

**JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING 18 FEBRUARY 2009**

**1. PRESENT**

Margot Sachse, Brian Brown, Lyn Edwards, Val Treverrow, Dorothy Lawson, Val Barger, Jen Lee, Phill Henry, John Gordon, Doug Gordon, Meagan Taylor, David Hope, Mark Croxford.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Kim Howatson, Jon Hawkins, Tania Rynne, David Barger.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Moved:** Lyn Edwards **Seconded:** Brian Brown **Carried.**

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a) Graffiti – Margot was to follow up Council’s investigation of the anti-graffiti device and she emailed Gary Chapman on 24 January 2009 who assured her he would look into it. *To be included on the Agenda for the March 2009 Meeting.*

b) Hume Data & Power Station – Margot emailed Steve Whan querying whether the NSW EPA had looked at the proposed emissions from the data centre and their possible impact on Jerrabomberra and Tralee now that the site has been moved closer to us. No reply has been received so Margot will contact his office seeking an answer.

**ACTION:** Margot to contact Steve Whan’s office.

c) Post Box for The Heights – Lyn checked Australia Post’s website and found the following: “In capital city metropolitan areas and provincial cities, a street posting box facility will be provided at or near all postal outlets (a possible exception being outlets inside shopping centres that are not accessible after hours). In addition, street posting boxes will be provided to ensure that residents have access to a lodgement point with 2 kilometres.”

d) Review of Jerrabomberra Creek Management Plan – \$10,000 was spent on preparing a management plan for the Jerrabomberra Creek in June, 2006 and this resulted in a number of action items. One of the action items was to review the management plan within 3 years but now that 3 years is up and the review has never been undertaken. Brian hunted down this review and Margot forwarded this on to the Mayor but, as yet, we have received no reply from him.

e) New Arrivals – Congratulations are extended to JRA committee member, Kim Howatson and her husband Anthony on the safe arrival of their son James and daughter Riley on Wednesday 11 February.

f) Development in the Jerrabomberra Valley – Margot reported that she and Brian were granted a 20 minute meeting with NSW Planning Minister, Kristina Keneally, on Tuesday 10 February. They expressed their appreciation of the Ministers desire to get the Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) to approve the high school site by July 2009.

As QCC are already talking about this happening in August the Minister assured us that she would like to see this finalised by August at the very latest, in order to capitalise on all the Federal funding that is now available.

Another topic broached with the Minister, was the Queanbeyan By-Pass and the development of Dunns Creek Road. Minister Keneally had been given a tour around the Jerrabomberra Valley earlier that day and she knew of the issues surrounding Dunns Creek Road and assured us that she was keen to see Jerrabomberra by-passed and not become the Queanbeyan by-pass.

We also raised our concerns with the Minister that the JRA are not part of the traffic working group who are looking at developing the traffic model to determine whether Dunns Creek Road is a viable option or not. Village Building Co. (VBC) and Canberra Investment Corp. (CIC) are both part of this working group but when Margot approached QCC about also being part of this group, we were assured that Council are looking after our best interests. Margot stressed that we need to have access to the modellers and the outcomes of the model and the community needs to have a full briefing as to what is in the model, how the model operates and what the outcomes are, as we can bring local knowledge that the Council might not have and that the modellers may also have missed out on something. This gives transparency to the process. The Minister assured us that she would encourage Council to arrange for the modellers to come out to Jerrabomberra for a public meeting.

We asked the Minister for assurance that land earmarked for community facilities, when rezoned, is stamped 'For Community Facilities', ie Aquatic Centre, so that down the track, it cannot be rezoned for residential use. The Minister assured us that any land designated for community facilities must be used for that purpose and could not be changed.

g) Extension of Jerrabomberra Community Centre – Council held a workshop a couple of weeks ago where they saw the \$1m+ plans for the extension of the Jerrabomberra Community Centre (JCC). Last year, the community said that they didn't want the extensions to go ahead but for the money to be put towards a purpose-built facility in Tralee. Apparently this wasn't conveyed to the new Councillors.

Margot spoke with the Mayor regarding this issue and reiterated that the area behind the community centre is reserved for the pre-school. The General Manager had promised that any extensions to the community centre would only cost in the region of \$300,000. As there is only \$1.4m left in the Section 94 funds, the community didn't want to see most of this money spent on an extension, but rather that it is put into a purpose-built facility in Tralee/Poplars. The current centre was built as a real estate office. The car park, between the community centre and the scout hall is also part of this package.

The Mayor had suggested to the General Manager that another community meeting be held at Jerrabomberra.

