

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC
26TH JULY 2006**

1.PRESENT

Lyn Edwards, Dwayne Keefe, David Hope, Margot Sachse, Brian Brown, Kel Watt, Det. Insp. Shane Box and 12 JRA members.

2.APOLOGIES

Tania Rynne, Paul Whalan, Kathryn Tse, Sandy Funston.

3.CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Moved: Lyn Edwards **Seconded:** David Hope **Carried.**

4.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Queanbeyan Land Inquiry – Just after our last meeting, Village Building Company put out a flier with regard to Tralee and as a result of this, the ACT Government forwarded a supplementary submission to the Land Inquiry. It was suggested that the JRA also lodge a supplementary submission but due to the lack of time available it was decided that the JRA had submitted a balanced submission in the first instance. It was noted that the Secondary School Committee lodged a further submission and that this had been accepted.
- b) Shopping Centre Management Letter – This was forwarded to Macquarie Countrywide Trust and in the past few weeks Margot has been endeavouring to contact them via phone but as yet, has been unable to do so. She will persist with this.
- c) Draft Management Plan – The money for Stringybark Hill has been approved. \$5,000 for cricket nets has been funded in this financial year. The watering system for the proposed park between Mariners Court and Tamarind Place has been approved but no money has, as yet, been put allocated for this project.

5.CORRESPONDENCE IN

Chirps – Forwarded a bill for our Public Liability Insurance

Steve Whan – copy of a media release regarding the cross border water agreement

Gary Nairn – copy of a media release regarding water sharing memorandum of understanding

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ACTPLA – response to Village Building Company flier on proposed school for the Tralee/Poplars area

D.I.Shane Box (email) – agreeing to speak at our July meeting

R.Louis – writing with regard to the proposed Telstra tower in the Jerra Roundabout and including a copy of a report into the safety risks associated with these towers

P.Doyle – requesting our advice on the lack of direct transport from Jerrabomberra to Civic

P.McConnell – advising of teenagers playing atop the water tank on Mt. Jerrabomberra and also vehicles and bikes in this area.

6.CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Queanbeyan City Council – we forwarded our application in the General Donation Scheme

D.I.Shane Box – inviting him to attend our July Meeting.

7.TREASURERS' REPORT

Tania was absent from the meeting but forwarded her report. The bank balance as at 30th June, 2006 was \$4,818-36. Subscription renewals have been emailed out to those with email and other members will receive their renewal reminders with this issue of the Minutes.

Motion: That Tania be authorised to pay the Public Liability Insurance of \$779-35

Moved: Kel Watt, **Seconded:** David Hope, **Carried.**

8.GENERAL BUSINESS

a)Mirrabebe Project – Brian advised that 2 of the 3 gates have been purchased and will be installed over the next 3 weeks. The Department of Environment & Conservation have \$50,000 to spend on this project. This is for land restoration and to install preventative measures to stop vehicular access to this area. Signs will be placed around the perimeter of the land and Shane Robinson from Queanbeyan Police is checking on the legal wording to be used on the signs.

b)Review and Update of JRA Objectives – Tania has been working hard drafting a revised copy of the rules. Margot acknowledged that Tania has done a great job. A draft copy of the new rules & objectives will be issued to the committee before the next meeting for their consideration and then there will be a special JRA meeting in early September for all members to vote on the changes to the rules and objectives. Lyn to check and book room at Community Centre.

c)Walking Track Map Update – Margot is working on producing a brochure showing all the walking tracks around the suburb and it is envisaged that this will be launched in Spring. It will show significant features around Jerrabomberra and this will be especially useful to new residents, ie defence families, upon arrival into the community.

d)CAANCF July Meeting Report – Margot attended this meeting and the following were discussed –

- Qantas is continuing to train its crew to use the off-set approach to the southern runway. The use of this approach will be implemented slowly as it can only be used on 737-800 aircraft and then only with a fully trained crew. Qantas expects that all the crew will be trained by September.
- The Canberra Airport tower manager stated that even if there were a curfew, freight aircraft could still fly day and night.
- The airport is currently tendering for more lights on the side of the runway and for centre lighting.

