

**JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING 17 JULY 2009**

**1. PRESENT**

D.Lawson, V.Treverrow, V.Barger, T.Sims, L.Edwards, M.Sachse, B.Brown, D.Hope, J.Gordon, K.Howatson, A.Ubribien, D.Smith, K.McGilvray, P.Haddon, M.Croxford, R.Kelly, M.Kelly.

**2. APOLOGIES**

A.Williams, J.Lee, J.Bowles, J.Hawkins, T.Rynne, P.Henry.

*Standing Orders were suspended and Mike Kelly, Member for Eden-Monaro, addressed the meeting.*

**3. DR MIKE KELLY AM, MP**

Margot welcomed Dr Kelly, Member for Eden-Monaro, to the meeting.

Dr Kelly gave a brief update on issues in the area.

-The Eden-Monaro area has received the biggest injection of Commonwealth funding in the history of this region. Funds have been directed at health, education, roads and community infrastructure.

-Dr Kelly advised that, as of today, it has been confirmed that planning for Stage 2 of the Lanyon Drive Project has been finalised and approved and this will commence shortly and expected to be completed by early 2011.

-On 27 July 2009, Minister for Health & Ageing Nicola Roxon, will be making an announcement regarding the new Super Clinic for Queanbeyan.

-\$200,000 going to Jerrabomberra Public School for the installation of 'smart' white boards and other maintenance; \$3m to additional classrooms and dispensing with the demountable classrooms, the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA), extension of the main school hall and a new toilet block.

-In excess of \$400,000 of State funds for the Jerrabomberra Public School to extend the administration and other works.

Traffic Study

Dr Kelly advised that he is concerned about this as he opposes any by-pass that comes through the middle of Jerrabomberra. The major traffic study that Dr Kelly actually funded (\$100,000) did point to using Ellerton Drive extension off Cooma Road to try and get traffic going out that way but the Federal Government are determined to look at this closely. No one from council has approached Dr Kelly requesting federal funding support for any particular option.

Council appear to have reneged on commitments made to the JRA during council elections.

Margot gave Dr Kelly a brief account of what transpired at the Traffic Meeting last night (14 July). Queanbeyan Council hired Gabites Porter to do a technical study however no terms of reference were included in the report nor could QCC produce the terms of reference - it was difficult to ascertain what QCC asked the consultants to do. The General Manager, Gary Chapman, pointed out two things – 1. that this was a technical engineering report and, 2. that they had to develop a plan that was legally defensible in court against the developers based on developer contributions.

This study was called the Queanbeyan Transport Report Overview but Council have since changed that to the Strategic Plan. Now they have developed a Plan that has only the engineering components in it – they haven't included the social, community or environmental impacts or any form of cost benefit analysis that is absolutely critical to be included in a plan. Had they added these in, the results would have been very, very different.

QCC have had very clear instructions from the NSW Planning Department about having to reserve the land for Dunns Creek Road and the popular conclusion is that Dunns Creek Road is critical to solve the Googong traffic problems. The JRA is shocked to see that this has been totally discounted and what we have been able to ascertain is that our QCC General Manager is firmly focussed on Ellerton Drive as the only option.

QCC have locked in 26 August Council meeting to approve the Ellerton Drive extension and will then be seeking State and Federal funds for this \$100m road.

One memorable comment from the meeting was “where in the world do you put a by-pass through the middle of a suburb that is family central?”

Former Planning Minister, Frank Sartor, specified in his report that the ambience of the current community was not to be jeopardised by these 2 green-field development sites.

Dr Kelly reiterated the fact that he was opposed to the idea of the by-pass coming through the middle of Jerrabomberra and QCC would have to provide some overwhelming argument for him to change his mind. He has always been in favour of pursuing the Dunns Creek Road option as a priority and he intends to continue to pursue the Council about making sure that it is at the top of the roads' agenda and address it as a priority. Dr Kelly also noted that he had not seen any proposal put to either State or Federal Government and assumes that Council will need additional funding and they have not factored this into any of their considerations at this stage. “It won't happen without us being happy with the concept”, Dr Kelly stated.

The Jerrabomberra community would really like Dr Kelly to get in touch with the Council as soon as possible and get to the bottom of this as it looks like this will be pushed through at the 26 August council meeting.

