

JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION INC.
MINUTES
COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 17 2010

1. PRESENT

M. Croxford, L. Edwards, D. Lawson, V. Armstrong, P. Henry, M. Sachse, R. Parnell, B. Brown, J. Gordon, D. Gordon, J. Dillon, C. Rees, Z. Antonijevic, L. Antonijevic, J. Hawkins, J. Cregan, I. Douglas, P. Burne.

2. APOLOGIES

T. Rynne, K. Howatson, V. Treverrow, M. Furner, J. French, D. French, D. Fortune, A. Farouk, J. Joshua, Cr. T. Mavec, Cr. J. Barilaro, Cr. P. Bray.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion: That the Minutes of the January meeting be accepted.

Moved: Doug Gordon **Seconded:** Lyn Edwards **Carried.**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) General Donations Scheme – Mark Croxford advised a drafted letter is with the Committee for consideration.

b) Mark Croxford to seek clarification from Queanbeyan Police on which phone numbers were appropriate to ring. Advice from Superintendent Merryweather:-

000 – for instances that require immediate police response

131 444 – to report minor incidents of crime or lost property where police are not required to attend and the victim does not know who the offender was. Break & enters can also be reported on this number

6298 0555 – is the Queanbeyan Police Station if residents want police to attend an incident that is of a non-urgent nature – the job will be taken and allocated to an available car crew

1800 333 000 – is CrimeStoppers and it relates to the provision of information relating to crime or offenders. It's essentially a forum to allow the public to supply information regarding crime anonymously or by supplying their personal details.

c) Pedestrian And Mobility Plan (PAMP) – appears our submission was not considered when preparing the latest PAMP documentation. Mark Croxford wrote to Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) voicing our concerns.

d) Traffic calming treatments on Bicentennial & Morella – Mark Croxford wrote to QCC seeking clarification on what parking limits apply to residents and their visitors now the new traffic calming measures are in place and asked if QCC would write to those affected residents advising same information.

e) Woolworths – Mark Croxford and Kim Howatson met with Woolworths Area Manager, Anthony Dagleish, and Woolworths Jerrabomberra store manager, Greg Boyle. This will be covered more fully under General Business (8i).

f) Membership incentives – Under committee consideration. However, we have received incentive offers from a couple of business owner Jerrabomberra residents offering giving special discounts to members. This is still a work in progress and we are happy to receive input from the membership who might like to make member discount offers.

g) Public Transport in Jerrabomberra – Mark Croxford has left messages for James Singer from Deanes Buslines for an initial discussion with a view to having Deane's attend as a guest speaker in the near future.

h) Meet the Candidates – This issue is a work in progress and Kim Howatson will circulate the SOP when ready.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – IN

-Canberra Airport media release – Court rules against NSW planning over Tralee rezoning

-Village Building Co media release – Rezoning process clarified for Sth Tralee

-Canb. Airport Consultative Forum (CACF) – Agenda for meeting 11/2/10

-P.Moufarrige – CityCARE

-Queanbeyan & District Preschool Assn – Seeking new board members

-S.Martin – Water theft

-S.Walter, Jerra medical centre – Area of need support

-QCC media release – from Council meeting 27/1/10

-QCC media release – Medical centre/pharmacy development application approved

-N&G Jones – CityCARE levy

-V.Armstrong – Stage 2 Edwin Land Parkway

-A&S Carrabs – Inappropriate behaviour

-M.Sachse – PAMP submission

-QCC – PAMP community feedback & comments form

-QCC – Mayoral Message 4/2/10

-Curfew4Canberra (C4C) – Submission into effectiveness of AirServices Aust.

