Lachlan Mercer, Jom Horan, Ian Tibballs, Melanie Tibballs, Paul Whalan, Kathryn Tse, Margot Sachse, Mark Croxford.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Dwayne Keefe, Tania Rynne.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Paul Whalan, **Seconded:** Brian Brown **Carried.**

*Standing Orders were suspended and Steve Whan, Member for Monaro, addressed the meeting.*

**4. STEVE WHAN, STATE MEMBER FOR MONARO**

**Development in the Jerrabomberra Valley**

Margot gave a brief outline of this issue – Village Building Co (VBC) wish to develop land at Tralee and Environa and, after a lengthy process, this was given the approval of NSW Planning Minister Frank Sartor. The airport are against any development in this area as it falls within the boundaries of their new ANEF footprint and this has slowed down the entire process. Margot stated that Frank Sartor had given assurances that a decision would be made by the end of August and the Anglican Church, who plan to build a high school in the Valley, need a surety about the land they are being given by early 2008 in order that the school can be built and be ready to open in the first term of 2009.

The plans are currently with Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) and there is a general feeling of frustration at the length of time it is taking them to produce a new plan for the area. Local Environment Plans (LEP) have been lodged for both the Jerrabomberra Valley and Googong and we are keen to see these approved as soon as possible.

Mayor Frank Pangallo gave assurances that the plans would be completed by December 2007 so the school would have time to apply for their licence.

The Residents Association asked Steve Whan to convey our feelings of frustration to Frank Sartor to which he confirmed that he had already expressed concern to the Minister.

**Aquatic Centre**

Once the plans for the Jerrabomberra Valley have been finalised and endorsed, an area of land will be chosen for an aquatic centre. Margot asked Steve Whan whether the State Government had any sports grants whereby we could apply for some money to help with the building of the aquatic centre and Steve stated that the State sports grants

are for a maximum of \$300,000. He suggested that we apply to the Council for money from Section 94 funds and also to the Federal Government as they award much larger amounts of money but the State Government might be able to help with any small shortfall.

At our next meeting, the JRA will also take this up with Mike Kelly who is the Labor candidate in the upcoming Federal Election.

### **Duplication of Lanyon Drive**

Steve Whan advised that the planning is well advanced on this project and the work is due to start at the end of this calendar year. The State Government has committed an amount of \$8million to this project and was included in the 07/08 Budget.

Traffic lights will be installed where Lanyon Drive joins the Monaro Highway – this is the intersection where the “Stop” sign is currently situated. There will also be a new intersection where Lanyon Drive and Sheppard Street meet at Hume and it is envisaged that this will make this junction much safer. Steve Whan is yet to see the final plan but has been assured things are well underway and will approach the RTA to see the plans before they are implemented.

Margot stated that she was worried that the section of roadway between the railway bridge and Sheppard Street still had not received funding and Steve suggested that we contact the Federal Government to fund the upgrading of this section of Lanyon Drive.

### **Queanbeyan Hospital & State Office Block**

The building of the new Queanbeyan Hospital is progressing well and on track to open mid 2008.

The new State Office Block development is running to schedule and expected to be open for business in early 2008. There has been some controversy with this project as QCC wanted to construct an additional parking area behind this building on land inside the Showground, however there has been considerable opposition to this move by local residents and showground users.

### **SCAN Committee**

The SCAN (Safe Communities And Neighbourhood) Program involves a partnership between QCC, Police, Emergency Services and other organisations and the community in addressing the serious issues related to crime and safety within Queanbeyan.

The JRA committee have concerns that there isn't a Police presence on the SCAN Committee at present and asked Steve Whan if he will look into this for us and Steve gave as an assurance that he would raise this matter with the Commander of Queanbeyan Police.

Another Police-related matter was the poor service experienced when ringing the 131 444 Police Assistance Line. We have been told of long waiting times when ringing this number to report incidents such as malicious damage or suspicious behaviour and Steve Whan stated that he would take this up with the Local Area Command. It is important that the community have a reliable number to ring to report non-emergency incidents and reference was made of the AirServices website when reporting complaints relating to aircraft noise.

### **Trail Bikes**

The incidents of trail bikes being illegally ridden in surrounding bushland is building again and we stressed the need for the Queanbeyan Police to have their own bikes in order to apprehend these offenders. Steve Whan is also very keen to see the Police have their own bikes but there is a problem concerning the allocation of vehicles for each Local Area Command. Steve Whan has spoken to the Minister concerned about the need for these bikes.

The JRA previously had a contact at the Queanbeyan Police station and we would pass on information concerning illegal bike activity in the bushland, but this contact has now moved on and has not been replaced. Steve will also follow up this matter.

(Please see attached Media Release from Steve Whan regarding Trail Bikes)

### **Community PreSchools**

Mark Croxford asked about funding for additional pre-schools in the area but Steve Whan advised that funding comes from the Federal Government.

The P & C Committee at the Jerrabomberra Public School are keen to see another pre-school in this community.

### **Mirrabee**

Mirrabee is an area of land situated between Jerrabomberra and Queanbeyan and on either side of the proposed extension of the Edwin Land Parkway. It is owned by the Ngunnawal Local Aboriginal Land Council who are considering a housing development on this site. Steve Whan stated that he is not keen to see this land developed but he acknowledges the desire of the Aboriginal community to utilise this land. The National Parks & Wildlife may try to acquire some of this land to develop a wildlife corridor.

### **Aircraft Noise**

Steve Whan was asked whether his office had received any complaints regarding aircraft noise – he advised that he had not received many. He confirmed that, at current levels, we don't need a curfew but if night flights were proposed, then he would support our push to have a curfew put in place.

Margot thanked Steve Whan for attending our meeting and Standing Orders were resumed.

