

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC
27TH SEPTEMBER 2006**

1. PRESENT

Lyn Edwards, Verona Armstrong, Margot Sachse, Matthew King, Jim Horan, Dianne Glassock, Brian Brown, Barbara Garland, Dwayne Keefe, Tania Rynne, Atul Manani, John Clark, Paul Whalan, Kathryn Tse.

2. APOLOGIES

David Hope, Kel Watt.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Moved: T.Rynne, **Seconded:** J.Horan **Carried.**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action: Margot to contact Southern Area Health Service requesting the General Manager speak at our Annual General Meeting in November.

Kathryn is happy to represent the JRA on the Local Area Health Advisory Committee.

5. SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER REVISED RULES AND OBJECTIVES

Margot clarified that the current Rules & Objectives were drawn up in 1990 when the JRA was first established and since then things have changed and these new Rules & Objectives will reflect what the JRA is today and to comply with Dept. of Fair Trading requirements.

The following amendments were noted:-

Page 2 – Objectives of the Association – delete “the developers” and re-number accordingly, and also add “(e) endeavour to protect, maintain & enhance the natural environs of Jerrabomberra”

Page 3 – Part 1 Preliminary – delete the word “interpretation” and substitute the word “definitions”.

In the first line of 1. delete.....”except in so far as the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires”

In the 3rd line of 1 delete the reference to “Director General” and “Director General of the Department of Fair Trading” and replace with “Commissioner” and “Commissioner of the office”.

Page 9 Conduct of Elections – 16 (1) in first line delete “acct” and insert “act”. 16 (2) d) delete “it” and insert “if”. 16 (2) e) delete “that” and insert “than”

Page 12 delete “19” and insert “22”

Page 13 add “25 (2) Clause (1) has effect subject to any extensions or permission granted by the Commissioner under section 26 (3) of the Act.

Page 14 at 28 (3) delete “25” and insert “26”. At 29 (2) delete “21” and insert “22”

Page 15 at 33 (b) delete any reference to “Director General” and insert “Commissioner”

Motion: That the revised Rules & Objectives be adopted, with the above changes

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

Action: Tania to make the above amendments and lodge with Fair Trading.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – IN

Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) – Jerrabomberra Creek Community Land Plan of Management was adopted at Council's meeting on June 7, 2006. The revised Plan can be found on the Council's website.

Action: To arrange a link from JRA's website to QCC's website.

Independent Assessment Panel – Qbn Land Release Inquiry – enclosing a copy of their full report.

Email P.Iglesias – reporting trail bike activity.

Email T.Overall (QCC Councillor) – sends apologies for public meeting but is sympathetic to our concerns.

Email S & F Murphy – concerns over deteriorating conditions at Allan McGrath Oval.

Email Allan Moss (QCC) – cricket pitch and practice nets soon to be installed at Allan McGrath Oval and upgrade of Oval.

QCC 2006/2007 Management Plan – this Plan was adopted by Council on June 21, 2006

Motion: That we write to the Mayor to use money from the Open Spaces Embellishment Fund to fund the soil testing and irrigation system for the parkland between Mariners Court and Tamarind Place.

Moved: M.Sachse, **Seconded:** P.Whalan

QCC – requesting that we obtain \$10m. public liability insurance.

Alex Ananian-Cooper (Canb. Airport) – advising that Canberra Airport “warmly welcomes” the findings of the Land Inquiry Report.

V.Armstrong – endorsing the JRA's views on Edwin Land Parkway and the northern Queanbeyan by-pass and suggesting a letter-writing campaign to voice displeasure at proposed plans to make Edwin Land Parkway into a by-pass. It was decided to hold off until after the public meeting.

M.Furner – voicing her displeasure at a by-pass through Jerrabomberra, and also suggesting a letter writing campaign to Morris Iemma.

Update on NSW State Plan – highlighting the major issues raised during the State Governments recent meeting in Queanbeyan

e-Newsletter of the NSW State Plan – stating that the State Government is reviewing all feedback and the final State Plan will be released in early November.

Email from A & D Bishop – increased hoon activity in The Heights.

D & J Langrehr – concerned about the findings of the Land Inquiry and that there are no benefits to residents of Jerrabomberra in the recommendations. This letter will be tabled at the public meeting as they are unable to attend.

B & G Mitchell (email) – requesting another trail bike blitz by police.

G Woods (email) – trail bike activity

Gary Nairn (press release) – calling on Steve Whan and his Labor colleagues to pressure ACT Labor to abandon Hume Gaol.

Copy of a letter from Steve Whan to Gary Nairn – stating that he has always been against the gaol at Hume.

Gary Nairn (press release) – condemning the ACT Budget approval for the gaol at Hume.

Steve Whan (press release) – is against land at Tralee, Environa and Tralee Station being used for “economic” use.

Cr Kerry White – unable to attend the public meeting on 3rd October and stating his agreement with our anger and frustration at the Land Inquiry findings.

General Manager QCC – the JRA has been successful in obtaining funding through the Council’s General Donations Grant and we have been allocated an amount of \$640.

