

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
THE JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC  
28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2006**

**1. PRESENT**

Jim Horan, Lyn Edwards, Tania Rynne, David Hope, Margot Sachse, Brian Brown, Paul Whalan, Kathryn Tse, 7 JRA members and 4 members of the community.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Lorraine Reeve and Sandy Funston.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the previous Meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** K.Tse, **Seconded:** J.Horan, **Carried.**

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

a) Letter to Shopping Centre Owners – it was noted that the carpark is still a mess but it appears that the dead trees have been removed. No manager has been appointed as yet.

**Motion:** To write a letter to the owners of the shopping centre, Macquarie Countrywide Trust in Sydney.

**Moved:** B.Brown, **Seconded:** M.Sachse, **Carried.**

b) Ombudsmans Report/Letter to QCC – Brian has drafted a letter to QCC stating that the JRA don't want any more dwellings on the ridgeline. David Morrison, the current building owner, was in attendance and voiced his objection to the JRA's stance on this issue.

**Motion:** That this matter be deferred to General Business

**Moved:** B.Brown, **Seconded:** J.Horan, **Carried.**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE – IN**

Tom Snow, Brand Depot – This letter draws our attention to the fact that the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) proposed for Fyshwick would be 27,000m<sup>2</sup> compared to Canberra Centre (20,643m<sup>2</sup>). This complex was originally to be for bulky goods but will now be a shopping centre.

Jerrabomberra Creek Plan of Management – Margot made a verbal submission to council seeking funding for the watering system and landscape plan for the park.

Gary Nairn – Volunteer Small Equipment Grants – this is not relevant to us.

M & M Sebbens – they forwarded their thoughts on the Land Release Inquiry.

M.Peel – Illegal parking at shopping centre. We will write to D.I. Shane Box and invite him to attend our July meeting. Lyn to send a letter.

P.Harrison – he forwarded a copy of a letter from Martin Ferguson to the Hon. Frank Sartor, against the proposed Tralee rezoning.

Independent Assessment Panel – forwarded a Schedule of Appearances & List of Submissions in regard to the Queanbeyan Land Release Inquiry.

G.Nairn – copy of a press release in regard to the proposed DFO at Fyshwick.

G.Nairn – copy of a media release regarding the ACT's upgrading of Lanyon Drive.

Jail-Free ACT – letter and press release from this group. We won't get involved with this group.

Canberra International Airport – forwarded us a copy of their submission in regard to the Queanbeyan Land Release Inquiry.

Queanbeyan City Council – copy of “Queanbeyan Tomorrow” Feedback Posts.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT**

Independent Assessment Panel – Qbn Land Release Inquiry - JRA's submission.

S & S Bloom – regarding bounced email.

Jerrabomberra Creek Management Plan – a copy of Margot's speech to Qbn. Council.

## **7. TREASURERS' REPORT**

Our Treasurer, Tom Lewis, has resigned his position due to work commitments and Tania Rynne has agreed to take over this position immediately until a replacement can be found and will lodge a form with the bank enabling her to sign cheques. She advised that as of the 30<sup>th</sup> April, there was \$4,900 in the bank. Tania will give a more comprehensive Treasurers' Report at the next meeting.

**Motion:** That Tania Rynne be appointed as Treasurer

**Moved:** M.Sachse, **Seconded:** J.Horan, **Carried.**

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a) Letter to QCC regarding Ombudsmans Report – Brian has drafted a letter to QCC stating that the JRA would like the Council to adhere to their policy of not building above ridgelines. David Morrison was in attendance at the meeting and requested that the JRA take out any references to his dwelling which was allowed to be built even though it was on a ridgeline. David Morrison stated that “no more houses are going to be built up there at this stage”. Margot stressed that we were not on the Morrison's case, we were on the Council's case to make sure that areas above urban limits are left clear of housing. It was agreed that the Committee would meet in private to make a decision on the draft letter.\*
- b) The resignations of Tom and Adre were noted but no nominations have been received to fill these vacancies. Margot suggested that we invite Kel Watt to take up one of the positions.
- c) Queanbeyan Land Inquiry – Margot reported that Kel Watt helped the JRA put together our submission into the Land Inquiry and did a fantastic job in the short space of time. Margot thanked the Committee and JRA members who forwarded us their comments. She also noted that our verbal submission to the inquiry was well received by the panel. Copies of our written and verbal submission are available on our website [www.jraweb.com](http://www.jraweb.com).

**Motion:** That Margot's presentation to the Land Inquiry was marvellous and did the JRA proud and that we acknowledge the quality and content of the JRA's submission.

