

**JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION INC
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING 18 MARCH 2009**

1. PRESENT

Brian Brown, Supt. Gary Merryweather (Police), Doug Gordon, Val Treverrow, Dorothy Lawson, John Gordon, Ron Morris, Phill Henry, John Connolly, Kim Howatson, Jon Hawkins, Margot Sachse.

2. APOLOGIES

Lyn Edwards, David Hope, Tania Rynne, Jen Lee, Val Barger, Mark Croxford.

Standing Orders were suspended and Supt. Gary Merryweather from Queanbeyan Police addressed the meeting.

3. SUPT. GARY MERRYWEATHER, QUEANBEYAN POLICE

Supt. Merryweather advised that he has been in Queanbeyan since September 2008 having previously served in Sydney. He has been in the Police Force for approx. 22 years and was, at one time, stationed in Khancoban, NSW.

Staffing

There are currently around 150 police throughout the command, which is roughly the same as it has been for the past few years.

Malicious Damage

Margot gave a brief outline of the community's concerns in this regard and asked how we, as a community, might curb the occurrence of malicious damage. Supt. Merryweather stressed the importance of reporting these incidents on the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444. He advised that malicious damage is one of the hardest issues to address (policing wise) as it often involves young people on the way home from a party or the pub and is indiscriminate – they see something, smash it and then run away. 9 times out of 10 it is local kids who know the neighbourhood.

Gary Merryweather compared Bungendore with Jerrabomberra as they are both relatively new communities where young people have now grown up and have reached their teenage years, have run out of things to do and resort to petty vandalism to keep themselves amused. The easiest way to curtail this is to make parents aware of what their children are getting up to.

It was advised that Council recently cut back the budget for the Malicious Damage Prevention Strategy (MDPS) from \$50,000 to \$5,000 and a question from the floor asked whether the police could influence or suggest to the Council that it would be a good idea to put in place some the actions suggested in the MDPS. Supt. Merryweather stated that the police wouldn't want to be seen to be exerting undue influence on Council but could write a letter of support for such initiatives. He also suggested that there were State and Federal Grants that may be applicable to fund such programmes.

Crime Rates

The figures for reported crime in Jerrabomberra from September 08 to February 09 are as follows

- Break & Enter – 11 events (these occurred in Bicentennial Dr, Brudenell Dr, Forest Dr, Freestone Cres, Jacaranda Dr, Jerrabomberra Parkway, Kalang Pl, Lobelia Cl, Murruba Pl, Woodhill Link & Wyena Cct.
- Assaults – 8
- Malicious Damage – 29
- Stealing – 16
- Stolen vehicles – 4

Crime throughout the whole of the command is on the decline and events within Jerrabomberra have decreased from 07/08.

Graffiti

A question from the floor asked what is the best way to combat graffiti, and Supt. Merryweather advised that getting it cleaned up as soon as possible is the biggest deterrent to graffiti vandals as they like to like to admire their handiwork and derive satisfaction from seeing it displayed.

Traffic

Margot gave a brief outline regarding speeding vehicles on Bicentennial Drive and Morella Avenue but a resident noted that speeding on Bicentennial Drive has lessened now that building work in Waterfall Rise has almost come to an end.

In the Halloran/Carolyn Jackson/Morella area, between the years 1996-2009 only 4 major crashes had occurred. More recently, between 2002-2008 189 tickets had been issued and, of more concern, 298 incidents of drink/driving. Margot requested that Supt. Merryweather clarify this figure to ascertain whether the 298 incidents were including those pulled over on Lanyon Drive. Supt. Merryweather also suggested that he would find out how many of those 298 incidents were from Jerrabomberra residents.

Margot thanked Supt. Gary Merryweather for attending our meeting.

ACTION: Monitor reply from Gary Merryweather regarding how many of the 298 incidents of drink/driving were committed by Jerrabomberra residents.

4. ANDY WESTCOTT – MOLONGLO CATCHMENT GROUP

The Molonglo Catchment Group (MCG) is a not-for-profit community based group consisting a committee of six people and MCG oversees Landcare, Parkcare and similar groups throughout the Molonglo Catchment. The Molonglo Catchment is anything that drains into the Molonglo or Queanbeyan Rivers and ends up in Lake Burley Griffin.

The upcoming Weeds Day, on Saturday 28 March, will focus on residents' front and back gardens, what we plant and how it can impact on the rivers and creeks. Jason Robinson from QCC will also be in attendance on this day.

Brian Brown advised that over the next couple of years, Edwin Land Parkway and Tralee will be developed and it is important that the MCG be involved in the planting of these developments.

The rehabilitation of Jerrabomberra Creek, as part of the Tralee Development, will be an area of significant interest to the MCG over the next few years. Brian asked if MCG had been in touch with the local school, and Andy replied that he had been in touch with them and they are involved in the WaterWatch programme.

