

**JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING 24 SEPTEMBER 2008**

1. PRESENT

Brian Brown, Dorothy Lawson, Doug Gordon, Kim Howatson, Margot Sachse, David Hope, Dwayne Keefe, Mark Croxford.

2. APOLOGIES

Lyn Edwards, Tania Rynne, Trish Cahill.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

There was one alteration to be made in regard to the August minutes in the “Correspondence In” section. At the end of this section there was a notation which should have read “The JRA notes that whilst the ATM is the only sign of a financial institution in Jerrabomberra some businesses do offer EFTPOS and some agency banking and bill paying services. The JRA apologise for any confusion.

MOVED: Margot Sachse **SECONDED:** Brian Brown **CARRIED.**

Also, under General Business, it stated that each mayoral candidate will be given 15 minutes to speak – this should have read ‘10 minutes’.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Tom Snow - It was suggested that we write to Tom Snow at the Airport – this was done.

b) Development in the Jerrabomberra Valley – Margot was to contact Richard Pearson – more details below in General Business 8 b).

c) Lighting at Jerrabomberra Shops – Margot was to contact Greg Fogarty at QCC to obtain the owners address so that we could write to him however, Council were unable to provide his address due to privacy issues. It was suggested that we contact the managing agent, Savilles.

ACTION: Margot to contact Savilles.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – IN

David Hope – Rotary Dinner and RTA speaker

Greg Fogarty QCC – Waterfall Drive Footpath

Kerry White – Response to JRA’s 5 questions

L.Scrivener – Change to email address

Steve Stavreas – Response to JRA’s 5 questions

John Barilaro – Response to JRA’s 5 questions

Susan English – Jerrabomberra Preschool update

Trudy Taylor – Response to JRA’s 5 questions

D.Bell – Greenwise Newsletter

D & S Glassock – Membership renewal

Media Release, Tim Overall – Mayoral candidate tells competition to focus

On the issues

Susan English – Minister not visiting Queanbeyan
Media Release, Steve Whan – Nats campaign against Jerrabomberra
Community facilities
Lyreco – Order form
N & T Overall – Will be attending the JRA's AGM
N.McCann – Message of sympathy
D.Collins – Keneally letter
S.McDonald – Last night
D.Keefe – Tomorrow
Battye Family – JRA minutes
D.Collins – Letters from Paul Whalan
G.Jenkins – JRA Minutes
B.Peresin – Email address
B.Thomas – Rates information
R.Thistleton – Canberra airport
N & T Overall – Meet the candidates night
J.Bowles – Meet the candidates
L.Dietrich – Bill for JRA
Greg Fogarty QCC – Jerra Shops matters
K.Willis – Meet the candidates night
B.Pasfield – Heating of toddlers pool
A.Blundell – Meet the candidates night
Anne Rocca QCC – JRA flyer
Tom Mavec QCC – Meet the candidates night
G.Willans – Invitation to speak re: noise complaints
J.Barilaro – Meet the candidates night
D.Collins – Book & Paul's diary

6. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT

N & T Overall – Letter from the JRA
L.Scrivener – New email address
Tom Snow – Good bye and good luck
Frank Sartor – Good bye and good luck
Kristina Keneally – Proposed residential development, Sth Jerrabomberra
Steve Whan – Appointment of new premier and ministry
Tim Overall QCC – Congratulations as new Mayor
B.Hanson – Public Liability insurance
D.Keefe – Graffiti
N.McCann – Sad news
A.Ananian-Cooper – Sad news
D.Collins – Keneally letter
P.Hawker – Meeting next week
S.McDonald – Last night
B.Peresin – Email address
B.Thomas – Rates information
Media Release to Canberra Times – Meet the candidates

Greg Fogarty QCC – Jerra shops matters
T.Geyer & B.Pasfield – Heating of toddlers pool
Anne Rocca QCC – Flyer
Tom Mavec – Meet the candidates night
David – NSW ministry
D.Gough – Meet the candidates night
K.Willis – Meet the candidates night
J.Barilaro – Meet the candidates night
S.Stavreas – Meet the candidates night
K.White – Meet the candidates night
N & T Overall – Meet the candidates night
T.Mavec – Meet the candidates night

7. TREASURERS' REPORT

As Tania was absent from the meeting, the Treasurers' Report was deferred to the next meeting.

We gained 4 new members at the Meet The Candidates night and a number of application forms were also handed out.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) QCC Election – Meet the Candidates Night

Approximately 90 people attended this information night including candidates, and the response from the general public was that the JRA put on a very successful night. The JRA were disappointed that the photos taken by the Queanbeyan Age reporter never made it into the paper due to technical problems and also that there was no coverage in the Queanbeyan Chronicle due to lack of space. If we were to do this again, we would only give the mayoral candidates 7 minutes for their speech in order to leave more time for questions at the end.

Another issue the JRA had to deal with was the delivery of our flyer. The original flyer was delivered in a very haphazard fashion so we did a re-print and had it delivered by QBN Letterbox Deliveries who did a fantastic job of delivering it promptly and professionally at very short notice. David made mention that the website, which contained all the responses to the 5 questions posed to the candidates, had over 800 hits and this was a terrific response. We also had some very positive feedback from some of the candidates who thought it was a very good night.

b) Development in the Jerrabomberra Valley – Update

Margot recently met with the State Shadow Planning Minister, Brad Hazzard, and Matthew Mason-Cox, Member of the NSW Legislative Council, at a luncheon and it was agreed that the 3 of them should have a meeting in the near future to discuss the issue of development in the Jerrabomberra Valley.

