

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC
25TH JULY 2007**

Margot welcomed Federal Member for Eden-Monaro & Special Minister of State, Gary Nairn to the meeting and also those in attendance.

1. PRESENT

Gary Nairn, Margot Sachse, Lyn Edwards, Tania Rynne, Mark Croxford, Paul Whalan, Brian Brown, Lachlan Mercer, John Clark, Mathew Figgis, Barbara Garland, Dwayne Keefe, Dorothy Lawson, Val Treverrow.

2. APOLOGIES

Jim Horan, Kathryn Tse.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Moved: Mark Croxford, **Seconded:** Brian Brown **Carried.**

Standing Orders were suspended and Gary Nairn addressed the meeting.

4. GARY NAIRN – FEDERAL MEMBER FOR EDEN-MONARO & SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE

Canberra International Airport

Margot gave a brief account of the background in relation to the Canberra International Airports (CIA) draft Aircraft Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF). The JRA have made a submission in relation to this and have also written to the Hon Mark Vaile, Minister for Transport and Regional Services, stating the information provided in the draft ANEF report is new, that the community does not understand the extent of the impact of what is proposed by CIA, community consultation must be undertaken as it is a major amendment to the current Master Plan and the JRA seeks an immediate assurance that the Airport application for the new ANEF is handled accordingly.

CIA is predicting 282,120 movements per year by 2050 (currently the same as for Gatwick Airport in London) and 20 movements per night between midnight and 5am. 747 Long haul flights will use a 15 degree offset approach and this will bring them around the base of Tuggeranong and 20m lower over Jerrabomberra, due to the fact that they will touch down at the very end of the runway.

Gary Nairn advised that he is following this issue closely and that CIA are required to do forward projections however, this latest ANEF is dramatically different to that which appeared in the Master Plan. Gary Nairn has not spoken directly with Mark Vaile on this matter but has had discussions with his advisors. Margot asked Gary if he would support us on this and make representations on behalf of the community however, he stated that the airport is a strategic

asset for the region and he could not object to overseas flights as this provides jobs for the community.

The role that AirServices Australia (ASA) plays is only to check the calculations regarding the ANEF contours but the JRA believe that they should look beyond the checks and verify the data that underpins them.

The Anglican Diocese, who are planning to build a high school in the valley, need a surety about the land they are being given by 2008 in order to have the school open in February 2009. At the moment there are legal proceedings occurring between Village Building Co. (VBC) and ASA and no decision, at Federal level, will be made while this legal action is pending. It is also not Mark Vaile's responsibility to approve or disapprove of this planning matter as it is a NSW responsibility, however, the area within the airports precinct comes under Federal jurisdiction. Frank Sartor, NSW Planning Minister, has written to Mark Vaile and a copy of this letter was tabled at Queanbeyan City Council (QCC). Frank Sartor states that he has no faith in the ANEF's as it is akin to a developer assessing his own proposal and then writing out their approval.

Brian Brown asked Gary Nairn if he would support a curfew from 11pm – 6am and Gary advised that he would not support a curfew at this time.

Broadband

Lachlan Mercer spoke about the broadband blackspots experienced by some residents in Waterfall Ridge and asked Gary Nairn what options were available. Gary advised that Telstra would move reasonably quickly once there was competition and it is proposed that ASL2+ (20Mbps) and WiMax (12Mbps) is earmarked for this region, through the "Australia Connected" initiative to be started in September 2007 and completed by 2009. Another option is that if you were unable to obtain ADSL from any provider, then you would be eligible for a subsidy for satellite through the Federal Government's Australian Broadband Guarantee. A joint venture between Optus and Elders (OPEL) will be building this new network. Further details can be found at www.broadbandnow.gov.au.

Aquatic Centre

Margot informed the meeting that she is the JRA's representative on the Aquatic Centre Working Group and they are currently looking at plans in order to develop a concept plan. At this stage, the proposed pool complex will consist of an 8 lane 50m indoor pool, programme pool, toddlers pool and hydro-therapy pool with seating for 800. The working group are seeking funding for this project and Margot asked Gary Nairn if there were any Federal grants that could be applied for and he advised that we were eligible to apply for funding through the Regional Partnerships Programme.

They had recently approved a similar facility in Mackay.