## **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**-Media Strategy re: Draft ANEF** – this item to be rolled over to the next meeting.

**-Community Security Project Update** – this issue was discussed with Steve Whan (see above)

**-Myna Bird Trapping Update** – this topic has been discussed in length in the JRA's July Newsletter (Notes from the Brown Greeny).

**-Footpaths on Waterfall Drive** – this will be done soon as Bicentennial Drive & Waterfall Drive have been classified as a 'scenic drive' and will also incorporate additional tree planting.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE – IN**

Ageing2030 – invitation to attend on 3/9/07  
QCC – Aircraft Noise Impacts  
QCC – Changes to RNP flight paths  
QCC – Aircraft noise issues  
NSW Gov't Department of Planning – FOI request  
Gary Nairn – ADSL Ports currently in Jerrabomberra  
Ben Nash (email) – New JRA signboards  
B.Peppler – Suggestion for JRA website  
C & T McCullagh – Trailbikes  
QCC gets \$10,000 per year for rent for the Telstra Tower  
A.Cassie – Information session for fire contingency planning for Jerrabomberra residents  
Bill Maleganeas QCC – Park benches & picnic tables  
N.McCann CIA – Meeting Notes from CAANCF 12/7/07  
G.Willans – Canberra Airport advertisements re: noise sharing  
Gary Humphries – Canberra Airport  
Kerrie Tucker – Canberra Airport  
Media Release, Gary Nairn – Nairn welcomes Hume mill workers back to work  
N.McCann CIA – ANEF federal court judgement  
G.Willans – Canberra Airport  
Presentation by Canberra Investment Corp to QCC  
J.Houston – Social groups in Jerrabomberra  
K.Jarius – business listing on JRA website  
C.Solta – business listing on JRA website  
B.Jarius – business listing on JRA website  
Media Release, Gary Nairn – NSW Labor muddies the waters in desperate bid to hide responsibilities to Hume mill workers  
Media Release, Gary Nairn – All traces of NSW Labor's controversial forestry decision wiped from NSW Labor Minister's website  
Gary Nairn – Australia connected  
R.Lulham – Jerrabomberra Youth Forum  
N.McCann – Changes to RNP flight paths  
T.Mavec QCC – Truck parking on Brudenell Drive  
C.Metz – Draft airport noise forecast  
D.Greenfield – JRA minutes  
V.Armstrong – July Minutes  
S.Foley – Myna bird trapping

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT**

B.Jarius – business listing on JRA website  
K.Jarius – business listing on JRA website  
J.Houston – social groups in Jerrabomberra  
D.Watson – FOI request  
N.McCann CIA – meeting notes CAANCF 12/7/07

B.Maleganeas QCC – park benches and picnic tables  
C.McCullagh – Trailbikes  
V.Armstrong – July Minutes  
A.Ananian-Cooper CIA – FOI request  
J & T Wynd – new email address  
C.Solta – business listing on JRA website

## **8. TREASURERS' REPORT**

As Tania Rynne was absent from the meeting, Lyn Edwards advised the following –  
Money paid out – Public liability insurance \$1,079-10, ProPamphlets \$181-50 for delivery of July Newsletter, \$10 account service fee.  
Money received - \$425 for subscription renewals.  
**Moved** Margot Sachse and **Seconded** David Hope that the Treasurers' Report be accepted. **Carried.**

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**a) Development in Jerrabomberra Valley Update** – this issue was discussed in length with Steve Whan (above). Margot will speak with Gary Chapman at QCC about community facilities at Tralee and the Jerrabomberra Valley.

**b) Community Security Project Update** – there is no additional news on this at the moment.

**c) Bushfire Awareness** – During the last month, we received an email from Andrew Cassie suggesting that we have members from the Rural Fire Service address one of our meetings. It was suggested that we ask them to speak at our Annual General Meeting.

**d) General Store** – We were all pleased to see that the General Store opened its doors today and we wish them well.

**e) Noticeboards** – We have received one quote to replace the JRA noticeboards on Tomsitt Drive. This quote was in the region of \$5,000 and it was decided to obtain further quotes. David and Brian will seek another quote and Lyn will get in touch with the Anglican Church to ascertain who built their noticeboard.  
**ACTION:** Brian & David to obtain one quote, Lyn to follow up with Anglican Church.

**f) Aquatic Centre Working Group Update** – Margot is our representative on this group and she stressed the need for an area for dry facilities (gymnasium, etc) to be incorporated into the initial plan for the pool complex as this generates income for the centre.

Mark Croxford suggested we approach Queanbeyan Leagues Club as they provide grants for community facilities.

**ACTION ITEM:** Margot to follow this up with QLC.

**g) Next Meeting** – It was suggested that we invite Rod Pymont from the Queanbeyan & District Preschool Association to address our next meeting. ACTION ITEM.

**h) Minutes on Email** – Some of the committee have raised the issue of the amount of time it takes to hand deliver Minutes to members who are not connected to email. The Committee would appreciate, if you *do* have email access, if you would supply an email address so the Minutes can be sent out electronically.

**i) Future Meeting** – It was suggested that we invite Labor candidate Mike Kelly to address an upcoming meeting.

**j) Jerrabomberra Improvements** – It is pleasing to note that tables and chairs will be erected around Lake Jerrabomberra. It was also noted that the fencing around the Brudenell Drive Pond is now pram-friendly. The JRA are very appreciative of the work that Queanbeyan Council have been doing in Jerrabomberra recently.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

*Mike Kelly, Labor candidate for Eden-Monaro, will be present at the next JRA meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 at 7.30 pm in the Banksia Room Jerrabomberra Community Centre and any JRA member is more than welcome to attend.*

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