A display trailer would be set up at the Rotary Fair on 21 April with Steve Skinner in attendance.

Margot suggested a walk through Stringybark Hill could also be another way to get families involved in the work of MCG and to learn about the bushland on their doorstep.

Margot thanked Andy Westcott for attending our meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Moved: Doug Gordon **Seconded:** Jon Hawkins **Carried.**

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Hume Data & Power Station – Margot wrote to Steve Whan and he replied that the data centre now has development approval and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) found that emissions were not of concern. He also stated that this is a positive project for our region particularly in a climate of growing unemployment. Steve Whan also pointed out that he has made representation on our behalf to Carmel Tebbutt, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment as to whether the NSW Environment Protection Agency (EPA) has a role in the process or in the ongoing monitoring. He will get back to us when he has received a reply from the Minister.

Margot has also been in touch with Canberra International Airport (CIA) requesting information as to how big their power station is in order that a comparison may be made. We are yet to receive their reply.

ACTION: Monitor replies from Steve Whan and Canberra Airport

b) Extension of Jerrabomberra Community Centre (JCC) – Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) had plans on display at JCC on Monday 16 March 2009 and it appeared to be well attended by local residents. Some of the feedback we have received is –

- the noise at night will increase
- noise barriers should be built with tree plantings
- car park needs to be sealed as soon as possible
- there should have been more community consultation earlier on
- the extension is ugly
- the money could be better spent

- negotiate a better deal with the owner of the gym

c) Airport Draft Master Plan – Margot emailed Dr Kelly’s office 2 weeks ago and got no reply so she rang his office today and was told that the earliest that she could get a meeting with him was at the end of April, but that wasn’t looking too promising. She was told to write a letter and she might get a reply before the closing date for submissions, which is 8 May 2009.

d) Macquarie Shops – Mark was to draft a letter to Susanne Scott, Centre Manager for the Shopping Centre, and that has been done.

e) Cemex Quarry – We have received an email giving an update in regard to the blast which occurred on 4 March. Their geologist identified that there is a fault line running from the northern half of the quarry to Homestead Rise along the drainage depression and it is possible that it could act as a conduit for the blast shock-waves. They have since changed the design of the blast hence the blast on 4 March was only felt mildly in Homestead Rise. Another blast will be done at the end of March, and CEMEX will once again monitor the blast at Homestead Rise and report back to the JRA with the results.

f) Development in the Jerrabomberra Valley – Brian and Margot attended the Community Cabinet Meeting on Thursday 12 March and the NSW Planning Dept. are set to approve the rezoning of the land at Tralee in July 2009. Kristina Keneally, NSW Planning Minister, is 100% committed to this project and is keen to get this project up and running. Margot spoke with the NSW Minister for Roads, Michael Daley, regarding Dunns Creek Road and how it is important that Jerrabomberra does not become the new Queanbeyan By-Pass. The Minister will follow up these matters.

g) Noticeboard Quotes – We have decided to accept the quote from Corporate Sign Industries to replace the 2 signboards on Tomsitt Drive, and we have paid a 10% deposit.

h) Aviation Green Paper Submission – This has now been lodged.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – IN

Corporate Sign Industries – Deposit invoice

Community Drug Action Team – Invitation to attend meeting 23.3.09

Matthew Mason-Cox – Postponement of planning & prosperity forum to 18.3.09

Dept. Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Govt (ITRDLG) –
FOI access

