

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.
22ND MARCH, 2006**

1. PRESENT

Brian Brown, Tom Lewis, Lyn Edwards, Tania Rynne, Margot Sachse, Jim Horan, Adre de Waal, David Hope, Mayor Frank Pangallo, Councillor Raewyn Bastion, 16 JRA members and 6 members of the community.

2. APOLOGIES

Paul Whalan, Kathryn Tse.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Moved L.Edwards and seconded by T.Lewis that the Minutes be accepted – carried.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE - IN

Queanbeyan City Council re invitation to attend one of the public forums looking to form a plan for the city for the next 15 years.

Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra re an invitation to have a stall at their upcoming Fair on the 25th March.

D.Jackson (email) re the problem with trail bikes in the region of Macadamia Close.

Vanessa Tuckfield (email) re the JRA website.

Transcript of interview between Ross Solly 2CN and Gary Nairn in relation to the gaol.

Gary Nairn (Press Release) refuting claims by Jon Stanhope that the Commonwealth never offered land at Majura to the ACT Government.

Gary Nairn forwarded us a copy of a letter from Senator Robert Hill dated 30th July 2004, offering Block 102, northeast of the airport for the proposed gaol.

Transcript of interview between Ross Solly 666 ABC and Stephen Byron of Canberra International Airport regarding the upgrade of the airport.

Newspaper Article from the Australian Financial Review (28/2/06) regarding a gaol planned for the Southern Highlands area.

J.Hughes (email) requesting we ask the Mayor about the need for speed bumps in Bicentennial Drive.

S.Moore (email) to question the Mayor about the lack of facilities for cricket.

P.Finley (email) to raise the issue of trail bikes with the Mayor.

A.Bishop (email) re 'drags' and 'burnouts' in Jerrabomberra.

6. CORRESPONDENCE - OUT

Defence Family Liaison Officer re the possibility of a bus service for Jerrabomberra Defence Workers.

All JRA members on email issuing them with their minutes, advising that the next meeting will have Mayor Frank Pangallo in attendance and advising of the public meeting to discuss the Council's vision for the future.

Various JRA members advising that emails are being returned and could they please provide us with current email addresses.

Savills (Manager of the Jerrabomberra Shops) advising them of overgrown shrubs, broken glass, clothing bins constantly messy, bicycles left on footpaths, problems with wrongly parked trolleys and the vacant land between the hotel and petrol station.

NSW Ombudsman re the process which enabled the approval of the dwelling at the rear of Copperfield Place.

Alan Moss QCC re the relocation of the half court basketball court.

Mayor Frank Pangallo (email) providing the Mayor with a list of issues to be discussed at our meeting on the 22nd March.

All JRA members on email sending them a copy of the agenda for our meeting of 22/3/06.

Jenni Rodda (Gary Nairn's secretary) booking Gary in to attend our meeting of the 26th April, 2006.

Queanbeyan City Council re our submission to the Healthy Communities Project to seek funding for the provision of walking paths map brochure.

7. TREASURERS' REPORT

Tom advised that we currently have \$4,385-34 in the bank.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) Prison Action Margot, Tom & Lyn had a meeting with ACT Opposition Leader Brendan Smyth on the 16th March regarding the ACT Prison. The ACT Budget will be coming out soon and we could make a submission through their Estimates Committee. There is the thought that the only way the gaol can possibly be stopped is for Canberra voters to register their opposition to the gaol going ahead. Tom moved a motion that we form a sub-committee comprising Margot, Lyn, Tom, Brian and possibly Paul. Tania seconded this motion. The sub-committee will form a strategy to present to the next meeting.
- b) Easter Raffle. Tickets will go on sale at the Rotary Fair and then on weekends at the shopping centre. Brian has made up some fliers to be displayed in the JRA noticeboard and at participating stores.
- c) Review and Update JRA Objectives. This has not progressed very far.
- d) Correspondence Procedures. It was suggested that the final draft of important letters and submissions needs to be sent out to all committee members for their input and approval.
- e) JRA Stateline (ABC). Brian approached Stateline to see if they were interested in doing a piece on the JRA's battle over the ACT Prison. They were keen to do something in a few weeks time and will contact us when they are ready.
- f) Membership Applications Design. Brian handed around a copy of the re-designed membership application for the Committee's approval.
- g) Bicentennial Speed Bumps. There appears to be a fair degree of animosity towards these and some drivers are driving up onto the footpath and across peoples front lawns to avoid the speed bumps.
- h) Agenda Item for next month. It was suggested that the JRA look at how Section 94 funds are dealt with.