Village Building Co. (VBC) are looking at Tralee and Googong being put into a 3A process, which means that planning approval is taken out of QCC's hands. The new Planning Minister, Kristina Keneally, is being briefed by her staff and it is good to

note that Richard Pearson, who was previously on Frank Sartor's staff, is now with the new Minister. Margot and Lyn met with Steve Whan last week to present him with a letter to be forwarded on to Minister Keneally, requesting a meeting with her. Steve Whan advised that he will do that but not at this time, as she needs to be given some time to come up to speed with all the issues, plus there are a great many people wishing to meet with her.

The issue of a curfew for Canberra Airport is still being talked about however, the Federal Government is not going to impose a curfew while the ACT Government are happy with the present situation. Curfew4Canberra (C4C) has been set up to educate the public on the need for a curfew and get the government of the day to change their thinking if there is enough support in the community for a curfew. The white paper gives C4C a foot in the door to do that but we still need Canberra residents onside in order to achieve this goal. At the end of the day, the ACT Government will go where the votes are.

c) Sports Precinct Meeting – Strategic Plan

Margot attended the Sports Precinct Meeting recently as QCC want to produce a strategic plan for the sports precinct. They would contact local community and sporting groups to gain a better understanding of what sporting facilities were required. It was noted that we don't have a full size cricket pitch here and also that the aquatic centre would have another room attached to it to accommodate indoor games like basketball or cricket. Other facilities that could also be included in the aquatic centre to make it commercially viable might include a gymnasium, crèche, hydrotherapy pool.

Margot will attend any future meetings and keep the JRA fully informed of the details.

d) Events Planning

- The new mayor of Queanbeyan, Tim Overall, has agreed to speak at our AGM on 26 November, about his vision for Queanbeyan, as long as it doesn't clash with Council sitting.

- The JRA Wine Tasting will be held on Friday 28 November from 7pm-9pm at the community centre. Invitations are to be sent to all councillors.

- Jerrabomberra Public School Fete will be held on Saturday 1 November and the JRA will be having an information stall and we will also endeavour to increase our membership.

- Carols By Candlelight will be held on Saturday 13 December.

e) Bendigo Bank

Kim Howatson advised that to date, there have been two steering committee meetings. They will be having a stall at the upcoming school fete on 1 November to

provide the community with information, as well as stalls at the local shops in the lead-up to, as well as after, the Pledge Launch.
The Pledge Launch will take place in the middle of November 2008 and this will be well advertised around the community.

f) Donation to Cancer Research Foundation

Tania put forward a motion that the JRA donate \$100 to the Cancer Research Foundation in memory of past JRA President, Noel Murray, who passed away on 13 September 2008. This motion was seconded by Brian Brown.

ACTION: Tania to organise this donation.

g) Woolies Community Grants

Margot has an application form to obtain a \$200 wish card from our local store for our Easter Raffle next year so Margot suggested that Lyn fill out the form and lodge it with Woolies.

ACTION: Lyn to organise the lodgement of the application form.

h) Rotary Briefing

David attended a Rotary Dinner where Paul from the RTA spoke about the upgrade of Lanyon Drive between the Monaro Highway and Tomsitt Drive.

The NSW and ACT Governments task force was established in 2002 to look at upgrading this road, and a feasibility study was done in 2003. There are environmental issues to the north and recommended widening to the south on Lanyon Drive. Lanyon Dr, Sheppard St, Monaro Hwy upgrade was approved by the ACT in 2006. Work commenced in July 2008 and is expected to be finished by Christmas 2008.

Traffic lights will be installed to let us, city-bound, onto the Monaro Highway – lights will not stop Monaro north bound traffic. Lights will stop Queanbeyan bound traffic from the south. When you get a green light, you will have to merge into Monaro north bound traffic at 80 kmh. Traffic lights at Sheppard St. at some later date.

Stage 2 & 3 – this will include duplication of Lanyon Dr. plus the widening and realignment of the existing road, to be completed by Christmas 2010.

2 new bridges to be constructed over the railway line, the small cottage will stay.

A bike/safety shoulder of 2m will be constructed for the length of the new road.

This upgrade is only planned to be sufficient for the next 10 years max.

The existing Tomsitt/Lanyon roundabout stays as it is for now but lights may be required in the future.

RTA are currently looking at other traffic issues/options that may be required to take into consideration the next 25 years and the proposed developments. A report will go to Queanbeyan City Council.

Paul advised David that the best option for the community would be to get Council and QCC staff/management on side for Dunns Creek Road. He also suggested that

the JRA could write directly to the NSW Minister for Roads as well as Steve Whan and plead the case for the community.

i) Blasting at the Quarry

A strong blast from the quarry recently has resulted in some complaints to the JRA and Margot suggested that we write to QCC General Manager, Gary Chapman, in this regard as well as the Department of the Environment, bringing this matter to their attention.

ACTION: Margot to write these letters.

j) JRA website

David would like to find ways to attract residents to the JRA website, as its the best method we have of communicating with the local community. We will advertise the website in the Newsletter and also on the JRA noticeboard outside Woolies.

k) Graffiti at Madew Oval

Dwayne advised that the amenities block at the oval is still being covered by graffiti and Margot said that is one of the issues she would be bringing up with Tim Overall when he addresses our AGM. It was suggested that anti-graffiti paint be used.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

The next meeting of the JRA will take place on Wednesday 22 October 2008 at 7.30pm in the Banksia Room at the community centre and anyone is more than welcome to attend.