

Patonga Beach Progress Association Inc

Minutes of General Meeting

Date Held: 6 April 2024. Time opened: 10:15am. Chaired by: David Nash.

Apologies Received: Peter and Karen Crook, Dain Simpson, Vanessa Ashcroft, Amanda and Ric Porter, Graham Cochrane, Steve King, Mark Austin, Jocelyn Maughan, Margie Carew-Reid, Kerry Sunderland, Alison McKenzie, Gerri O'Keefe, Linley Hindmarsh, Heather and Phil Cox.

New members/extension members: No applications for membership of the Association were received and approved.

Notice of any items to be discussed in General Business was given by the members:

Errors and Omissions: Nil

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting: Moved by: June Musgrave;
Seconded by: Allen Parker. All in favour.

Tabling and confirmation of correspondence: Moved by: John Quigg; Seconded by: Helena Boden. All in favour.

Presentation and confirmation of the Financial Statement: The following information was provided by Helena Boden

a. Community Solutions Account:	\$17,889.01
b. Cash Management Account:	\$14,362.56
c. PoM Fighting Fund Account:	\$34,484.85
d. Community Fundraising Account:	\$ 9,309.67

Moved by: Jo-anne Quirk; Seconded by: June Musgrave. All in favour.

Matters arising from the minutes:

- 1. War Memorial light:** Jo-anne Quirk is working with council to submit a grant application but advised that she is waiting on additional information from Council to complete the application. The closing date for the submission of the application is 24 July 2024.
- 2. Abandoned boats on creek front:** An email attaching a letter dated 22 February 2024 was sent to Matthew Corradin Unit Manager, Environment Compliance Services at the Council about the abandoned watercraft on Patonga Creek. The letter requested further information and a meeting with a Council officer. Andrew Littlefield Council's Section Manager, Rangers Services and Development Control attended Patonga on 14 March 2024 and walked along the creek foreshore with John Quigg who pointed out the abandoned watercraft. He advised that two additional compliance officers had been recently employed. He also advised that he would formulate a plan about how to deal with the abandoned watercraft in the near future.

In an email dated 28 March 2024 attaching a letter of the same date Matthew Corradin advised that the two additional compliance officers will commence work in April 2024 "and the issue surrounding abandoned boats in Patonga is scheduled as part of their program of works." The letter did not address all the points in the Association's letter of 22 February 2024 which were: What limitations are placed on the Council by the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 in determining whether an item is unattended; and whether the Council can provide examples of issues involving the encroachment on public land which have a higher priority than the matter of

abandoned watercraft on the foreshore of Patonga Creek. It was agreed that if there was no further action that details of this issue would be provided to the councillors representing Patonga after the Local Government elections in September 2024.

- 3. Unlawful parking and camping:** An email attaching a letter dated 27 February 2024 was sent to Matthew Corradin Unit Manager, Environment Compliance Services at the Council about unlawful parking and camping at Patonga. The letter requested further information. Andrew Littlefield Council's Section Manager, Rangers Services and Development Control attended Patonga on 14 March 2024 and inspected the areas of concern with John Quigg. He advised that he would formulate a plan about how to deal with the unlawful parking and camping in the near future.

In an email dated 28 March 2024 attaching a letter of the same date Matthew Corradin advised Council's parking officers will undertake additional parking patrols over the Easter and school holiday periods, Council rangers will continue to inspect the area whenever possible to address any alleged unlawful camping and additional signage will be requested to be installed at Dark Corner. The letter did not address the points in the Association's letter of 27 February 2024 which were: that Council provide the Association with a list of dates and times that the Council Rangers visited Patonga between 21 December 2023 and 23 February 2024 together with details of these visits; advise the number of infringement notices issued during the period 21 December 2023 and 23 February 2024; and council provides a schedule of proposed visits to Patonga after 23 February 2024 to the Association.

In an email of 5 April 2024 Peter Crook provided details of a group of people camping at Dark Corner on two consecutive Saturday nights. Zak advised that he heard, from a reliable source, that the unlawful camping was being checked daily. It was agreed that if there was no further action that details of this issue would be provided to the councillors representing Patonga after the Local Government elections in September 2024. Jan Powell thanked Peter and Karen Crook for their continued efforts in cleaning Dark Corner after the unlawful campers.