Appendix A: Matters Discussed with the Mayor

MATTERS DISCUSSED WITH THE MAYOR

Mayor, Frank Pangallo, attended the meeting and discussed the following issues:

- **Trail Bikes.** This issue is of great concern to many local residents. Queanbeyan Police are endeavouring to purchase 2 trail bikes to allow them better access to the terrain but it is not known how soon this will happen. There currently is no area set aside for this type of activity as Council's Public Liability Insurance is a restricting factor. Trail bikes in the bushland are a daily event and it was suggested that Councillors be invited out to see for themselves the damage that is being done to Stringybark Hill and Mt. Jerrabomberra. The gate at the bottom of Mt. Jerrabomberra will soon be closed at night. It was suggested that a couple of council workers could restrict access to bushland in one or two days with some heavy machinery by placing logs or boulders in strategic spots. It was also stressed that the police should be contacted every time there are dirt bikes in the bush as this builds up a log of complaints and police can then see that this is a real problem. If anyone knows where these bikers reside, an anonymous call can be made to the police. The Mayor agreed to raise our concerns with the police and request a police blitz to bring this matter to a close. Noel Murray informed the meeting that whilst he was president, police brought trail bikes from Wollongong and used unmarked police cars and this was an effective approach.
- **Speeding on Bicentennial Drive.** A meeting was held at Council on Tuesday 21st March to look at the possible placement of speed humps in Morella Ave and Bicentennial Drive. It seems residents are not in favour of installing more speed humps as there is some noise associated with cars going over these humps/avoiding them and other ways of calming traffic must be looked at. It is expected that 1 or 2 humps will be installed in Bicentennial Drive and Morella Avenue, however, the residents of Bicentennial Drive were strongly opposed to the proposed location of these humps. This matter has been referred back to the Traffic Committee.
- **Telstra Mobile Tower.** An application for a mobile tower to be installed in the large roundabout in Jerra has been received by Council. This application will be considered by Council at its meeting on 5th April but approval is not likely, at this stage. Letters were sent out to residents within 1,000 metres of this proposed tower for their comments.
- **Tralee, Googong & The Poplars.** Council are waiting for a Section 65 certificate to be issued and then a formal exhibition will take place. This will include a public inquiry for all 3 proposed developments. The water agreement between New South Wales and the ACT Government has held things up and the Council also has to rezone the land but if Council doesn't support the application for rezoning then the development can't go ahead. It is also possible that a Commission of Enquiry could be called in regard to all three developments and Frank Pangallo will speak with Frank Sartor regarding this.
- **Edwin Land Parkway.** All the land between Jerrabomberra and Cooma Road will have been acquired by the 30th June, 2006. This is being undertaken by the Dept. of Commerce. Concern was raised that this road will literally cut Jerrabomberra in half and bring heavy vehicles through our suburb but it was pointed out that this road was proposed in the mid-70's, before Jerra was proposed and no other options have been considered. This road will generate significant noise to Jerra residents. The Mayor informed the meeting that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will have to be done and then this is the time for us to raise our concerns. Children going to and from school will have to cross this road and some provision will have to be made to accommodate this. The Council have already spent between \$2m. and \$3m. acquiring land as it is their

