

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.
22ND FEBRUARY 2006**

1. PRESENT

Lyn Edwards, Tom Lewis, Margot Sachse, Sue Crickmore, Brian Brown, Paul Whalan, Kathryn Tse, Adre de Waal, David Hope.

2. APOLOGIES

Tania Rynne

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Moved L. Edwards Seconded T. Lewis that the Minutes be accepted.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE – IN

Canberra International Airport re extension of runway 17/35 – the JRA have been assured that Canberra International Airport will not be moving the landing threshold ‘at this time’.

Queanbeyan City Council re Copperfield Place – see 8 (c)

ACTPLA re Prison Submission – we were assured that they had not been influenced by statements made by the Chief Minister in regard to their consideration of the Development Application for the ACT Prison.

ACTPLA re Prison Submission – this letter states that the Development Application for the Prison at Hume has been approved. The ‘Decision and Statement of Reasons’ was attached to this letter.

Geoff Willans re Preliminary Draft Minor Variation to the Major Development Plan for Canberra Airport. He sent us a copy of his 4 page submission in regard to this matter.

Joan Guy re JRA subscription

6. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT

Canberra International Airport re Minor Variation to Approved Development Plan – Runway and taxiway Expansion Program, January 2006. The JRA are concerned that any change of the runway 35 threshold from its current position will result in an increase in noise for Jerra residents. We stressed our strong opposition to any shift in the runway 35 thresholds.

Kelly Baker re Covenant Compliance. We wrote to the Council on Mrs Baker's behalf and Council advised that fencing between two neighbours is not covered by the Council's covenant on fencing. Forwarded copy of the council's response to Mrs Baker.

ACTPLA re Prison Submission. Our concerns were expressed that statements made in the media by ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope could influence ACTPLA in their consideration of the ACT prison. Copies of this letter were also sent to Gary Nairn and Steve Whan.

ACT Ombudsman re our concerns that Jon Stanhope will ignore our request for a suspension of process in the matter of the ACT prison.

Mayor Frank Pangallo requesting an article for the JRA March Newsletter

Terry Spencer, Jerrabomberra Rotary President requesting an article for the JRA March Newsletter.

7. TREASURERS' REPORT

Tom Lewis advised that we have \$4,395-34 in the bank. A few problems have been experienced changing the signatories at the bank.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) ACT Prison – Where to from Here? There has been quite a lot in the media in the past few weeks in this regard. Gary Nairn has been on WIN News saying that he is not content to let this issue rest. Paul proposed that Margot get in touch with Gary Nairn and voice our support – David seconded this proposal. Gary spoke to the Queanbeyan Business Council and it was suggested that we try to obtain a copy of his speech. We should also get in touch with Mayor Frank Pangallo and the ACT Opposition Leader. Margot will contact Brendan Smyth's office to make an appointment to see him.

b) Canberra Airport Noise Forum. Margot attended this meeting at the airport and advised the following – there are 4 707's left and they will be phased out between now and 2008. We have 2 noise monitors in Jerrabomberra, one at the tennis courts and the other in Acacia Drive. The monitor in Acacia Drive has detected events in the region of 90 decibels but the monitor at the tennis courts didn't pick this up. It was suggested that it is the VIP fleet taking a short cut. Qantas update on RNP (offset) - it will take 8 months to get the crew trained and Qantas will let us know when they use the RNP so we can monitor the effects and it will be used at 8 airports around Australia. Qantas will soon be introducing a new 70 seat dash-8 on the Brisbane route. The building of the new airport terminal (\$300 million) and runway work (\$125 million) will commence in mid March and the runway should be completed by August. While the work is being done on the runway, the airport will shut down from 10pm till 6am and the ILS will also be shut down.

c) Copperfield Place. Margot received a call from Pat Morrison advising that he has submitted a further application to build a second dwelling on land at the rear of Copperfield Place, but this application has been rejected by Council. He said that he intended to appeal the decision based on the argument that the new development of Cassinia Rise has a higher

elevation than his proposed dwelling. Paul suggested that Brian write to the Ombudsman and secondly, seek a meeting with Steve Whan to find out what was the basis for the Director General's approval of the first dwelling. It was clear from all the documentation the JRA had received from Council, that Council staff clearly articulated the reasons the dwelling should not be approved, however it is very unclear as to why it was approved.

d) Easter Raffle. The committee will approach local businesses to obtain prizes for our upcoming Easter Raffle. Ticket selling will commence on Saturday 18th March. Lyn to organise a sign and ticket selling roster. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 13th April.

e) Review and Update JRA Objectives. Margot, Paul and Tania will form a sub-committee to oversee this.

f) March Newsletter. Lyn advised that most articles have been received and hoped to have these to the printers by Friday 24th February so it will be delivered prior to the Rotary Fair.

g) Proposed Membership Drive 2006. The first membership drive for 2006 will take place at the Rotary Fair.

h) Defence Bus Service. Tom wants to talk with the people at Defence – his idea is to run a bus service from Jerrabomberra to the Defence offices at Russell using one of Defence's coaches. Tom proposed that he draft a letter outlining his proposal and this was seconded by Margot.

i) Walking Track Map. Margot seeks JRA endorsement to seek funding from Council through the 'Healthy Community' scheme to have the Jerra walking tracks map printed. Margot moved that the JRA support her to seek funding for the flier and this was seconded by Tom. Reference was made to the location of the quote sought last year by previous secretary, Damiana Vigone.

j) Jerrabomberra Scouts. Adre mentioned that Jerrabomberra Scouts is the biggest group in New South Wales, outside Sydney, and it could be worthwhile having some reciprocal arrangement for membership to the Scouts and JRA combined. We will look at this at the next meeting.

k) It was asked whether residents of North Terrace are eligible for membership to the JRA and it was confirmed that they are eligible.

l) Brian mentioned the matter of the half court basketball court. This was removed last year to make way for the skateboard park but was never reinstalled. Brian will contact users of the Madew Oval to ascertain the best place to relocate this.

m) The JRA trialled a mail box in the chemist shop late last year but this was an unsatisfactory location for it and permission has now been given to fix it to the wall next to the JRA noticeboard outside Woolies supermarket. Saville's manage the new shopping centre but Hillary, who was our contact there, has since left and a replacement has not been appointed as yet. When this position is filled, Brian will act as our liaison with them.

n) It was suggested that Mayor Frank Pangallo be invited to the March meeting and it was also thought appropriate that Steve Whan and Gary Nairn also be invited to upcoming meetings.

o) Brian advised that the Environment Advisory Committee is looking for committee members. This committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 4pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The next meeting of the JRA will be held on Wednesday 22nd March 2006 at 7.30pm in the Acacia Room at the Community Centre and any JRA member is more than welcome to attend.