**ACTION:** Margot to contact QCC to set a date for a public meeting.

h) Quarry Tour – Brian and Margot attended a 2 ½ hour tour of the Quarry on 6 February and they noted that it was very interesting and informative. This tour came about due to an excessively severe blast on 23 September 2008 and subsequent emails to QCC requesting more information about this blasts severity.

Margot and Brian were given access to the full report to see how much explosive was used and apparently, the explosions didn't detonate in the correct sequence and a few didn't go off simultaneously, which was the reason why it was felt so strongly in Jerrabomberra. The other reason offered was the water table is so low at the moment that it not absorbing the shock. A monitor will be installed in Homestead Rise to record the next blast.

The Quarry is due to close in 6 years time and the Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra communities will be consulted with regard to its use after this time.

With regard to the rear of the quarry being visible from Tomsitt Drive, it was advised that they had been dumping white rock there but they will now cover it with dark rock to reduce the visibility.

Brian raised the issue of the quarry trucks using Edwin Land Parkway, once it was completed through to Cooma Road, and the quarry operators advised that they would not be using Edwin Land Parkway except for access to Tralee and the odd delivery to Mini-Mix in Hume. In all other cases, they prefer to use Sutton Road to reach North Canberra.

i) Noticeboard Quotes – Several quotes were obtained to replace the JRA noticeboards on Tomsitt Drive. The total cost for 2 signboards from Corporate Signs is \$3,785-50 less the \$3,055 from QCC leaves an amount of \$730 to be funded by the JRA.

**MOTION:** That we purchase 2 signboards from Corporate Signs  
**MOVED:** Lyn Edwards **SECONDED:** Mark Croxford **CARRIED.**

j) Hume Data & Power Station – After a great deal of discussion in this regard, the following motion was proposed.

**MOTION:** In the absence of any credible independent advice and the fact that we can't make an objective assessment, the JRA will abstain from the process.  
**MOVED:** Mark Croxford **SECONDED:** Lyn Edwards **CARRIED.**

**ACTION:** Margot will write to Council to see if they put in a submission.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE – IN**

M.Alexander – Return sympathy thanks

H.Langford – Easter Raffle

D.Holmes (various emails) – Gas-fired power station

M.Downie – Speeding on Carolyn Jackson Drive and Morella Avenue

N.McCann – Canberra Airport preliminary draft master plan

Media Monitors transcript – Ross Solly interviewing Tim Overall re: Meeting

With NSW Cabinet

Media Monitors transcript – 2CC interview with Stephen Byron

Media Monitors transcript – ABC 702 Sydney re: Canberra Airport will push the Federal Govt. to become Sydney’s 2<sup>nd</sup> airport

Media Monitors transcript – ABC 702 Interview with Stephen Byron

Media Monitors transcript – ABC 666 Housing and Retail at Canb. Airport

Media Monitors transcript – WIN Canberra interview with Stephen Byron re: Latest Master Plan

Media Monitors – Canberra Times article 11/2/09 – Airport push for Sydney’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Terminal in capital

Media Monitors transcript – ABC 702 Adam Spencer with Stephen Byron – Sydney’s 2<sup>nd</sup> airport

Media Monitors transcript – ABC 702 Adam Spencer with Ben Sandilands – Sydney’s 2<sup>nd</sup> airport

Media Monitors transcript – Win Canberra interviewing Stephen Byron, Jenni Savigny (C4C) & Shane Rattenbury (Greens)

Media Monitors – Canberra Times article 13/2/09 – Qbn Council urged to move fast On Tralee

K.Ineson (VBC) – Preliminary issues relating to Draft Master Plan

A.Ananian-Cooper – Action Item & CIA MP file

D.Hope – Website statistics

S & A Pickard – Malicious damage

A.Westcott, Molonglo Catchment Coordinator – Weeds day

DeNeefe Signs – New noticeboards quote

K.Ineson VBC – South Jerrabomberra shops

J.Stanhope to VBC – Development in south Jerrabomberra

D.Keefe – Vandalism in Maple Cres.

