

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC  
25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006**

**1. PRESENT**

Supt. Gary Commins, Mayor Frank Pangallo, Cr. Sue Jarvis, Cr. Tim Overall, Cr. Raewyn Bastion, Cr. Ann Rocca, Cr. Tom Mavec, Lyn Edwards, Brian Brown, Dwayne Keefe, David Hope, Jim Horan, Tania Rynne, Margot Sachse, Kel Watt and 12 members of the community.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Chris Hunter, Kathryn Tse, Paul Whalan, Joan Joshua.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Moved:** Lyn Edwards, **Seconded:** Jim Horan **Carried.**

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

- a) Speaker for AGM – Southern Area Health Service (SAHS) can't confirm the availability of the General Manager to speak at our AGM until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October so we will organise a back-up speaker just in case.
- b) Jerrabomberra Scouts – they declined our offer to attend this meeting in regard to plans for a new scout hall as they are waiting to finalise their plans and then they will meet with us.
- c) Canberra Investment Corporation (CIC) – their report is now on the JRA website [www.jerraweb.com](http://www.jerraweb.com)
- d) We are endeavouring to obtain an electronic copy of the Mirrabee map to add to our website – Brian will arrange this when he attends the Mirrabee meeting tomorrow (Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October).

**5. CORRESPONDENCE IN**

NSW Premier, Morris Iemma – thanking us for our comments in regard to the draft State Plan and advising that we will be sent a copy of the final State Plan when it is released.

Canberra Investment Corporation (CIC) – addressing the traffic and transport issues raised by the JRA. This report will be posted on our website.

Email from CIC – confirming that we received the copy of their report.

Gary Nairn (Press Release) – dismissing Simon Corbell's argument to build a gaol in Hume.

Gary Nairn (Press Release) – calling on the ACT Labor Party to spend prison money on water, schools and roads.

Gary Nairn (Press Release) – announcing that the Australian Government will spend an additional \$2.5 million this financial year to employ additional aircraft to help states and territories fight fires.

Email from ACT Chief Ministers Office – thanking us for our email regarding dust from the gaol site.

Jon Stanhope – advising that dust minimisation practices are enforced at the prison site.

Steve Whan – he has lodged a complaint on our behalf with the NSW Minister for the Environment, Bob Debus and also raised this issue with the Queanbeyan Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and the ACT's EPA.

Email from Terry Spencer – concerning the lack of health care facilities in Jerrabomberra.

Email from Leanne Peirce – advising that the nearest off-lead area for dogs is at the end of Hoover Road (opposite the cemetery).

Email from Joan Joshua – sending apology for non-attendance at this meeting.

Email from John & Maureen Connolly – congratulating Margot and the JRA for producing the Jerra Walking Map.

Email from Chris Hunter – sending apology for non-attendance at this meeting.

Email from Karen Donnellan – regarding the cricket pitch at Allan McGrath Oval.

Steve Whan – he has written to Frank Sartor to ensure that he is aware of the concerns of the JRA in regard to the Queanbeyan Land Release Inquiry.

Steve Whan – the ACT's Department of Justice and Community Service (DJACS) now has the responsibility of monitoring the dust situation at the gaol and to rectify the dust problem should it arise again.

Email from Vanessa Tuckfield – the JRA website is up for renewal again. (See general business for further information).

Email from Adre de Waal – he is unable to attend our meeting as there are a number of issues regarding the relocation of the Scout Hall at the moment but will speak with us when their plans have firmed.

Email from Melissa Smith (JCC) – advising that the Banksia Room is available for our AGM in November from 7.30pm.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

Copy of Margot's Speech made at the public meeting into the Queanbeyan Land Release Inquiry (QLRI).

Media Release (4/10/06) – released after the public meeting regarding QLRI.

Media Release (5/10/06) – regarding gaol dust anger

Mayor Pangallo – with a copy of gaol dust media release and also sent to Steve Whan and Gary Nairn.

5/10/06 Email and media release on Gaol Dust – sent to Canberra FM radio, The Chronicle, Queanbeyan Age, Capital Radio, ABC, Prime TV, Channel 10, Win TV, Bill Stefaniak.

5/10/06 – Email and Letter to Jon Stanhope re: Gaol Dust – copies also sent to Steve Whan, Frank Pangallo and Gary Nairn.

Email to Pam Cregan – regarding their email problems.

Local Liquor, Oaks Estate – regarding the upcoming wine tasting.

Mayor Frank Pangallo – enclosing a copy of the JRA's submission into the QLRI for their consideration.

Email to The Chronicle and Queanbeyan Age – thanking the 200 members of the Jerrabomberra community for attending the public meeting with regard to the QLRI.

