

**JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION INC**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING 20 JULY 2011**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**

**1. Present**

Margot Sachse, Sean Clutterbuck, Anton Pemmer, David Hope, Greg Schmidt, Garrie Mallon, Hannah Jonkers, John Gordon, Kim Howatson

**2. Apologies**

Anthony Howatson, Bob Curtis, Mary Guthrie, Megan Taylor, Tom Marvec.

**3. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes**

- a) May minutes – moved by Margot Sachse and seconded by Greg Schmidt
- b) June minutes – moved by Margot Sachse and seconded by Greg Schmidt

**4. Matters arising from previous minutes**

- a. David Hope to update website
- b. Ascertain find out what the SOP procedures for abandoned vehicles - **June AA**
- c. Treasurer to apply to QCC for General Donations Scheme – **June AA**
- d. Vice President to write to ACT Emergency Services Minister to request the development of protocols to take onboard the noise abatement procedures for our community. **June AA**
- e. Margot will write an article about the JRA and aircraft matters for the next newsletter. Margot has offered to go with Air Services staff to meet with this person if necessary. **June AA**
- f. JRA to raise the matter of Madew Oval entrance with QCC at our quarterly meeting. **June AA**
- g. Write to Steve Whan and thank him for all his work and congratulate him on his appointment. **June AA**
- h. Bring the anonymously raised issues regarding the contractor for the Edwin Land Parkway Extension to the attention of QCC and advise the author to contact Council themselves. **May AA**

## **5. Correspondence in**

17 June – letter from Mike Kelly in response to our letter about the Planning Minister’s decision to defer the decision on South Tralee

29 June – letter from QCC regarding our submission on the draft operational plan

17 July – email from Queanbeyan Region Bicycle Users Group

Various correspondence re Public Meeting

## **6. Correspondence out**

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## **7. Treasurer’s Report**

This item was deferred to the next meeting as the Treasurer was not in attendance.

## **8. General Business**

a) Sean from the Queanbeyan Bicycle Users Group gave a presentation. They are a newly formed advocacy group for bike users in the region. They were formed last year due to the frustration of QCC to not deliver on what is recommended in the Queanbeyan Bicycle plan. For example QCC built only 500m of cycle way from the 4 km stated in the plan. QBug’s aim is to put pressure on Council that if they promise to do something that they deliver on it. Contact information will be added to the JRA website at [www.jra.asn.au](http://www.jra.asn.au)

### **b) QCC**

i) Kim and Margot met with the Mayor Overall and GM Chapman on 8/7/11. Issues raised:

(1) Edwin Land Parkway extension – The JRA raised the issues on behalf of concerned residents that it is not clear what QCC are doing for noise mitigation for those who abut the ELP. Council said they were reluctant to consider real serious noise mitigation but will do it on a case by case basis. There is currently a consultant going around during daylight hours making the noise assessments. The GM stated that he hasn’t had a ‘great strike rate’ of residents being home but that he doesn’t leave a calling card either. If you are not home he will just peer over your fence and make an assessment and that assessment will determine what noise mitigation that you get from QCC. The GM was rather forthright with this approach and that if residents do not agree with the consultants’ assessment ‘bad luck’. The consultants report will be delivered to QCC in a week and will not be a public document as it won’t be tabled to Councillors. The GM was very clear that he will make a decision and that is what affected residents will get! We were astounded. This was a most frustrated conversation.

- (2) Draft Verge and nature strip policy – we questioned the issue that people cant park on their verges as if lots of people live at one house and are then forced to park on the street that the roads in some areas are too narrow and this would create a traffic hazard. The GM noted that QCC Rangers don't police this law unless neighbors complain and then they give you a warning and then a fine. The GM was clear that this is a NSW govt law and so they can't change it. We questioned whether the draft policy was plagiarized from a North QLD Council as it referred to a prohibition on growing coconuts on the verge. The GM assured us that it was genuine QCC staff work and then we suggested that they use an example that is more regionally relevant.
- (3) Jerrabomberra Park establishment – As detailed in our Management Plan submission we requested that a steering committee of Community Groups is coordinated by QCC to work together on developing the Park. QCC have only set aside \$45K for the this park and that wont go very far. Holcim have generously offered building materials and other community groups are keen to work together. It is our position that it would provide greater community ownership of the park. The GM said NO he doesn't support this approach as they don't have the time to do this kind of stuff and it is doing work that some ratepayers think that Council should be doing not community groups. One JRA member stated that this very approach was used when establishing Madew Park. Once QCC get the plans together they will come out and have a public consultation session but that anything else the JRA would have to organize the community groups as they are not doing any of this! Another very frustrated conversation.

### **c) Public Meeting**

The JRA are currently organizing a public meeting, rally for 24 July at the Community Centre in conjunction with the Queanbeyan Business Council. The rally is for the community to send a clear message to Sydney (NSW government) to approve Tralee now. This project has taken all of our time. Letters/articles have gone to all residents, JRA newsletters, article in Queanbeyan Age and Chronicle. There is also a petition and we need 10,000 signatures then the matter has to be debated in NSW parliament. Mark Croxford (past JRA President) is coordinating the meeting/media. Ian McNamee has very generously given Mark office space and storage at the shops. We are expecting 100's of people. The key message is that by the NSW planning minister not making this decision then it undermines the NSW government's election promise and puts them in a very precarious position. The Development meets all Commonwealth, State and Local planning regulations.

### **9. Motions – none**

### **10. Other Business**

- a) We are still having problems getting our newsletter delivered to residents. Last time hardly anyone got it. This time we have used Salmat in the hope that we get our newsletter out. Paragon Printers have been excellent with our tight time lines.
- b) RTA Safer Roads and speed limits and signs. The RTA are seeking people views on speed limits and speed limit signs. The outcomes of this review make up the list of priority areas to be reviewed. The RTA are looking at the top 100 roads. This is part of the NSW government election commitment – audit of speed zones. This will be completed by March 2012.

**ACTION** – JRA will provide a submission highlighting the crossing over Edwin Land Parkway near the shops

- c) Vacancies on the committee – we currently do not have a secretary and Tania Rynne has tendered her resignation from the committee as she is unable to commit her time to the JRA. The JRA thanks Tania for many years of dedication to the JRA. If anyone knows of anyone who wants to be part of the committee we would be very grateful.

**11. Close – 8.28pm**