P.Moss & D.Keefe – Council cut-backs

K.Organ – Monaro Panthers registration days

S.Whan – Invitation to cocktail party with NSW Cabinet

V.Armstrong – Water restrictions

J.Boyes – Business directory

C4C Press Release – Airport releases master plan

Media Monitors transcript – ABC 666 Airport master plan

Media Monitors transcript – ABC 666 Residential at the airport

P.Moss QCC – Invitation to attend a Forum on Volunteering

J.Young, Legislative Council – Inquiry into the NSW planning framework

S.Whan – NSW Govt. community cabinet and public forum

P.Suine, Qbn Quarry – Quarry tour

Fax n Figures – JRA matters

A.Campbell – Discussions this afternoon

Corporate Signs – Noticeboard quote

G.Chapman QCC – Ranger report & Graffiti device

Ann-Maree Hastings – Invitation

J.Hawkins – ACT Greenhouse gas submission

S.McDonald – Footpaths

Barry O’Farrell – Invitation to attend public forum 18/3/09 @ 5pm “Planning & Prosperity” at Airport International Motor Inn, Queanbeyan

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT**

H.Langford for Mike Kelly – Mike Kelly to draw Easter Raffle  
D.Holmes (various emails) – Gas fired power station & data centre  
N.McCann & A.Ananian-Cooper – Action Item  
A.Westcott – Weeds Day  
K.Organ – Monaro Panthers registration days  
V.Armstrong – Water restrictions  
J.Boyes – Business Directory  
K.Ineson VBC – JRA easter raffle prize  
Email to all members on Email – Airports draft master plan, Carolyn Jackson  
Drive/Morella Ave blogspot, Next JRA meeting  
S.Whan – Congratulations on ministerial position & Data centre  
J.Gianotis – JRA Business directory  
All JRA members on email – Jan. minutes, Lanyon Dr. duplication, Weeds Day,  
Forum on Volunteering  
R.Wright – New email address  
Director, Standing Committee on State Development – Inquiry into NSW planning  
Framework  
T.Overall QCC & M.Britton Rotary – Articles for March Newsletter  
A.Ananian-Cooper – CIA MP file  
Ann-Maree Hastings – Invitation  
T.Overall – Jerrabomberra Creek Management Plan  
G.Chapman & T.Geyer, QCC – Aquatic Centre  
S & A Pickard – Vandalism  
G.Chapman QCC – Graffiti device

## **7. TREASURERS REPORT**

As Tania was unable to attend the meeting, she had forwarded the information to Lyn Edwards.

Monies received were subscriptions totalling \$35 and the only amount outgoing was \$10 service fee on our bank account. The balance as at 17 February 2009 stands at \$4,828-27.

**MOTION:** That the Treasurers' Report be accepted

**MOVED:** Mark Croxford **SECONDED:** David Hope **CARRIED.**

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**a) Aviation Green Paper Submission** – Margot will prepare the first draft and circulate that around the committee for their input. Submissions are due in by 28 February 2009.

**b) Airport Draft Master Plan** – Margot advised that the Airport have stated, in the draft master plan, that if Tralee proceeds, then they will remove the RNP (Required Navigation Performance) protection that Jerrabomberra currently receives. It was noted that Tralee has been designed to take into account the Practical Ultimate Capacity ANEF (Aircraft Noise Exposure Forecast) and the RNP.

**MOTION:** Margot to meet with Dr. Mike Kelly, Federal Member for Eden-Monaro, and write to Steve Whan, State Member for Monaro, to bring to their attention the

JRA's concerns that we have been threatened in the Airport's 2009 Preliminary Draft Master Plan.

**MOVED:** Margot Sachse **SECONDED:** Brian Brown **CARRIED.**

At the last Canberra Airport Aircraft Noise Consultative Forum (CAANCF) meeting, one of the Action Items was that Canberra Airport was to advise the Forum, by email, when and if the Statement of Reasons for the refusal of the Master Plan is published by the Department. Margot has written to Canberra Airport asking for this to be sent out, only to be told that it is not being made public.

It was agreed that we include in our submission the fact that we were denied access to this document. It was also decided that we would write to Mike Kelly requesting he write to Minister Albanese regarding this matter. The due date for submissions is 8 May, 2009.

**c) Strategic Direction and JRA Workload** – David Hope voiced his concerns regarding the overall workload of the JRA committee. In the early days, the JRA were more of a community service organization whereas now we seem to be more of a lobby group for the local community. David suggested that we might like to think about where the JRA's future priorities lie and where we can best invest our time. Over the last few years, the JRA's workload has increased due to such issues as the Airport, the Prison, development in the Jerrabomberra Valley and issues with the ACT Government.

Discussion around the room suggested that we pick the issues where we will have the greatest effect for Jerrabomberra. It was also suggested that we have more social events such as Bar B Q's and wine tastings, if that is what the community wants. It might also help increase the membership if the JRA increases the social calendar.