Mayor Frank Pangallo – requesting to appear briefly before the Council Workshop to outline, orally, the concerns of the residents of Jerrabomberra with regard to the residential Land Release.

Email to Frank Sartor – outlining the concerns of the Jerrabomberra community and attaching the JRA's submission in relation to the outcomes of the QLRI.

Email to members – with September Minutes, minutes from public meeting and gaol dust media release.

Copy of Margot's Oral Presentation to QCC

Mayor Frank Pangallo – extending an invitation to him and all councillors to attend the next JRA meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Commander Gary Commins, Queanbeyan Police – inviting him to attend our October meeting to discuss vandalism in the community.

Sheila Wick – advising her of the nearest off-lead area for dogs.

Email to Gary Nairn – attaching our letter to Jon Stanhope regarding gaol dust.

Email to Steve Whan – attaching our letter to Jon Stanhope regarding gaol dust.

Email to Jon Stanhope – with a letter regarding goal dust.

Email to Canberra FM Radio, Canberra Times, Chronicle and Queanbeyan Age – attaching a media release in regard to the outcomes of the public meeting into land releases in Queanbeyan. Copies also sent to Steve Whan, Frank Pangallo, Gary Nairn, Cr. Tim Overall, Cr. Tom Mavec.

## **7. TREASURERS' REPORT**

Tania advised that the balance as at 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2006, was \$5,170-25. Incoming money was \$640 from subscriptions and \$640 general donation grant from QCC. Outgoings were \$37 to Dept. of Fair Trading when we lodged our new Rules & Objectives, \$251-79 to upgrade our Public Liability Insurance for \$10m. cover and \$10 account service fee.

### **8 a) VANDALISM**

Dwayne Keefe gave an overview of the vandalism that occurred a couple of weeks ago during school holidays at the Madew Oval. It occurred over 2 nights and involved around 20-30 intoxicated youths. They were climbing over the rear fences of properties that backed on to the oval, spraying graffiti on the amenities block, breaking beer bottles, damaging the light fittings and roller door at the amenities block and one person was caught with cannabis. The police were called a number of times during the night but most of the youths managed to get away before the police could catch them, however, one youth was caught and was made to help clean up the mess. Last night (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October) there was a car doing donuts on the field and ripping up the newly sewn grass seed. Frank Pangallo advised that the lights have now been replaced with a type used in gaols and much more resistant to vandalism so the area will now be better lit. The toilets will now be locked at night and wooden logs around the perimeter of the field will be replaced with metal tubing and this will act as a deterrent to keep vehicles off the field.

It was also noted that the Woolworths sign has been smashed and there are problems with cars speeding along Edwin Land Parkway. One resident spoke of a burglary which occurred at his home and stated that it took the police 3 hours to initially respond and then 3 days for the fingerprint people to come out – during this time they were unable to live in their home. Another resident reported speeding cars on Edwin Land Parkway and police were there within 10 minutes. It all depends on what else is occurring in Queanbeyan and the seriousness of the crime. Another observation was that during the

week, on school nights, groups of youths can be found roaming the streets. As in past meetings with the Police, it was suggested that there be a Police station here in Jerrabomberra.

Supt. Gary Commins, Monaro Local Area Command was in attendance and made the following statements –

- this is not a new issue but is still very sensitive
- to run a station 24/7 would require 17 general duty staff – he would like to do it but just don't have the funds or manpower
- not all matters are being reported so the police statistics show that Jerrabomberra is a relatively quiet area
- the response time, compared to the rest of the state, is pretty good
- problems occur when youths get together and then there is even more of a problem when alcohol is involved
- there have been 71 reports of malicious damage in the past 12 months
- it is a parents responsibility to look after their children – know where they are, who they are with and what they are doing
- notify police of any teenage parties – a party pack is available for parents from the local police station
- carry out a community safety audit in conjunction with local Council to identify areas where anti-social behaviour is, or could be, a problem
- the police haven't forgotten us – 20% of their time is spent patrolling Jerrabomberra
- if anything like this happens again, ring the police straight away and state that it is urgent in order to get a quick response time
- if possible, get the number plates of cars speeding around the estate

A question was raised as to whether the Police have any youth mentoring programmes in place and Supt. Commins stated that something is in the pipeline and will be announced at the beginning of November.

Mayor Frank Pangallo – stated that they had similar problems in Queanbeyan 10 years ago and they hired some private security people with dogs to patrol the CBD. This was funded by the licensed outlets and worked well to reduce the incidents of anti-social behaviour. He stated that Gary Nairn put out a media release on the 20<sup>th</sup> October advising that the Federal Government has given \$29m to 172 organisations around Australia to support crime prevention measures with up to \$150,000 being granted per project. We should investigate the possibility of obtaining a grant through this scheme.