CHIRPS – regarding our Public Liability Insurance

Jerrabomberra Community Centre (JCC) – we are to let them know if we find the Centre in an untidy state prior to our meetings.

Cr Sue Jarvis – forwarded copies of articles regarding the relocation of the scout hall in 1997.

Survey from Gary Nairn – requesting the JRA’s views and ideas for the local area.

Action: Complete and return the survey.

Ken Stone – inviting Lyn and Margot to attend a ceremony to present certificates to the Council’s Jerra Outdoor Crew on the 29th September. Lyn to attend.

Gary Nairn (press release) – Corbell contributing to rising cost of housing

S.Wick – consideration for off-lead exercise areas for dogs.

Action: Write to L.Pierce (JRA member who is the President of the Queanbeyan dog obedience club) and clarify whether there are any off-lead areas in Jerrabomberra

Canberra Investment Corporation – requesting a meeting prior to the 3rd October public meeting to provide the committee with some facts about the Googong development.

Healthy Communities – an invitation to take part in an introductory workshop on project evaluation.

Public Advocate – invitation to attend a public meeting in Queanbeyan on 4th October, 2006.

Adre de Waal (Jerrabomberra Scouts) – the Scouts are pursuing relocating closer to the Madew Oval.

Action: Invite Scouts to attend our next meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT

Poplar Tree Media Release – requesting resident’s views on dangerous suckers from Poplar trees around Lake Jerrabomberra.

Presentation to Council – Margot tabled her speech to Council regarding the Land Inquiry findings.

Mayor Frank Pangallo – requesting Council adjourn consideration to build a Youth/Community Centre until the land use issue has been resolved.

Mayor Frank Pangallo – advising the outcomes from a recently held community meeting to discuss the best way to deal with Poplar trees around Lake Jerrabomberra.

All Queanbeyan Councillors – inviting them to attend the public meeting on 3rd October, 2006.

Executive Officer, Draft NSW State Plan – Margot tabled the JRA’s submission in regard to this matter.

Community Meeting Flier – this was delivered to all homes in Jerrabomberra, North Terrace & Letchworth advising them of the upcoming public meeting on 3rd October, 2006.

J.Weir – requesting clarification of email address.

Rules & objectives letter – this was sent to all JRA members with a copy of the amended draft rules & objectives for their consideration.

S.Wick – acknowledging receipt of her letter regarding off-lead dog areas in Jerrabomberra.

Email to V.Armstrong – advising that we will include Edwin Land Parkway on the meeting agenda.

Email to P.Iglesias – advising what is being done by the JRA to address the issue of trail bikes in the bushland.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tania advised that the balance as at 13th September, 2006 was \$4,109-44. Subscription renewals totalled \$380 and payments were made to ProPamphlets (\$282-50) and the secretary (\$92-07) to cover expenses for the Rules mail-out. Tania also advised that we are now required to hold \$10m. public liability insurance which will attract an added \$300 to the cost of our cover – this will now cost \$1,079 per annum. It was agreed to pay this additional amount and prior to renewing our cover next year, we will obtain a few quotes.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Community Meeting – 3rd October, 2006 – Steve Whan and Frank Pangallo have confirmed they will be in attendance. Sue Jarvis has requested 5 minutes to speak at the meeting. Signs advertising the meeting will be placed at strategic points around Jerrabomberra prior to the meeting. We are endeavouring to obtain a map from Canberra Investment Corporation (CIC) showing where the Googong Development is in relation to Jerrabomberra. It was suggested that a running sheet be produced to ascertain that all issues are covered.

b) Meeting with Canberra Investment Corporation (CIC) – the majority of the JRA committee met with representatives from CIC (Brian Elton, Elton Consulting; Craig Harris, Project Manager, Canberra Investment Corp; and Sebastian Smyth, Transportation Planning Manager, GHD Pty Ltd) on Tuesday 26th September, 2006.

CIC ran us through their proposal for Googong and produced maps which displayed the layout of the new suburb. Googong will be a community of 6,000-7,000 dwellings supporting a population of 15,000 to 18,000 residents to be progressively developed over a 20-25 year period, subject to market demands and assuming an average of 300 lots/annum. When fully developed it will be relatively self-contained in the provision of daily needs having a town centre, 5 public primary schools, an Anglican High School, a Woolworths and Coles supermarkets and a Big W variety store, recreational areas, community facilities and a large central common (park). CIC estimate that Googong will be about the size of Jerrabomberra in year 8 and 1/3 size of Queanbeyan in year 15.

CIC plan to use Edwin Land Parkway (linked through to Cooma Road) to carry traffic from Googong through Jerrabomberra onto Lanyon Drive and then onto the Monaro Highway. This will result in Edwin Land Parkway being a 4 lane road, like Tomsitt Drive.

CIC had issues with the traffic data we used in our flyer to residents. The data was sourced from the LEP study in 2003 conducted by Northrop. CIC advised that since that time they have commissioned international engineering firm GHD to carry out detailed traffic and transport modelling and that the analysis prepared by GHD has since received in principle support from the NSW RTA.