The JRA understand that the solution is a combination between Ellerton Drive and Dunns Creek Road because Googong is going ahead and we know Ellerton Drive is going to take a lot of traffic out and around Pialligo Avenue but also acquiring the land for Dunns Creek Road is the second part of fixing the problem.

Dr Kelly assured us that he would speak with NSW Planning Minister, Kristina Keneally, this week and see where things are at with her department. Dr Kelly also reiterated that he doesn't want to see Jerrabomberra turned into a major thoroughfare.

### Canberra Airport

Submissions to the Airports Draft Master Plan were lodged in February this year and the objective is to have the white paper out later this year (no date at this point in time). The green paper very encouragingly included mechanisms to ensure that the community be formally involved in any process around the airport master plans in future including anything to do with flight paths etc.

Margot made mention of the discussion paper 'Safeguards for airports and the communities around them' which has been released by the Federal Government however Dr Kelly stated that there is no way Canberra Airport is going to be Sydney's second airport and out of the green paper/white paper process, there will be a decision about Sydney's second airport. The second Sydney airport will be somewhere closer to Sydney. Also, the parallel third runway at Canberra Airport will also not be happening as Defence land would have to be acquired for this to happen and Defence need that Majura Training area.

Dr Kelly also stated that the Goulburn option for the 24/7 freight hub concept is being pursued and they are going to build the inter-modal terminal at Moorebank.

Margot made mention that the completion of the new terminal at Canberra Airport could result in more flights coming in at night if they miss the curfew at Sydney. Dr Kelly said that he could see an increase in flights happening but Canberra Airport does experience a high incidence of fog and this could impact on additional arrivals or departures.

With regard to aircraft noise, there has been a 60% reduction in aircraft noise just in the last 20 years or so and every aircraft in the future will get quieter due to better technology – the new Dreamliner is much quieter than the current array of passenger planes but the freight planes are the worry as they use much older aircraft.

### Mobile Phone Tower

Dr Kelly has checked with Telstra regarding Vodafone's addition to the tower in the middle of Jerrabomberra Circle and he can confirm that as this addition is classified as 'low impact' so therefore no development application is required and Telstra have no power to prevent them from doing the extension.

**ACTION:** That this issue be included on the agenda for next month's meeting with Mayor Tim Overall.

### Broadband

**Question:** Can Telstra provide better access for alternative service providers to offer ADSL2+ capabilities in the area?

**Answer:** Not at the moment because this has nothing to do with competitors, they just don't have the capacity to provide that extra access, so basically, the system is full. In the short term you could go with satellite or wireless, the long term solution is the MDM which will deliver fibre directly to your premises which will give you 100

megabits per second speed. This should be under way by early 2010 and will be rolled out over a period of 8 years.

#### Sporting Facilities

The Federal Government have recently provided \$2.2m for the new indoor sports centre in Queanbeyan. Dr Kelly has spoken with Village Building Co (VBC) as they are planning to include the aquatic centre as part of the Tralee development so he will talk to them about the scale of the project and the Federal Government might be able to help with that. Dr Kelly suggested that we speak with Gary Hetherington from Pambula who was instrumental in getting their aquatic centre up and running.

Margot asked whether Dr Kelly was aware of any instances where a partnership was formed between a community group and private business to be able to fund a major project to provide community facilities however he stated that a project as large as the aquatic centre would have to include Council as they would be funding recurrent maintenance issues, but would be more than happy to write a letter of support.

The Federal Government has committed another \$120m for Strategic Infrastructure projects to Councils so a lot of that depends on what the Council prioritises. Dr Kelly will engage in discussions with QCC in this regard but the JRA could also urge them to ensure the aquatic centre for Jerrabomberra is high on their list.

Dr Kelly suggested that if the proposed Bendigo Bank was established in Jerrabomberra, then they might be able to donate some funds towards the aquatic centre infrastructure. Dr Kelly also confirmed that if a Jerrabomberra branch of the Bendigo Bank does get up and running, he has committed to deposit his electoral allowance in the Jerrabomberra branch.

#### Future Employment in the Jerrabomberra Valley

Dr Kelly advised that he has been trying to get Spark Solar into the Tralee technology park as they have massive potential and envisage employing 1000 people in the future.

Margot thanked Dr Kelly for addressing our meeting and Standing Orders were resumed.

#### **4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

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

Despite not being a true and accurate reflection of the meeting as some of the questions and answers were inaudible on the tape and therefore could not be included in the Minutes.