-S.Gray – Edwin Land Parkway extension

-J.Butler – Community centre pond

-T.Overall, QCC – Invitation to attend Council workshop

-G.Dobson – Inappropriate behaviour

-M.Alexander – Re-sealing of Brudenell Dr and CityCARE

-R.Lansom – CityCARE

-S&A Pickard & J.Guy – CityCARE

-Bendigo Bank media release – Community Bank prepares to issue prospectus – 29/1/10

-QCC Media Release – The road forward for Queanbeyan

-P.Spyve, QCC – Complaint, Circulation of misinformation regarding CityCARE

-B.Pasfield, QCC – Toddler Pool

-A.Ananian-Cooper, CIA – Draft terms of reference for review of Canberra Airport Noise Abatement Procedures; Canb. Airport forum 90/95 rule for freight Aircraft

-N.Wilkinson – Carolyn Jackson Drive

-D.French – CityCARE levy

-Letter from the Mayor to Little Athletics

-QCC Media Release – Carnivale! Queanbeyan multicultural festival 2010

6. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT

- S.Walter – Area of need letter
- P.Spyve, QCC – CityCARE complaint
- NSW Health Dept – Letter of support, Area of Need status – The Surgery at Jerra
- P.Moufarrige – Membership enquiry
- All members on email – January minutes; CityCARE; February meeting agenda
- V.Thompson – Bounced email
- C.McIntosh, Chronicle – Chronicle article
- Senate standing committee on Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport – Online submission into effectiveness of AirServices management of aircraft noise
- B.Passfield, QCC – Toddler Pool
- T.Overall, QCC – Traffic calming treatments, Bicentennial & Morella
- N.McCann, Canberra Airport – Canberra Airport Consultative Forum (CACF)
- M.Hanrahan, QCC – Draft Queanbeyan PAMP feedback & comments

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn Edwards presented the Treasurer's Report forwarded to her by absent Treasurer, Tania Rynne.

Incoming – New memberships and renewals (Jan/Feb 10) \$640

Outgoing – JRA newsletter delivery \$132; Stationery \$25-50; Account service fees (Jan/Feb 10) \$20

The Department of Fair Trading has been paid by the Public Officer – awaiting receipt for reimbursement.

The account balance as at February 16, 2010 is \$4,371-69

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted

Moved: Lyn Edwards **Seconded:** Margot Sachse **Carried.**

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) **CityCARE** – Margot Sachse attended the public information session on February 9 as well as the Residents & Ratepayers Forum on February 16 as a JRA representative; and will also attend the second Forum on February 23. Presentations suggested the 5.8% increase is a 'done deal' with no other options contemplated. The Levy increase will only be added to the 'ad valorem' section of the rates, on top of this year's annual rate pegging of 2.8%.

Margot asked how Council arrived at the 5.8% and was told it was chosen as an amount Council believed the community would be happy with.

The State Government is pressuring all Councils to be accountable for items that were included in their 10-year plan (QCC - CBD rejuvenation, café by the river, etc) and will cost a great deal more than originally anticipated.

Question: If QCC want to build a café down by the river, why hasn't someone from private industry already applied for it, if they can make a go of it?

Response from floor: Council say the project is not commercially viable so Council will do it.

The JRA's concern with the CityCARE proposal is the lack of quality information made available which has not allowed residents to objectively assess what QCC propose. The JRA owe it to all Queanbeyan ratepayers to seek clarification on this matter. Residents deserve to know what we are going to pay for and what is happening to rates paid, and why is Council in this situation? We are all expected to live within our means...why isn't Council?

Question: Why can't this be looked at and applied for next year rather than this year?

Question: Is the Council planning for any of the infrastructure when Tralee gets approved?

Response from the floor: No, because its not in the 4-year plan or the 10-year plan.

It was agreed Mark Croxford would make CityCARE the issue in his President's column for the Queanbeyan Chronicle for next week.

b) Safety & Security Update

i) Police - Mark Croxford has been liaising with Queanbeyan Police and the statistics for Jerrabomberra over the last 4 weeks are as follows –

- Break & enters are down with only 2 reported – lock all doors and windows if you are going to be away from your home for any length of time and if you intend to do any gardening at the rear of your property, ensure all doors and windows are locked.
- Stealing from motor vehicles is on the rise – lock vehicles at all times, park in well lit and/or busy locations, don't leave any valuables in your car and remove loose change from visible locations, remove any holding devices for mobile phones or GPS systems as this may indicate that your phone or GPS is hidden within the car.
- Malicious damage is down for the period
- The area around O'Sullivan Road has been the target of recent criminal activity.