- 4. Meeting with Pearl Beach executive committee:** No date has yet been set for this meeting. John Quigg reported that following the recent resignations of office bearers at Pearl Beach Progress he had been contacted by the new Secretary who advised that the Pearl Beach Association was currently not in a position for a joint meeting to proceed.
- 5. Telstra exchange building:** At the February 2024 meeting it was agreed to contact Telstra again advising that the broken guttering appeared to have been removed and that the exterior of the building is in a bad state of repair. A request was made to paint the building. A response was received on 29 February 2024 stating that the InfraCo team advised that the external metal skin of the building did not require painting. The email also advised that "There are no plans to replace the guttering, as it does not discharge into a stormwater system. The team have confirmed that the current set up, with downpipe, is adequate." It is apparent that Telstra is unlikely to take any further action to improve the look of its building. *Item closed.*
- 6. Easter fete:** Helena provided some figures for the Easter Fete which are at Attachment A.

General Business

- 7. Woy Woy Tip extension:** Andrew Pearce, Council's Unit Manager, and Charlotte Drury, Project Manager, Waste and Resource Recovery attended the meeting and gave a presentation on

the proposal to extend the tip to the south towards Patonga Creek. The PowerPoint is here



South Cell
Presentation to Prog

8. **Representative from the hotel:** The new manager of the Boathouse Hotel, Chris Beath addressed the meeting prior to the commencement of business. He advised that he had been the manager for two weeks. He advised that he wants to be proud of the hotel and its product and also wants the locals to be proud. He advised that a new chef had been employed on 5 April 2024.
9. **River cruise:** Peter Crook wrote to the Boathouse on 2 February 2024 requesting that it consider reinstating at least one river cruise per week to Bobbin Head via Cottage Point. Peter was not able to attend the meeting but advised in an email that he had not had a response from the hotel. This may have been as a result of the previous manager being no longer employed at the hotel. The present hotel manager, Chris Beath, advised that this was one of the things he has been looking into.
10. **Notice board at Eve Williams Memorial Oval:** In an email Barbara Caudwell advised that the notice board at the oval is in need of maintenance. Although it is not the responsibility of the Association it was agreed that it would be highly unlikely that the Council would repair it. ***It was proposed by Peter Henderson and seconded by Helena Boden that the Association pay to have the notice board on the Eve Williams Memorial Oval repair. The motion was passed on a show of hands. John Quigg will arrange to have it repaired.***
11. **Emergencies:** Zak advised that when there is an emergency affecting the town it should initially be reported us 000. He is happy to be contacted after the event has been reported to 000 as this will give advance warning to the RFS. Assistance, by members of the public, should only be attempted if it is safe to do so.

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12. **Plan of Management/camping ground:** David advised that the next step is to form a new (Plan of Management (PoM) group. He advised that after a recent call for people to join the group there were many volunteers. A draft Pom for Council managed Crown Land was due by the end of March 2024.
12. **Electricity:** Steve King was unable to attend the meeting but advised, by email, that there was nothing to report since the last meeting.
13. **Koalas:** Peter St Vincent Welch was unable to the meeting but there has been no further update since the last meeting.
14. **Social:** Helena Boden provided the following:
*Upcoming, (apart from the fete, which is a little preoccupying at the moment) we have one more morning tea for this term, on the 5th April (before the meeting!) then the Star Wars Karaoke on 4th May. (Star Wars Day)
Drinks on the beach was popular, so that might happen again soon.
More morning teas next term, aligned with the library bus, and possibly a winter ball charity fundraiser in August. Maria advised that another Kids Day will be held in the hall on 17 April 2024 between 9am and midday.*

15. Character statement: Mark Austin was unable to attend the meeting but advised, by email, that there was nothing further to report.

16. Creek siltation remediation: Linley Hindmarsh was not at the meeting but provided the following information by email:

No further action after the MPs asked Council for a timeframe for progress, and were told two years.

17. Aboriginal recognition and flag: Mike Bennie was not at the meeting but provided the following information by email:

On Saturday 23 March 2024 the Patonga community celebrated a significant milestone in its recent history with the raising of the Aboriginal flag alongside the Australian flag at the Patonga Progress Hall, in the beating heart of the Patonga village. Over 100 people were present for the ceremony and speeches with the event underpinned by important Aboriginal cultural activities presented by local, Central Coast Aboriginal cultural and community groups.