- number 1 priority. It was noted that S94 funds (community funds) generated from Jerra have been used to build a road the community doesn't want. Once completed, this road will carry traffic from Googong and the quarry trucks.
- **Section 94 Funds.** Council have \$1.38m. to spend on a youth facility and extensions to the Community Centre from Section 94 Funds and \$556,000 for the embellishment of open spaces. The meeting raised concerns that whilst the youth centre was a high priority for the Council, that residents do not believe that this is the best outcome for the remaining funds. The Mayor informed the meeting that a consultation process will begin shortly regarding the expenditure of these funds and that this is the appropriate time for us to raise our concerns and suggest alternatives.
 - **Cricket Nets.** Jerrabomberra is in need of cricket nets as the nearest ones are located at the Kangaroo Club in Queanbeyan. The JRA was advised to make a submission to David Carswell and this could be provided through Section 94 Funds. The JRA will undertake to make this submission.
 - **Jerra Creek Management Plan.** The Mayor didn't have any information on this and will get back to us in this regard.
 - **Jerrabomberra Community Centre (JCC) Precinct.** The irrigation system was turned off during the water restrictions and this has caused the grassed area to become full of weeds and bindii – this will be sprayed at the appropriate time. The JRA had provided a submission some time ago on the preferred options to beautify this area. As it has now deteriorated, the Mayor will follow up where our submission went. Rotary commented on their desire to build a gazebo down by the duck pond and that this had been turned down by Council. Cr. Raewyn Bastion advised that Rotary hadn't lodged any plans with Council. Dismay was registered that the former grassed area between the scout hall and JCC had been turned into a dust bowl and carpark – it is staying as a carpark as there is not enough parking for the school or community centre. The bird platform in the middle of the duck pond was dislodged during recent storms and the Mayor will talk to Parks & Gardens to see about having it restored to its correct place. The meeting stressed the need for a well maintained parkland in the suburb.
 - **School vicinity.** A submission was made to the Traffic Committee to have the area around the pedestrian crossing on Jerrabomberra Parkway restricted to 40kph but the Traffic Committee considered this unnecessary. The meeting was shocked at this outcome as this request had very strong community support. A large number of children cross this road when travelling to and from school and it will only be a matter of time before an accident occurs. The Mayor suggested that a further submission be made to the Traffic Committee and to send it through him so he can follow this through. An invitation could be extended to this committee to meet with the school to look at this road when it is being used by the children.
 - **Youth Centre.** This idea is still on the drawing board and there will be public meetings to decide if this centre is needed in Jerra. as part of the Section 94 contributions. Could the money be better spent on other things? What youth groups would use it? Could the money be put towards a swimming pool or something similar for use by more residents? The Mayor said that it is proposed that the youth centre will only be used by 2 groups at this stage.
 - **Carols by Candlelight.** Concern at the lack of notice given to nearby residents concerning the fireworks at last year's Carols and the fact that the JCC precinct is now too small for this event. It is envisaged that the Madew Oval will be used for the carols this year and there needs to be more consultation with local residents if fireworks are to be used. The Mayor took on board to ensure that more direct community consultation will occur prior to 2006 event.

- ***Land between Petrol Station and Hotel.*** Proposals have been lodged with Council for a carwash and takeaway to be located in this position but was deemed too small an area for either proposal. The Mayor will ask Phil Gibbons, Development Co-ordinator with Council, to serve notice on Savills requesting that they tidy the carpark/outside shops and the above land as it currently resembles an eyesore.
- ***Council & JRA meeting clashes.*** In recent times Council consultation meetings have clashed with the JRA meetings. The Mayor suggested that the JRA write to the General Manager advising him of our meeting dates.
- ***Bike and Foot Paths.*** Council has a plan of management in relation to the development of footpaths, but if a problem exists where a new path is required or maintenance to an existing one, a submission can be made to Council and this will be considered. The footpath/bikepath budget is currently \$300,000pa. Submissions can be made as part of the management plan process.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.03pm.

The next meeting of the JRA will be held on Wednesday 26th April, 2006 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre where Gary Nairn, MP, Eden-Monaro will be in attendance and any JRA member is more than welcome to attend.