Residents are urged to report any suspicious behaviour immediately to Police at any time of the day or night as Queanbeyan Police Station is a 24 hour station. See Item 4b) above for the correct numbers to ring.

ii) Community Fire Unit – Mark Croxford has received a few expressions of interest to form a Community Fire Unit (CFU) however, if the CFU is to become a reality, we need quite a few more volunteers. CFU members will receive full comprehensive training from the NSW Fire Brigade (NSWFB) and training is updated every 12 months.

JRA committee member, Doug Gordon, is our CFU Liaison Officer and Doug will be talking with NSWFB. An article on the CFU will appear in the JRA March Newsletter and the CFU will be an item for discussion at our March meeting.

c) QCC Workshop for JRA – The JRA has been invited to participate in a QCC 1-hour workshop on March 3 to specifically address Jerrabomberra issues. The committee will get together before this date to prioritise issues to present to Council.

d) Alleged Residential Water Theft – A resident of Rosewood Glen informed the JRA of possible water theft from residences in this area. The resident reported the matter to QCC for investigation, and subsequent confirmation. It appears three

properties may have been targeted and the Council indicated there had been a similar incident of water theft in Queanbeyan. The JRA encourage residents to check their water bills and alert Queanbeyan Council if a significant increase is noted.

e) Googong Urban Development Voluntary Planning Agreement – Brian Brown noted it was disappointing that the JRA missed its opportunity to make a presentation to Council on the Public Exhibition of the Googong VPA. The Googong VPA will now go on Public Exhibition with significant “additional work and negotiations” still outstanding. Agreement has yet to be reached on infrastructure type and costs, water savings and developer contribution towards roads, in particular the Edwin Land Parkway extension (Ellerton Drive). Dunns Creek Road is missing completely! The public is now unlikely to get the opportunity to provide feedback on these so called “additional works” as they will not go on public exhibition.

The Googong VPA comprises around \$275m worth of infrastructure the Googong developer will provide the entire Queanbeyan community over the life of the development. A significant proportion will directly affect the Jerrabomberra community. This is a one-off opportunity to set out what developer contributions the Queanbeyan community gets from the Googong development. Once this contract is signed, we don’t get another go, so we have to ensure we get it right, we cannot afford to drop the ball on this issue. We need to inform the Jerrabomberra community of the importance of this VPA to our community and make a submission when it goes on display.

f) Canberra Airport Community Forum – Mark Croxford attended the Canberra Airport Community Forum (CACF) in his capacity as JRA President.

The airport is doing what it can to become an international hub for aircraft from overseas regions. An AirServices Australia review into the noise abatement measures is being undertaken with the membership of the CACF.

Mark asked about the effectiveness of Webtrak (an online jet aircraft tracking tool) and the effectiveness of the airport’s ability to communicate how Webtrak can help people make online complaints. Both the Airport and AirServices agreed to look at ways to improve awareness of Webtrak.

The Webtrak link is

<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aviationenvironment/noise/default.asp>

Canberra airport will hold its open day on Sunday March 28. Members say the event is highly recommended.

g) Review of Canberra Airport Noise Abatement Procedures – Terms of Reference – Mark Croxford passed around the draft Terms of Reference and requested if anyone had concerns or would like to make input they should talk to him by Wednesday February 24. Comments and/or suggestions must be lodged by February 28.

h) Winter Wine Tasting – Lyn Edwards proposed April 30 or May 7 as dates Vintage Cellars, Oaks Estate, could host the event – a show of hands revealed May 7 to be the most popular date.

i) Woolworths – Mark Croxford and Kim Howatson met with Woolworths Area Manager, Anthony Dalgleish, and Jerrabomberra Store Manager, Greg Boyle, to follow up on issues arising from the JRA June 2009 meeting.