The ceremony was attended by the Patonga community alongside invited guests from Aboriginal cultural and community groups from around the Central Coast, including MINGALETTA, Girri Girra, the Barang Regional Alliance, Bungaree Aboriginal Association, Bara Barang, Yerin Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Services, the Wollotuka Institute (University of Newcastle) and The Glen Centre for Men.

The flag raising ceremony included speeches by dignitaries including The Honourable Dr Gordon Reid (Federal Member for Robertson), Ms Rachel Perkins (film and television director, producer and screenwriter, First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance), Mr Robert Tickner (former Federal Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), David Nash (President of the Patonga Beach Progress Association), alongside Acknowledgment of Country by Aunty Robin (MINGALETTA, Umina), Smoking Ceremony and cultural connection (Tim Selwyn, Girri Girra, Central Coast) and traditional dance (The Glen Centre For Men, Chittaway Point). The flags were raised by 8-year-old Ruby-Rose and 7-year-old Milo to warm applause from the onlookers. It was a powerful moment for all present.

The Aboriginal Recognition Sub-Committee's ongoing cultural connection and Aboriginal flag raising ceremony were widely supported by the Patonga Beach Progress Association and the Patonga community.

David thanked Mike and Paul Guignard for the effort and hard work they put into procuring the flagpoles and in making the flag raising event a success. There have been suggestions, from the community, of some additional recognition but David and Paul agreed that there is no need to rush into any further actions which should firstly be checked to ensure that the community is in agreement. The Aboriginal Recognition and Flag sub-committee will be dissolved at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Association website: Steve King was unable to attend the meeting but advised, by email, that there was nothing to report since the last meeting. David Nash thanked Steve and the other members of the sub-committee, Jo-anne Quirk, Maria Quigg and John Quigg for their contributions in getting the website functioning. The Association Website sub-committee will be dissolved at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Meeting Closed at: 12:05pm

24 Attendees

17 Apologies

Next meeting: 1 June 2024

Attachment A

PATONGA BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION FETE

STALLS	2024 SALES	2023 SALES	2022 SALES	2019 SALES
BBQ	2,813.69	2,983.00	3,023.95	2,485.00
BOOKS	567.00	972.00	592.10	850.50
TEAS	-	413.65	584.00	670.00
CAKES AND JAMS	2,171.70	3,104.93	2,769.50	2,600.40
GARDEN	-	43.50	117.30	797.50
WHITE ELEPHANT	1,685.40	1,089.30	1,268.10	1,439.50
JUMPING CASTLE/GAME	223.80	427.00	218.50	-
CHOCOLATE WHEEL	574.70	949.40	696.80	906.70
MCDONALD TRUCK PHOTO	-	53.25		
FACE PAINTING				147.00
JOCELYN				100.00
LAWYER			120.00	40.00
TOTAL STALLS	8,036.29	10,036.03	9,390.25	10,036.60
RAFFLE	2,580.00	2,700.00	2,400.00	7,583.00
SILENT AUCTION	-	-	1,600.00	-
TOTAL WITH RAFFLE & AUCTION	10,616.29	12,736.03	13,390.25	17,619.60
INCOME				
CASH DEPOSIT	8,099.45	9,320.80	7,853.00	7,844.05
CAKES/WHITE EL SQ	1,140.70	503.53		
BBQ SQ	1,121.69	1,122.00		
RAFFLE TKTS BK AC	1,320.00	1,220.00		7,029.50
STALLS	935.00	500.00	210.00	450.00
DONATION	77.00	500.00	600.00	500.00
SILENT AUCTION	-		1,600.00	
VANESSA ATM	285.00	335.00	1,712.00	1,742.55
TOTAL INCOME	12,978.84	13,501.33	11,975.00	17,566.10
EXPENSES				
CLEANING	80.00	80.00	80.00	100.00
RAFFLE TKTS PRINTING	291.00	266.00	290.00	553.50
INFLATABLES	660.00	554.73	503.00	510.00
CHOCOLATE WHEEL PRIZES	245.50	500.00	500.00	630.30
BBQ	1,463.08	1,280.00	1,234.25	1,234.71
FLYERS		246.44		
MUSIC MAN	100.00	150.00		
SKIP BIN	-	420.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,839.58	3,497.17	2,607.25	3,028.51
NET PROCEEDS	10,139.26	10,004.16	9,367.75	14,537.59