**Moved:** Mark Croxford **Seconded:** Kim Howatson **Carried.**

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

5.1 Telstra Tower – This issue was to be added to the agenda for tonight’s meeting with Mike Kelly and this has been covered above.

5.2 Tralee High School – Margot was to contact Bishop Stewart to organise a meeting and this has been arranged for 13 August where Margot, Brian and David will meet

with Graham Willard and Bishop Stewart at the bishop's office in Reid to discuss the proposed Anglican High School at Tralee.

**ACTION:** Margot to report the results of this meeting at the next JRA meeting in August.

5.3 Photographs – Lyn was to obtain a set of photographs from the recent photographic competition in Queanbeyan and these have been obtained for our archives.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE – IN**

- J.Johnson – Woolworths
- N.Dowie – Aviation Green Paper
- J&C Adamson – Queanbeyan Bypass
- J.Bowles – Bypass
- Discussion Paper – Safeguards for airports & the communities around them
- A.Rocca, QCC – JRA media release – Qbn Traffic Study
- M.Maunder – BBP Aerial photo June 2009; CACF 16 July 2009;
- Canberra Airport Consultative Forum (CACF) Agenda 16 July 2009
- CACF Terms of Reference
- J.Gordon – New traffic arrangements @ Village shops
- S.Scott, MREMS – New traffic arrangements
- T.Overall – Mayors column for JRA Newsletter
- Media Monitors – Mark Parton 2CC interview with Stephen Byron – National Aviation policy discussion paper proposing stronger noise protection Around airports
- Media Monitors – Article from CT 29 June 2009 – Airport review threat to Tralee
- Media Monitors – Ross Solly ABC 666 interview with Stephen Byron – Discussion about Tralee
- Media Monitors – Ross Solly ABC 666 interview with Ken Ineson, VBC – Discussion about Tralee
- J.Talbot – Workshop on Community land
- J.Dillon – JRA membership
- M&M Sebbens – JRA membership resignation
- B.Black – Mobile phone tower
- M.Maunder – Canberra Airport – Major Development plan – western concourse Terminal extension – Preliminary draft June 2009
- Media Monitors – Qbn. Age 16 June 2009 – Tralee land on track
- K.Chisholm – Workshop on community land
- K.Stone – Workshop on community land
- Media Monitors – SMH 19 June 2009 -Airport warns on new homes plan
- G.Merryweather, Qbn. Police – Village car park
- P.Cahill – Woolies feedback
- Media Monitors – WIN news item – Residential development @ Tralee
- Media Monitors – ABC666 – Discussion on Tralee Development with S.Whan
- Media Monitors – Northside Chronicle 30/6/09 – Freight hub still draws ire
- T.Harb – JRA business directory
- Jerrabomberra Community Centre – Breach in the conditions of use
- A.Hope - \$35m NSW State Govt. Grant Program now open
- V.Armstrong – Response to Qbn. 2031 Transport report overview
- Canberra Insurance Brokers – Public Liability renewal

- Media Release – C4C ebrief
- L.Lyon – Classes in Queanbeyan
- P.Haddon – Jerra Village shops parking
- Media Release, John Barilaro – Slow & Steady on traffic report
- C.Whitelum, CIC – Framed photos of Jerra.
- A.Williams – Apology for July meeting
- J.Lee – Apology for July meeting; JRA minutes
- J.Bowles – Apology for July meeting; By-pass
- N.McCann – Canberra Airport Consultative Forum (CACF) meeting notes; Safeguarding airports;
- Battye Family – Jerrabomberra Preschool Action group; JRA minutes
- A.Davis – Jerrabomberra Rotary
- G.Willans – ‘Safeguarding’ discussion paper; Majura Parkway; Request for meeting; Ministers Duty to apply commonsense
- R.Kafer – JRA minutes
- A.Barclay – YWCA Canberra scoping the needs of young people in Jerrabomberra
- G.Chapman – Jerrabomberra street names
- P.Spyve – Mayoral column
- S.Ryder – Woolworths; JRA minutes
- C.Hobbs – Workshop on community land
- V.Treverrow – JRA matters
- J.McDonald – Queanbeyan Age 26/6/09; Article Canberra Times, 24/6/09
- N.Dowie – Aviation green paper – release of Safeguarding discussion paper
- C.Adamson – Queanbeyan by-pass
- J.Johnson – Woolworths
- J.Reynolds – Article-Pratt & Whitney PurePower geared turbofan – green and quiet jet engine
- A.Ananian-Cooper – Western concourse terminal MDP public meeting reminder
- R.Moss – Email address
- D.Keefe – Local explosion