The Northrop report made the assumption that people who reside in Googong will be similar to other people in the region with 68% travelling to Canberra each day for work (4600 cars/hour in peak hour). The modelling work done by GHD indicates 1290 cars/hour in peak hour. In making this calculation CIC have assumed that Deanes bus service will service the suburb from day one and incentives (free tickets) will be provided to encourage residents to travel by bus into Queanbeyan and on to Canberra; residents will be encouraged to have one car; 10% will work from home due to state of the art communications technology.

The JRA does not support the use of Edwin Land Parkway as the through road to carry all the Canberra destined traffic from Googong. It is JRA policy that Dunns Creek Road be constructed to take the Googong traffic from the suburb directly to the Monaro Highway at Hume. It was clear from our meeting that CIC did not wish to entertain any ideas of having to construct this road and the reasons provided were due to the high environmental sensitivity and the steep gradient of the area that it would not be possible to upgrade this track into a major road. The JRA committee totally disagrees however, CIC was very keen to provide support to the JRA in our endeavours to get the ACT section of Lanyon Drive duplicated, as in its current form it is struggling with current traffic flows.

CIC were the developers of Jerrabomberra Park. Like the early Jerrabomberra days, there seems to be only one road in and out of Googong. The committee were concerned that, based on experience from the 2003 fires, that this isn't ideal, especially considering that Googong is a high risk fire area.

Action: Brian to obtain traffic statistics for Tomsitt and Lanyon Roads prior to the public meeting.

Action: Put CIC report on JRA website

c) ACT Prison at Hume – Gary Nairn and Steve Whan have both been sending out press releases lately condemning the building of the gaol – they are both in agreement that this shouldn't go ahead. The strong winds have been blowing soil from the prison site directly over Jerrabomberra.

Action: Paul moved that we contact Gary Nairn and Steve Whan urging them both to cooperate and continue to seek a positive outcome in regard to the prison to the benefit of the Jerrabomberra residents. Kathryn seconded this motion and it was carried.

Action: Write to the ACT Government telling them that this isn't good enough and send copies to Gary Nairn and Frank Pangallo.

Action: Email Steve Whan advising that it is urgent that he contact the Environment Minister for NSW and to lodge a complaint on our behalf with the ACT Government.

d) Mirrabee Update – Brian advised that the preparation work is being carried out and that the fences on the east side of Mirrabee are going up. He also urged people to keep passing any information regarding trail bikes on to him and he in turn will pass this information on to the police.

Action: That an electronic copy of the Mirrabee map be included on the JRA website.

e) Walking Track Map update – Margot advised that the map is now with the printers and should be completed by Tuesday (3rd October) and should be distributed to all homes in Jerrabomberra around the middle of October. There will be some advertising in the local media prior to its release. Margot thanked the committee for their efforts in helping her with this project and Tania, in turn, moved a vote of thanks to Margot for all the hours she spent putting this publication together.

f) Poplar Trees Meeting – A small meeting was held on the 5th September, 2006 at the community centre with Allan Moss from QCC in attendance. It was agreed to poison one stand of trees, leave them for 12 months and then take them down and replace these with mature Manchurian Pear trees. This course of action will not denude the area but will maintain an established look to the lake frontage.

g) Local Area Health Committee – Kathryn Tse has agreed to represent the JRA on this committee.

h) Guest Speaker for AGM - Deferred to next meeting

i) Web Page Update/Review – Brian and David have not had a chance to meet yet so this was deferred to the next meeting.

j) Missing “P” on Jerrabomberra Park Sign – Margot contacted Council with regard to having the missing “P” replaced but was told that it is the responsibility of the developer. CIC advised that they would replace the “P”.

k) Carols By Candlelight – Lyn advised that the Carols will be held on Saturday 9th December, 2006, from 5pm. This year they will be held at the Madew Playing Fields as the extra space is needed to accommodate the growing crowds. Lyn was authorised by the committee to purchase 600 candles for the occasion. More information will be available nearer to the date.

l) Edwin Land Parkway – Margot read from V.Armstrong’s email (see correspondence IN). It was agreed that we should push for Dunns Creek Road to be upgraded in order to alleviate large volumes of traffic on Edwin Land Parkway. We will consider this matter further after the public meeting next week. It was suggested that if Edwin Land Parkway is duplicated to 4 lanes, then an underpass be considered.

m) Allan McGrath Oval – We have received a complaint about the neglected look of this Oval but Allan Moss (QCC’s Parks and Recreation Dept.) has advised that “...work is

programmed to start shortly to install a cricket pitch and practice nets which will see an upgrade of the Oval”.

n) Jerrabomberra Shopping Centre – Brian, Dwayne and Lyn met with Irini Daglas, the new manager of the shopping centre, and raised our concerns regarding the litter in the carpark, overgrown shrubs, traffic problems, watering system, toilets, and the possibility of another exit point onto Edwin Land Parkway. It is envisaged that these problems will soon be remedied and regular meetings between Irini and the JRA will help to keep on top of things.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.35pm.

*The next meeting of the JRA will be held on **Wednesday 25th October, 2006 at 7.30pm** at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre and any JRA member is more than welcome to attend.*