Paul Suine, Cemex – Cooma Rd Quarry’ Chronicle article

Canberra Airport – CIA Ultimate practical capacity ANEF endorsed 12.2.08

Nathan Rees – Queanbeyan community cabinet

NSW Govt – Qbn community cabinet report back meeting Agenda 12.3.09

S.Whan – Data centre at Hume

D.Stevens – Sympathy thank you

C4C – Ebrief

Corporate sign industries – Number of posts – confirmation

P.Henry – Attempted abduction

Media Monitors – Tralee school sod turned by 2010

V.Armstrong – Update on stock routes; Dunns Creek Road
 K.Broomfield – Extension of JCC
 J.Gordon – Footpaths in Jerrabomberra
 Qbn. Letterbox Delivery Service – Tax invoice
 C.Richardson – copy of letter sent to G.Chapman QCC re: JCC
 M.Alexander – 2008 Easter raffle prize
 T.Overall – Footpath program
 A.Kerlin – Canberra airport master plan; 24hr. world air traffic; Noise & flight path
 Monitoring system/3rd Quarter
 Media Release Mike Kelly – Member for Eden-Monaro adds parliamentary secretary
 For water to his responsibilities
 G.Chapman QCC – JRA issues; Jerra School
 J.Bowles – 2 Questions
 A.McBride – Submission to ACTPLA on Data Centre
 D.Carswell QCC – Submission to ACTPLA on Data Centre
 K & M Holmes – JCC extension
 Media Monitors – WIN news item on Tralee High School
 Press Release, Nathan Rees – Rees acts to deliver nation building package
 A.Perkins, VBC – Easter raffle prize
 K.Ineson VBC – Rees to fast-track stimulus package; CD-PDMP; Support for school
 T.Overall QCC – Footpath programme; Mariners Court
 E.Niembro, Elton Consulting – Googong contact details
 N.McCann CIA – Noise & Flight path monitoring system; CAANCF Agenda
 L.Gibson & G.Chapman – Management plan meeting
 K.Westcott – Canberra Airport
 C.Richardson – JCC
 C.Allen – Stateline
 J.Savigny C4C – Preliminary issues relating to airport DMP
 K.Zimny – JRA minutes
 J.McDonald – Tralee rezoning tops QBC 2009 priorities; Qbn. Age article 20.2.09
 D.Holmes – January minutes
 C.Klootwijk – January minutes
 M.Broughton – Queanbeyan Age
 K.Niven – Aircraft noise and DMP 2009
 B.Garland – JRA minutes and other matters
 J.Lee – JRA matters
 P.Hawker – Planning & Prosperity Forum
 S.McDonald – Chronicle article

8. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT

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 J.Bowles – 2 Questions
 A.Perkins VBC – Easter raffle prize
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 K.Broomfield – JCC extension
 All members on email – Meeting reminders
 D.Carswell QCC – Data Centre/Power Station
 S.Whan – Data Centre/Power Station

G.Chapman QCC – JRA Issues; Management plan meeting
All members on email – JRA minutes & other meetings
B.Reid – JRA meeting
S.Scott – Invitation to meet with JRA
R.Morris – Meeting reminders
C.Allen – Stateline
V.Armstrong – Dunns Creek
K & M Holmes – JRA matters
K.Westcott – Aircraft noise and DMP 2009
J.Savigny C4C – Preliminary issues relating to DMP
Wesky01 – Aircraft noise and DMP
L.Osborne – FOI request
M.Kelly – Meeting request
A.Selwyn – Queanbeyan community cabinet meeting
N.McCann – Airport PDMP; Action item
Aviation Statement – JRA submission
J.Lee – JRA matters
P.Suine – Chronicle article
S.McDonald – Chronicle article

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Airport Draft Master Plan – Margot attended the Canberra Airport Aircraft Noise Forum on Thursday 12 March at the airport and then last night, 17 March, she attended the Canberra Airport’s public meeting on the Preliminary Draft Master Plan. At the meeting there was a large number of residents affected by aircraft noise from Royalla all the way through to Gungahlin. They all expressed the view that they don’t want the freight hub. The airport has indicated that it is Toll Holdings that is interested in developing a freight hub at Canberra Airport.

Some good news to come to hand today was that Village Building Co. (VBC) obtained a copy of the actual decision from Minister Albanese on the first draft master plan and Gungahlin Community Council, through the Freedom of Information, obtained a copy of the Airport’s report to the Minister. It was noted that we would also get a copy of this report for our use when addressing the current Draft Master Plan.

Members of Canberra International Airport (CIA) will be our guest at our next meeting to be held at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre on Wednesday 15 April to address issues relating to the Preliminary Draft Master Plan. Margot will mention this meeting in her Chronicle Article and The Chronicle are doing a story about it also.

Brian suggested that we invite Dr Mike Kelly, Steve Whan and all Queanbeyan Councillors to this meeting as we expect it to be a large event.

ACTION: Get the webtrak address put up on our website

b) Noise Forum – Margot attended this meeting on 12 March 2009 and made mention that CIA are going to change the Terms of Reference again to dilute the community membership of the Committee. It is anticipated that they will include more business committee’s and the residents groups will be decreased. This will

further dilute the community voice and the issue of aircraft noise will be dropped from their agenda. We will be taking this issue up with Dr Mike Kelly and we will most probably write a letter to Minister Albanese once the draft terms of reference are made public.

c) Easter Raffle – The JRA will be selling raffle tickets at the Rotary Fair on Saturday 21 March 2009 to help raise funds to pay for the two new noticeboards on Tompsitt Drive and the raffle will be drawn at the shops on Wednesday 8 April 2009 at 5.30pm by Dr Mike Kelly AM MP.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

The next meeting of the JRA will take place on Wednesday 15 April 2009 at 7.30pm in the Lakeview Room at the Community Centre.

Special guest will be members of Canberra International Airport who will brief us on their plans for a 24/7 freight hub that are detailed in their Preliminary Draft Master Plan that is currently out for public consultation....everyone is invited to attend.