Roads

12 months ago the Federal Government gave the ACT Government \$5m towards upgrading the road from Sheppard Street to the Monaro Highway through the Roads to Recovery Programme. To date, only initial surveying has taken place and Gary Nairn urged us to continue pressuring

the ACT Government to have this upgrade completed. The NSW Government are funding road widening from the Lanyon/Tomsitt Drive roundabout up to, and including, the Lanyon Drive bridge however, the section from the Lanyon Dr bridge to Sheppard Street is still not funded and we should continue to lobby the ACT Government to have this section upgraded also.

Gary Nairn advised that the continuation of Edwin Land Parkway to Cooma Street would start before the end of this year. Margot raised her concerns that speeding on this straight stretch of road could have dire consequences unless speed limiting devices, such as slow points or speed humps, were incorporated in the final design. Gary noted that the Federal Government funds the road, and isn't involved in the road design and that we need to take our concerns up with Council.

Australian Technical College (ATC)

Gary Nairn informed the meeting that the ATC would, ultimately, be attached to the High School at Tralee. In the meantime, a temporary College will be opened in Queanbeyan in 2008.

Margot thanked Gary Nairn for addressing our meeting and Standing Orders were resumed.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Telstra Box Screening – this is currently being done.
- Submission to Canberra International Airport – this was emailed today.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – IN

- NSW Dept. Planning – FOI request – denied
- Chirps – Forwarded a bill for our Public Liability Insurance \$1,079
- Cutting from the Australian newspaper – Land fight puts focus on airport Plans
- Email, S.Hudson – new email address
- Email, P.Finely – issue with June minutes
- Email, S.Brennan – issue with June minutes
- Email, G.Willans – Draft airport noise forecast
- Email, L.Mercer – Draft airport noise forecast
- Email, R.Pymont – Qbn & District Preschool Association
- Email, T.Mavec – Truck parking in Brudenell Dr.
- Email, Ms K. – Truck parking in Brudenell Dr.
- J. & B Manning – Change of address
- Media Release, Sen. H.Coonan – BroadbandNow – Helping all Australians Get Connected
- Advertisement from Village Building Co – Aircraft Noise
- Email, D.Keefe – Qbn Malicious Damage Prevention Strategy
- Email, I.Pascoe – JRA membership renewal
- Email, I.Hayes – JRA membership renewal
- Email, B.Brown – QCC meeting 4/7/07
- Email, L.Moulden, Macquarie Real Estate – Bikes in Jerra Shopping Centre
- Email, R.Lulham – QMD Prevention Strategy
- Email, P.Moss QCC – Healthy Communities 07/08 Project Funding

Email, Brigitte K. – Illegal truck parking
Email, A.Ananian-Cooper – AirServices Report RNP
Email, N.McCann CIA – RNP departures Runway 17 CIA
Canberra International Airport – Changes to RNP flight paths
Frank Pangallo QCC – Aircraft Noise Issues
Email, G.Harvey – state of shopping centre
Email, P & T Spencer – issue with June Minutes
Email, P Smith – issue with June minutes
Email, M Maunder – CAANCF agenda
Email, A Sinclair – Malicious damage report
Email, J Rodda – Meeting with Gary Nairn
Email, E Lozberis – Aircraft Noise petition
Email, B Brown – QMD prevention strategy
Email, C Blyth – JRA membership

7. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT

Email, T.Mavec QCC – Truck Parking on Brudenell Drive
Application for General Donations Grant – QCC
Email, R.Pymont – Qbn & District Preschool Association
CIA – CIA Practical Ultimate Capacity ANEF
Hon. Mark Vaile, Transport & Regional Services – ANEF submission
B.Winnel VBC – thanks for donating 1st Prize for JRA Raffle
T.Mavec QCC – Truck Parking
JRA members – ANEF at Canberra Airport
P & T Spencer – issue with June minutes
S. Brennan – issue with June minutes
JRA members – subscription renewal
C. Blyth – JRA membership
JRA Members – June Minutes

8. TREASURERS' REPORT

- a) Low Fee Bank Account – Tania asked that we hold off on this for the time being as we will see if Bendigo Bank are interested in opening a branch in Jerrabomberra
- b) QCC General Donations Scheme – This was lodged today. We have asked for an amount of \$1,500 in order to help offset the costs of our Public Liability Insurance and the replacement of our noticeboards on Tompsitt Drive.
- c) General – the balance as at 25th July 2007, was \$4,153-82. Payments were made for the FOI gift, stationery and printing supplies. Monies received were for subscription renewals totalling \$205.