There is a committee called SCAN (Safer Communities And Neighbourhoods) which looks at these problems – the SCAN committee consists of Queanbeyan Councillors, police, council employees and people from the local community. The issue of vandalism at Jerrabomberra will be discussed at the SCAN meeting tomorrow (26<sup>th</sup> October). Another committee that looks at these types of problems is PACT (Police Accountability Community Teams) which consists of the mayors and general managers from local councils, police, and Steve Whan, Member for Monaro. The next PACT meeting will be

held on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 and the problems at Jerrabomberra will definitely be on their agenda but we shouldn't use this as our only avenue.

The Mayor also made mention of the public meeting at the Community Centre on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 at 7pm to discuss the community facilities proposed to be provided from Section 94 Contributions. Council wants to specifically discuss the proposed Youth Centre and extensions to the Community Centre and sealing the carpark area near the Community Centre.

Cr. Tom Mavec stated that a youth centre was a very much needed facility for Jerrabomberra.

**ACTION:** The outcome of the vandalism issue is that we write to Steve Whan requesting additional resources, also to David Madew. We will also contact the local liquor outlets in this regard and work with QCC to prepare a submission. Additionally, we will write to the Mayor to request that a community Safety Audit be instigated.

#### **8 b) QUEANBEYAN LAND RELEASE INQUIRY**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Margot made a short presentation to Council prior to their deliberations in regard to a submission to Frank Sartor in response to the Queanbeyan Land Release Inquiry. This Council submission will be submitted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> November and it is anticipated that Frank Sartor will make his decision fairly soon after this date. The Council's report will be on their website this Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Margot recently met with Sandra Walsh, the owner of Tralee Station, and the JRA have been invited to take a tour of the area in the new year depending on the outcomes of the QLRI.

#### **8 c) JERRABOMBERRA SCOUT HALL**

Representatives of the Jerrabomberra Scouts were invited to attend this meeting but this invitation was declined as they have nothing to report at the moment. They are involved in negotiations at the current time and will meet with the JRA Committee when they have something to report. Frank Pangallo made it clear that the new scout hall will not be funded from Section 94 contributions.

#### **8 d) MIRRABEE**

There is nothing much to report at the moment – they are still waiting for the gates to be installed. The next meeting will be tomorrow 26<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **8 e) WALKING TRACK MAP**

Margot advised that this map has now been printed and delivered to all homes in Jerrabomberra. This brochure is available from the Jerrabomberra Post Office and also at Michel's Patisserie. QCC have had a further 3,000 printed for the Tourist Information Office in Queanbeyan.

#### **8 f) WEB PAGE UPDATE/REVIEW**

David Hope proposed the following motion –

“I propose a motion that the JRA Committee authorise the expenditure of up to \$38 on the purchase of the Internet domain name [www.jra.asn.au](http://www.jra.asn.au), that this domain be hosted for free with Ezihosting as offered by JRA Member Andrew Cassie, and that the contents of [www.jerraweb.com](http://www.jerraweb.com) be mirrored to this domain in preparation for a complete transfer sometime next year.”

**Proposed:** David Hope **Seconded:** Kel Watt **Carried.**

It was also agreed to renew our jerraweb contract with Vanessa Tuckfield while the changeover takes place.

#### **8 g) MISSING “P” ON JERRABOMBERRA PARK SIGN**

When the Committee met with Canberra Investment Corporation recently, they promised us that they would replace the “P” but, as yet, this hasn’t happened. Margot will contact them and also QCC to see if we can get the “P” put back.

#### **8 h) CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Lyn advised that the carols will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and that a further meeting to fine-tune the details would be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2006. Lyn will attend this meeting on behalf of the JRA.

#### **8 i) CAANCF MEETING**

Margot advised that the next meeting of this Forum would be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 and she would attend this as the JRA representative.

#### **8 j) MENTAL HEALTH FORUM**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2006 Rotary will be holding a Mental Health Forum looking at anxiety in the workplace and mental problems suffered by defence personnel on deployment overseas. A member of the Defence Force will be giving the keynote address. Rotary are providing an amount of \$1,000 to run this.

#### **8 k) QUEANBEYAN FIRE STATION**

Concern was raised regarding the Queanbeyan Fire Station not being manned 24 hours per day but there are not many fires in Queanbeyan to warrant the firemen sleeping at the station overnight. A point that was clarified was in regard to a recent night-time fire and the response time was 8 minutes and that they are doing the best they can.

Jim Horan moved the following motion –

“The JRA are concerned about fire protection in Jerrabomberra and to raise this issue with Queanbeyan Council, the local member and the fire brigade”. This motion was seconded by Kel Watt and Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.02pm.

*The next meeting of the JRA will be the Annual General Meeting – this will be held in the Banksia Room at the Community Centre on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2006 at 7.30pm*