**Moved:** P.Whalan, **Seconded:** J.Horan, **Carried.**

- d) Mirrabee Project Update – Brian advised that \$50,000 has been set aside for erosion control and fencing which should be completed by the end of this year. A gate is to be installed at the end of Edwin Land Parkway to keep bikes and 4-wheel drives out but still allow pedestrian access.
- e) Review & Update of JRA Objectives – Tania, Margot & Paul have formed a sub-committee to update the Rules & Objectives of the JRA and their first draft is ready to go out to the Committee for comment. The Committee are to read through this draft and will be discussed at the July meeting. It is envisaged that they will be implemented in September.
- f) Queanbeyan Vision Meeting – this was held last weekend at the Jerrabomberra Shops.
- g) Project Sustainability Meeting – Margot was unable to attend this meeting, but distributed to the Committee a copy of the presentation.
- h) Walking Track Map Update – this project has been put on hold due to the urgency of the submission into the Land Inquiry but the delivery date is not until September.
- i) Shopping Centre Matters – Brian will draft a letter to the owners of the shopping centre regarding the untidiness of the car park and other related matters.
- j) Business Cards – It has been suggested on a number of occasions that the JRA have business cards to hand out – David volunteered to design and print these.
- k) Certificate of Appreciation – Brian suggested that we have the certificate re-designed but Lyn advised that we have just had about 40 printed so it was agreed that they could be framed when we hand them out after next years Easter raffle. Kathryn volunteered to do the lettering.

## **Appendix A: Matters discussed with Steve Whan, Member for Monaro**

### **MATTERS DISCUSSED WITH STEVE WHAN, MEMBER FOR MONARO**

Margot welcomed Steve Whan to the meeting and the following issues were discussed –

**Lanyon Drive Duplication** - \$6m. has been allocated to duplicate Lanyon Drive to Sheppard Street through the Federal Governments Roads to Recovery programme. This does not include fixing the Monaro Highway intersection. \$1m will be spent this year and \$5m next year. The NSW Government has allocated \$8m in 97/08 to duplicate Lanyon Drive up to and including the railway bridge, but there is still a \$10m shortfall for the ACT Governments' side. The ACT Government have told Steve What that planning work will go ahead despite not having the full amount from the ACT Government.

**Edwin Land Parkway** – there are 2 conflicting views in regard to this road – some people want this road to go ahead as it will make access into Queanbeyan much quicker but residents who live near this road don't want it. Steve Whan's preferred option is the Northern By-Pass but this is estimated to cost around \$90m. His first priority is to link the Northern By-pass with the Monaro Highway.

An alternative by-pass road to the Edwin Land Parkway was Dunns Creed Road. This was an earlier southern by-pass option that has not been mentioned lately. It was suggested that the JRA approach the quarry owners and ascertain which road they preferred as they would be one of the major users of a Queanbeyan by-pass.

**Schools** – Steve Whan advised that pre-school funding had been increased which had, in turn, reduced fees to \$15 per day. He also stated that there are 3,000 NSW children in ACT schools and that Karabar was full but Queanbeyan High could take another 500 students. It is hard to estimate how many secondary students would come back over the border if there were another NSW high school. Jerrabomberra Public School (JPS) is already at double capacity and if Tralee and the Poplars go ahead, there will be the need for another primary school.

**Buses in Queanbeyan** – Deans Buslines has improved its service and is very heavily subsidised by the State Government.

**General** – Steve Whan had been doing some recent door knocking via the telephone. He reported that the main concerns from Jerrabomberra residents were the road link with the Monaro Highway, traffic calming, the high school at Tralee, high school options in general, trail bikes (residents were pleased about the JRA's attempt to rid the area of these), the gaol at Hume, bus services and the locating of housing on ridgelines. He also added that the Traffic Committee had been looking at the request for a pedestrian crossing on Jerrabomberra Parkway. Lollypop people had been suggested for this road but they can only be used on roads directly adjacent to schools and this road doesn't qualify. Steve Whan will see if he can get Brian Brown on to the Traffic Committee.

Steve Whan is aware of the number of speeders using local streets and he has spoken with Queanbeyan Police and they would increase patrols on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Brian Brown asked if Steve Whan and his government were against the development of industrial/factories in the Tralee/Envirova area. Steve stated that he was against such a development in this area and would prefer residential development as long as it fell outside the current ANEF 25 standard, as this would provide Jerrabomberra with the open space, facilities, infrastructure and amenities that have been lost due to previous poor planning.

The recommendations into the Land Release Inquiry should be determined by the 31<sup>st</sup> July and an announcement made later in the year by Planning Minister, Frank Sartor. This will be well before the next election in March, 2007.

The Water Agreement has been signed off by the NSW State and ACT Governments but not by the Federal Government. It was suggested that the Federal Government could take back Googong Dam from the ACT Government but would need an Act of Parliament to do this.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.40pm.

*The next meeting of the JRA will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2006 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre and any JRA member is more than welcome to attend.*

\*After the meeting concluded, the Committee met privately and it was agreed to forward the letter to Queanbeyan Council with the reference to the Copperfield Property intact..

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