As our public liability insurance is now due, it was suggested that we look around for other prices.

Motion: Margot and Tania to investigate other public liability insurance (s) and arrange payment

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

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Development in Jerrabomberra Valley Update – No development will proceed until the current legal action between Village Building Co. and AirServices Australia is finalised.

b) Media Strategy re: draft ANEF – the court case between VBC and ASA will have a bearing on the media strategy we employ in this regard. The sub-committee will draft a strategy for consideration at the next meeting. (ACTION ITEM)

ACTION: Circulate the Mark Vaile letter to representatives in the Senate and also write to each member of the ACT Legislative Assembly.

c) Edwin Land Parkway – This has been dealt with by Gary Nairn above.

d) Broadband – This has been dealt with above.

e) Community Security Project Update – Dwayne advised that he has been in touch with Rohan Lulham from CHD Partners, who have been engaged by QCC to develop a Malicious Damage Prevention Strategy. Rohan has advised that there seems to be general support in regard to a Youth Forum and with regard to gates and lighting at Madew Oval, this will take at least 2 months for planning and funding to be approved by Council.

It was disappointing to note that the Queanbeyan Police are not taking an active role on the SCAN (Safe Communities And Neighbourhoods) committee.

Margot wrote to Steve Whan regarding the long delays with the 131444 number but, as yet, we have received no reply.

ACTION: Margot to write to Steve Whan about the poor attendance by Police on the SCAN committee and request a reply to our letter on the 131444 number. Also, mention the time lag between the duplication of Monaro Highway and Lanyon Drive.

f) Mirrabee Update – Brian advised that the Mirrabee Project is now finished. The final section of rural fencing has been erected on Edwin Land Parkway where the houses finish and a gate has been installed in Murruba Place. Mirrabee signs have been placed on the fencing around the Mirrabee Land stating that it is private property.

As most of Stringybark Hill has now been fenced off, there are only a few gaps where trailbikes can access the bushland so it will be easier for the police to patrol these areas in order to catch illegal bike riders.

g) Myna Bird Trapping Update – Brian advised that this exercise, in conjunction with QCC, has been very successful with a number of public areas targeted over the school holidays. There is a group in Canberra called the Canberra Indian Myna Action Group (CIMAG) and their website can be found at www.indianmynaaction.org.au for more information or to subscribe to their free newsletter. For those who would like to be involved in trapping myna birds or building a trap, please email Brian Brown at ambibrown@bigpond.com

ACTION: Brian to draft an article to go with these Minutes.

h) Canberra Airport Noise Forum Update – Margot attended this meeting on the 11th July, where she learned that the airport's offer to provide QCC with digital data has now been withdrawn. The airport's earlier assurance that the new high school site would not be affected by the new ANEF has also been found to be incorrect with the airport stating that Stephen Byron had misunderstood the draft ANEF report when discussed at the February 2007 meeting with Minister Sartor. The next meeting of this Forum will take place in November.

i) Jerrabomberra Cup – Paul Whalan will liaise with Queanbeyan Racing Club regarding this and will also speak with David Hope to ascertain whether the School will take an active role at this event.

j) Bendigo Bank – Chris, the ACT representative for Bendigo Bank, is keen to start something here in Jerrabomberra due to the foreseeable growth in the Jerrabomberra Valley. He requires 2 weeks notice if we decide to have him speak at one of our meetings.

k) Next Meeting – Steve Whan is a confirmed speaker for our next meeting.

l) Footpaths on Waterfall Drive – Lachlan Mercer stressed the need for a footpath on Waterfall Drive as it was a dangerous stretch for pedestrians to walk on the roadway.

ACTION: Margot to forward a copy of the Council's footpath construction program to Lachlan.

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

The next meeting of the JRA will be held on Wednesday 22nd August, 2007 in the Banksia Room at the Community Centre and any JRA member is more than welcome to attend.

Please note Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, will address our meeting in August