**d) Easter Raffle** – Lyn advised that some of the prizes have been collected and they included a \$1200 Thredbo accommodation voucher from Village Building Co, Margot's husband Steve from Brandnet is donating a Prominent Medals of Gallipoli limited edition set valued at \$195, Bakers Delight are offering 1 months bread to a value of \$100, Ellabrie Hairdressers have donated a product gift pack valued at \$50, Dr Kaz has donated a \$50 bag of animal food, Jerra Post Office have donated a \$17 dog gift pack, Soul Pattinson Chemist have donated a Body Care pack valued at \$20, Alpha Fresh Foods at Hume have donated a \$50 gift voucher, TG's Hair Studio have donated 3 hair care vouchers valued at \$66-50, Jerra General Store are donating a gift voucher, Unique Meats are donating a \$40 meat voucher, Michel's Patisserie will be donating a gift voucher, and a \$30 meal voucher is being donated by The Jerra Restaurant.

**e) March Newsletter** – Lyn is collecting articles at present for the March Newsletter and hopes to have it to the printers by the last week in February for a mid-March delivery.

**f) Macquarie Shops** – Mark commented on the size of the shrubs in the car park and the fact that it is difficult to see on-coming traffic because of their size. Mark felt there was a need for them to be trimmed and he will draft a letter to send to Susanne

Scott, Centre Manager. In the past, we were promised a one-way system in the car park, a more thorough cleaning of the pavers at the entrance way and an overall clean up of the car park.

It was suggested that we sit down with Susanne and reiterate our concerns, and Mark will also cover this in his draft letter.

**ACTION:** Mark Croxford to draft a letter to Susanne Scott listing our concerns with regard to the shopping centre and car park and inviting her to sit down with us over coffee to discuss these matters.

**g) Weeds Day** – This has been organised through Molonglo Catchment Group (MCG), Friends of Stringybark Hill and Queanbeyan Council for Saturday 28 March 2009 from 12.30pm – 2.30pm and will look at ‘Escapees from the Garden’. Jason Robertson from QCC and Andy Westcott from MCG will be in attendance on the day. For those interested or for more information, you can contact Brian Brown on 62999613 or email [brownab@bigpond.net.au](mailto:brownab@bigpond.net.au).

**h) Malicious Damage in Maple Crescent** – The JRA were informed about some acts of malicious damage in Maple Crescent at the end of January and also at the beginning of February. These incidents have been reported to the police. Margot rang the Crime Prevention Officer at Queanbeyan Police station but they never returned her call.

**i) Speeding & Hooning on Carolyn Jackson Drive & Morella Avenue** – Local resident M.Downie has produced a flyer and web blog for residents of Carolyn Jackson Drive and Morella Avenue as a protest against speeding and hoon drivers. He, like many Jerrabomberra residents is very concerned that it is only a matter of time before someone is injured or killed on these roads. The Local Traffic Committee considered traffic calming measures for Halloran Drive at their last meeting, but traffic calming line markings for Morella Avenue, which were due to be applied last year, have been delayed due to lack of resources in the Engineering Department. Things are moving very slowly on this matter. The web blog can be found at <http://cjd-morella-jerra-stop-the-speedway.blogspot.com/>

A petition from residents on Bicentennial Drive was presented to Council in June 2008 regarding the traffic calming measures proposed, bike paths and parking and nothing has happened.

Mark suggested that we invite the Police Superintendent to one of our meetings to discuss malicious damage, speeding and vandalism.

**ACTION:** Mark to draft a letter inviting the Police Superintendent to a forthcoming meeting.

**j) Curfew 4 Canberra** – Brian advised that he attended their meeting on Monday 16 February 2009 and they are seeking a seat on the Airport’s CAANCF. They put their petitions to the Petitions Committee and the head of this committee said that Brian & Rob (C4C secretary) should be on that particular committee. They have used this recommendation to write to the Airport stating that a parliamentary committee has stated that they should be a part of this process. They are now awaiting a reply from the Airport.

Brian also asked if the JRA would be willing to donate another \$100 to C4C, as we have previously done.

Margot pointed out that we will be quite low on funds once we have paid out for the noticeboards and we can't afford it at this point in time.

Brian is also looking for someone to take over his role as JRA representative on the C4C committee. He stressed that it doesn't involve a huge amount of work as the committee only meet once a month in Hackett, so anyone from the Jerrabomberra community, who is interested in seeing a curfew at Canberra Airport, would be most welcome and can contact Brian for further information as noted in 8g) above.

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.30pm.

***The next meeting of the JRA will take place on Wednesday 18 March 2009 at 7.30pm in the Banksia Room at the Community Centre and any resident is more than welcome to attend.***