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT**

- K.Stone, K.Chisholm – Workshop on community land
- J.Dillon – JRA membership
- J.Talbot – Workshop on community land
- T.Overall, QCC – Mayors column for JRA Newsletter; Community meeting at Jerrabomberra re traffic study
- S.Scott, MREMS – New traffic arrangements
- Email to all QCC Councillors – Media Release – Queanbeyan Traffic Study
- P.Johnson, C.Hobbs, G.Cameron, C.Hunter – Workshop on community land
- M.Sachse, B.Brown, S.Stefek, T.Overall, D.Keefe, C.Hunter – Articles for JRA July Newsletter
- G.Merryweather – Village Shops new traffic arrangements
- JRA Media Release – Queanbeyan Council ignores residents traffic study concerns
- J.Becker, Qbn. Library – Jerrabomberra Street names
- JRA Submission – Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan (PAMP)
- To all JRA members on email – Traffic study report, Traffic flow changes @ Village Shops, C4C, Wheelie bins, Next JRA meeting, Membership renewals
- N&N Marsh – November 09 wine tasting

- T.Harb – Details added to JRA business directory
- Media Article – Jerrabomberra community ‘bypassed’ in Traffic Study
- All members on email – June minutes & key diary dates
- All members not on email – New photocopying charges
- Bishop Robinson – Meeting invitation
- All members on email – This week’s meetings and C4C ebrief
- A.Costin, Paragon Printers – Newsletter delivery information
- L.Lyon – Classes in Queanbeyan
- S.Scott, MREMS & A.Dalgleish, Woolies – Jerra Village shops parking
- C.Whitelum, CIC – Framed photos of Jerra.
- Battye Family – Jerrabomberra Preschool Action group
- C.McIntosh – Meeting reminder
- S.McDonald – Meeting reminder; Story and column
- P.Haddon – Jerra Village shops parking
- K.Ineson VBC – CFM; Workshop on community land; JRA media release
- Forbes – Letter from the JRA
- J.Becker & G.Chapman – Jerrabomberra street names
- B.Black – Mobile phone tower
- S.Ryder – Woolworths
- N.McCann – Map
- J.Bowles & C.Adamson – Bypass
- M.Sawa – PAMP submission

## **8. JERRABOMBERRA PRESCHOOL UPDATE**

Margot welcomed David Smith and Kay McGilvray to the meeting where they gave us an update on where things are at with a preschool for Jerrabomberra.

Originally, it was proposed to erect a portable building at the rear of the community centre for a preschool however, at the time, DOCS had no money for preschools. The Federal Government has since released a large package that has the potential to cater to both long term day-care and preschools, and an application has been lodged to secure funding through the State and Federal Governments.

Since then, DOCS have released a preschool report plan that is currently at Phase 3 where they are going to roll out the preschool places. That project has been taken over by the Community Childcare Co-op (CCC) and they are gathering information. The main problem with that is that they only have \$1.5m in capital funding and capital funding is required to establish a preschool here as the existing preschools in Queanbeyan are at capacity. Currently CCC is only looking at propping up preschools that have spaces.

The cheapest option would have been to build a preschool on the other side of the playground attached to the community centre but Queanbeyan Council have stated that a preschool cannot be built in the vicinity of the community centre. There is currently no other land available for a preschool.

Margot suggested that they write to Mike Kelly and also set up a meeting with him as he could help point them in the right direction as to who to approach in the State Government. Margot also invited them to attend our next JRA meeting where the Mayor, Tim Overall, will be our guest speaker.

Margot and Mark Croxford recently met with Adrian Piccoli, Nationals Deputy Leader and Shadow Education spokesman, and the opposition, if they were to be successful in government in New South Wales in 2011, made a commitment to roll early childhood development into the education portfolio so that there is consistency over the various levels of education. It was suggested that they also write to Adrian and explain their situation.

Margot then went on to explain about the development of The Poplars. (see item 9.2 General Business)

**ACTION:** Margot will contact Ken Ineson from Village Building Co. to ascertain whether a preschool could be included as part of the infrastructure on The Poplars.

**ACTION:** This item to be included on the Agenda for our next meeting with the Mayor.

Margot thanked David and Kay for attending our meeting.