The development approval for the Jerrabomberra store expansion has been lodged with QCC and is a work in progress. If the DA is approved, it will expand the store by one-third its current floor plan. Once approved, the project will take about 15 weeks to complete once work commences. The expansion should see an additional 6,000 or 7,000 individual line items become available and the possible inclusion of a full seafood and bakery service. However, more checkouts are unlikely.

Greg Boyle agreed to meet regularly with the JRA to address any concerns residents may have and to provide feedback.

The price of Woolworths petrol was raised. Woolworths petrol stations are co-owned by Caltex and is outside of the control or influence of the supermarket area manager.

j) Information Sessions at Village Shops – Since early January the JRA has held Saturday information sessions at the Village shops. The sessions allow residents to ask questions of the JRA and the JRA to seek residents feedback on issues such as CityCARE. The information sessions have also helped to markedly increase JRA membership numbers. Mark Croxford asks current JRA members to encourage family, friends and neighbours to join the JRA and help build a strong sense of community.

k) Easter Raffle – Lyn Edwards advised the committee is getting prize donations from local shopkeepers and businesses. Members and residents can buy tickets from the JRA at the Village shops during March and at the Rotary Autumn Fair.

l) Jerrabomberra Rotary Autumn Fair – The Autumn Fair is on Saturday March 27 in the grounds of the Jerrabomberra Community Centre. The JRA will be there talking to residents about issues of concern, signing up new members and selling Easter raffle tickets.

m) Chronicle Article – It was agreed the focus of the Presidents column for the Queanbeyan Chronicle would be CityCARE.

ACTION: Mark Croxford

n) Guest Speakers – Mark Croxford will invite James Singer from Deanes Buslines to speak at a future meeting on public transport issues. Members can send their suggestions for guest speakers to Mark Croxford by email (mark.Croxford@gmail.com)

9. MOTIONS

a) JRA Account – Bank Signatories

Motion: The JRA Committee authorise Mark Croxford, Tania Rynne and Lyn Edwards to be signatories on the JRA St. George bank account.

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

10. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Edwin Land Parkway – It was suggested from the floor that a number of years ago, then Queanbeyan Mayor Frank Pangallo told the JRA Section 94 money would be used to purchase land for the Edwin Land Parkway extension (ELPe). However, it is understood Section 94 money is supposed to be used for community services. It was suggested the S94 monies were used to buy ELPe land as Council classified ELPe a community access road. The JRA understand Council's current planning classifies ELP and ELPe as a by-pass. If Jerrabomberra's Section 94 money has been used inappropriately Council may be required to refund \$7.5m to Jerrabomberra's S94 funds. Mark Croxford to raise this matter with current and former Councillors.

ACTION: Mark Croxford to raise the matter with current and former Councillors.

b) A question was raised as to whether Jerrabomberra would ever get a dentist – it was looked at, at one time but was never progressed.

ACTION: Mark Croxford will make some discreet inquiries.

c) It was stated that a visit to Queanbeyan Hospital just prior to Christmas highlighted the fact that there was no doctor on the premises for a period of almost 24 hours – its best to ring the hospital first to verify if there is a doctor on duty.

ACTION: Brian Brown to raise residents concerns at the next meeting of the Queanbeyan Local Health Services Advisory Committee.

d) Lights at the small shops – Are they ever going to be repaired? It is a body corporate issue.

ACTION: Mark Croxford to speak with the small shops Body Corporate Manager.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 9.56pm.

The next meeting of the JRA will be held on Wednesday March 17 at 7.30pm in the Banksia Room at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre and anyone is welcome to attend.

After the meeting, we were advised that Jerra Fresh Fruit & Vegetables is offering a 5% discount to JRA members – just mention to the staff that you are a JRA member to receive this discount.