- There were 2.5 million passengers in 05/06. This is only a small increase on previous years.
- The runway extension will not be used until the blast fence is built near Pialligo Avenue
- The Instrument Landing System (ILS) was switched back on, on the 12th July, after being switched off for the runway extension project
- The airport has been closed from 10pm-6am since April as a result of the runway extension and strengthening works. The JRA informed the meeting that this shows that a curfew could work at Canberra Airport.
- There are major traffic issues around the airport and the ACT government has set up a subcommittee to find a solution by the end of the year. The airport undertook some traffic studies and found that traffic on Majura Road has jumped from 4,000 to 16,000 since Horsepark Road has opened. Most of the traffic is going from Majura Road south ie Fyshwick, not to the airport or into the city, as previously thought. It will cost \$150 million to duplicate Monaro Highway, \$40 million to duplicate the bridge over the river and \$10 million to duplicate Pialligo Avenue. The ACT government is cash strapped and all road funds are going to building the GDE. A solution isn't looking too promising, but the sub committee will meet again in October.

e)Poplar Removal – There is a problem with Poplars near Bayside Court sending suckers into neighbouring properties and causing risk of injury and structural issues with foundations. The Council could poison them and then in 12 months time, remove the dead trees and plant mature new ones but there is concern that the removal will leave the area around Lake Jerrabomberra from Bayside Court to the wharf very bare for many years. The JRA have been contacted to liaise between Council and residents and it was suggested that we call a public meeting to discuss this issue. It was suggested that we could send out a media release and also put articles in the Chronicle and also in the JRA noticeboard. If the Council do pull all the trees down at once, we want, in writing, when replanting will take place and what species will be used. Margot will liaise with Council to prepare the media information kit for residents.

f)Margot asked for suggestions for a speaker at our AGM in November.

g)Kel suggested that we obtain some facts or tips from the Police on how to make our houses more secure, advise the numbers for the Police Assistance Line and Queanbeyan Police station and put this information on our noticeboard.

h)Margot welcomed Kel Watt and Dwayne Keefe as new members of the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

The next meeting of the JRA will be held on **Wednesday 23rd August, 2006** at 7.30pm and any JRA member is more than welcome to attend. This meeting will be attended by members of the local **Fire Brigade Union**.

APPENDIX A: MATTERS DISCUSSED WITH DET. INSP. SHANE BOX, QUEANBEYAN POLICE

Recent Spate of Burglaries – In June, there were 16 Break & Enters but up until the 25th July there were none. Due to this unusually high increase, police mounted an operation in Jerrabomberra. Police believe they know who are responsible and did stop a car that was of interest to them and the occupants were found to have some evidence on them but this was not enough for an arrest to be made. Their mode of operation was using a Stillson wrench to break off the door handles to gain access to the property.

Other Jerrabomberra police statistics – vandalism 2 in June and 3 in July; Stealing from vehicles none in June and 3 in July; shoplifting 1 in June, 0 in July.

What do we do? – Report any thefts or vandalism so the police can build up a picture of what is happening here, report any problems, don't leave cars unlocked, don't leave valuables visible in cars, ring Queanbeyan Police to report minor offences such as plants being uprooted, don't leave car windows down when the car is unattended, lock your home securely before going out. For more information, Shane Robinson is the Crime Prevention Officer who should be contacted.

What are our rights if we catch someone on or in our premises? Protect yourself with reasonable force.

Speeders and Hoons – It is a worry that the Jerrabomberra streetscape is being defaced by 'hoons'. ACT registered cars can still be traced as the NSW police liaise with the ACT police in these situations. The police have mounted blitzes over the past few months between Edwin Land Parkway and the Jerrabomberra Roundabout and also trail bikes in the bush. These blitzes have been successful. Vehicles can be confiscated if police see them hooning. Ring Queanbeyan police station to report cars doing burnouts and the Police Assistance Line for malicious damage. In winter, the main focus is on road trauma on the Monaro and Federal Highways as skiers use these roads to access the ski fields.

A question was raised as to the likelihood of a police presence in Jerrabomberra but this isn't a viable option due to funding restraints – we could lobby our politicians for more funding.

An incident was raised where kids were setting fire to the toilets and rubbish bins at Madew Oval – in these instances it is up to the individual whether they want to get involved but any such incidences should be reported to police.

Margot asked if our thanks could be passed on to the other Queanbeyan Police for the marvellous job they did in getting rid of the trail bikes from the bushland.

Illegal parking at the shops – Council rangers can take action on this issue as well as police. We will be pushing the Council on this – Brian will follow this up with the Traffic Committee. It was also suggested that the carpark have a one-way traffic system and D.I. Box suggested there should be a Traffic Management Plan which was submitted when the building application was lodged. This item will be followed up. It was further suggested that an exit onto Edwin Land Parkway might be worth investigating and Brian will follow this up also, with the Traffic Committee.