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### 9.1 Jerrabomberra Village Shops carpark - Update

A couple of weeks ago new directional arrows were painted on the ground in the car park and speed signs installed however, it was interesting to note that no one knew that this was to happen. We contacted Susanne Scott at Macquarie Real Estate Management Services (MREMS) who requested that we put a small article in the July Newsletter advising residents of the changes, which has been done.

We have had a number of emails querying why the traffic is not funnelled away from the centre rather than how it has been done. JRA committee members have witnessed drivers ignoring the arrows and causing a great deal of confusion in the car park.

We contacted Gary Merryweather at Queanbeyan Police to see whether they could enforce the new traffic arrangements but we were advised that as it isn't a designated car park it is out of their control.

JRA member P.Haddon forwarded an email about his experiences in the car park and this was then forwarded on to Susanne Scott and also Anthony Dalglish, the regional manager of Woolworths. Susanne replied promptly to Mr Haddon's concerns and the JRA will meet with Susanne once the July Newsletter has been circulated.

### 9.2 Community Facilities Meeting

Local community groups met on Monday 30 June with Ken Ineson, VBC, and David Maxwell, Riverview Group, regarding community facilities on The Poplars, an area comprising 46 hectares of land. This land falls under the Airport's ANEF 20 and is therefore not suitable for schools or housing but is suitable for community facilities such as a scout hall, aquatic centre, sports facilities, church etc.

The aim of the meeting was to liaise with the leaders of the local community bodies and take on board the needs and wishes of their respective groups. They will be workshopping with each individual group to get more focus on what should be built on the community land before they go out to public exhibition - they want to detail what facilities will go where on The Poplars.

### 9.3 Traffic Study Submission

Jon Hawkins has produced the first draft and Margot will include her comments and then email it to committee members for their input. Margot will also draw up a draft letter to NSW Planning Minister, Kristina Keneally, expressing our concerns.

Brian is organising a meeting with Steve Whan in the next 7 days and he and Margot will speak to him in regard to the traffic study.

**ACTION:** Margot to write to Kristina Keneally

**ACTION:** Brian to organise a meeting with Steve Whan

### 9.4 Next Meeting – Tim Overall

It was agreed that a list of issues should be compiled for Tim Overall to address at next month's meeting on 19 August 2009.

**ACTION:** Compile a list of issues for Tim Overall.

### 9.5 Airport Matters

9.5.1 Canberra Airport Consultative Forum - Margot advised that she will be attending the Canberra Airport Consultative Forum (CACF) tomorrow night 18 July 2009 and noted that the Terms of Reference have, once again, been changed to turn it from a community consultative forum to a business group with a handful of community groups. Margot intends to voice her displeasure at this move.

Brian advised that 2 members from C4C have also been invited to be part of this forum.

9.5.2 Airport Planning Submission – Margot will draft up a submission in this regard and Brian will also add some comments.

**ACTION:** Brian and Margot to draft a submission.

9.6 Chronicle Article – Margot asked for suggestions for her next Chronicle article and it was agreed that she should write about the traffic study meeting that was held last night (Tuesday 16 July). It was suggested that she demonstrate the overwhelming support of the community for Dunns Creek Road to be planned and that it is consistent with the approach the JRA has been promoting. The JRA will be seeking the community's ongoing support that the Council does not push through its preferred, short-term fix option at the expense of long-term community planning.

Kim Howatson suggested that Margot do her August article on Bendigo Bank and the opportunity for community facilities to benefit from a Jerrabomberra branch.

9.7 JRA Noticeboards – It was agreed to obtain a couple of quotes for signs on the back of the new noticeboards on Tomsitt Drive. It was suggested that the wording could read ‘Jerrabomberra Residents Association – working for the community since 1990’

9.8 General Donations Grant – The JRA have received an application form to apply for this grant and we will include our public liability insurance, funds for the second noticeboard and the sign-writing on the back of each board.

9.9 Old Gym site – The old gym site has now been leased and the JRA believe that it is going to be a fruit and vegetable store with a café.

9.10 Rotary – Margot advised that she is the guest speaker at the Jerrabomberra Rotary meeting tomorrow night 18 July 2009.

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

**The next meeting of the JRA will be held on Wednesday 19 August 2009 at 7.30pm in the Banksia Room at the Community Centre and anyone is welcome to attend.**

**Queanbeyan Mayor, Tim Overall, will be our special guest.**

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