

Patonga Beach Progress Association

Meeting: Saturday 5 October 2024 10:30am

Minutes

Open: 10:30am

Chaired by: David Nash

Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies Received:

Mike Bennie, Gary Pittard, John Axford, Amanda Porter, Kerry Sunderland, Margie Woodford, Graham Cochrane, Ken & Rachel McCracken, Kathy & Rob McNaught, Jan McCubbin, Monika Gatti, Margie Carew-Reid, Margaret Kirkwood, Nick Taylor, Meryl Bishop.

New members/extension members

Nil

Notice of items to be discussed in general business Errors and Omissions

Nil

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Adoption of minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2024.

Moved by: Helena Boden

Seconded by: Mark Austin

All in favour: Yes

Tabling and confirmation of correspondence

Moved by: Zak Zwan

Seconded by: Paul Guignard

All in favour: Yes

Presentation and confirmation of the Financial Statement

The following information was provided by Helena Boden

a. Community Solutions Account: \$14,617.85

b. Cash Management Account: \$14,461.61

c. PoM Fighting Fund Account: \$34,722.21

d. Community Fundraising Account: 9309.67

Moved by: Jo-Anne Quirk

Seconded by: Zak Zwan

All in favour: Yes

Business arising from the Minutes

1. War Memorial light

- A grant application for the repair of the light was submitted on 24 July 2024 and is scheduled to be determined on 11 November 2024. John Quigg received a telephone call from the NSW Office of Veterans Affairs seeking additional information.

- Council confirmed by email the provision of an additional \$50K to rectify the power supply to the memorial. A letter was received advising that this work will be commenced after the October school holidays.
- Agreed that all work must be completed by Anzac Day 2025 and this will be communicated to the council if any delays are noted.
- Existing \$393 in funds allocated to war memorial repairs to be transferred to Sports Club who have committed to the ongoing painting of the memorial.

2. Speeding on M1

- An email dated 18 September 2024 was received from the office of Liesl Tesch advising that "Transport for NSW will soon begin choosing some new average speed camera locations for prioritised installation in the 2026 calendar year, and the M1 Pacific Motorway will be considered in that round."
- This item is closed.

3. Potential expenditure

- Steve King has done some research on purchasing a new BBQ. He has suggested a Heatlie 1150 Stainless Steel Mobile BBQ at a cost of \$2,651. Or something similar.
- Steve King to proceed with the purchase of a new BBQ

Moved by: Peter Henderson

Seconded by: Mark Austin

All in favour: Yes

4. Abandoned Water Craft

- In early August 2024 Council Rangers attended Patonga and placed stickers on some boats near the camping ground and in the vicinity of the wharf. This appeared to be in response to the Association's requests to remove abandoned and unseaworthy watercraft from the creek foreshore made over the previous 18 months. An email was sent to Council on 9 August 2024 advising it of community concern regarding Council's actions and requesting an outline of the process the Council intends to follow by close of business that day. No response was received and the Section Manager was phoned on 12 August 2024. He advised that it is the Council's intention to place stickers on all watercraft on the creek foreshore. The obviously unseaworthy and derelict watercraft would be removed in the first instance. He stated that a truck has been ordered but did not provide a date when the derelict watercraft would be removed. He advised that the owners of boats with stickers on them should contact the Council and advise that they are being used.
- Council officers attended Patonga on 15 August 2024 and together with Ian Dearlove and John Quigg inspected some abandoned watercraft on the creek foreshore. Boats were also inspected at the wharf together with a number of fishermen. The fishermen agreed that some boats, which were no longer being used, would be removed by them. The Section Manager undertook to provide details of the proposed actions to deal with the obviously abandoned and unseaworthy watercraft but to date has not done so. An email was sent to Council on 23 September 2024 requesting an update.

- No further action has been taken by council. No response to Sept email. Question was raised re any cost that will be incurred by the boat owner for removal. John Quigg will investigate.

5. Questions to be put to candidates in upcoming Council election

- All candidates for election of councillors (with the exception of one who did not provide contact details) were sent a list of eight issues, their history and questions which are of concern to the community of Patonga. Five groups replied and their responses were circulated to the community prior to the election on 14 September 2024.
- Thank you to John Quigg for coordinating and providing the responses. 3 councillors have been elected for the West Gosford Ward.
- Jane Smith Independent, Trent McWaide Liberal, Belinda Neal Labour
- This item is closed

6. Cycling on Patonga Drive

- At the August 2024 meeting it was agreed that cycling on Patonga Drive is a danger for cyclists and motorists as it is a very narrow road with poor vision around corners. It was resolved to write to Council suggesting that signs advising that cyclists may be on the road should be placed at Mt Ettalong Road and either end of Patonga Drive. A Service Request was sent to Council on 24 September 2024.
- No response from council

7. Homeless man

- It was reported that there is a homeless man living in the bush in the vicinity of Pearl Beach Road. This man has been seen standing or walking in the middle of Patonga Drive and has also placed trees on the road. Although it was acknowledged that the man's behaviour has been reported to the police it was agreed to formally advise them of the situation. A letter was sent to the Woy Woy Police informing them of the man's behaviour on 13 August 2024.
- Item Closed

8. Smoke alarms

- At the June 2024 meeting Steve King raised the issue of what the appropriate response should be to smoke alarms going off in neighbours' homes.
- Item Closed

9. River cruise

- At the June 2024 meeting it was advised that David Nash had spoken to the hotel manager about the reinstatement of the river cruises to Bobbin Head and was informed that this was not a priority.
- Item Closed

General business

1. Acoustic panels

- An email dated 23 September 2024 was received from the Land Manager requesting a contribution from the Association of \$5,000 towards the total cost of approximately \$12,000 to purchase and install acoustic panels on two sides of the hall.
- Patonga Beach Progress Association will donate \$5000 to the Hall Trust towards the cost of installing acoustic panels

Moved by: David Nash

Seconded by: Mark Austin

All in favour: Yes

2. New email address

- The existing email address for the Association is an Outlook address. In order to align the Association's email address with the email address shown on the Contact page on the website it is suggested that a new address be opened for correspondence to and from the Secretary of the Association. This address would be secretary@patongabeachprogress.org.au. There is a cost of \$8.40 per month.
- A new email address for the secretary will be created using the new domain and Google business account.

Moved by: John Quigg

Seconded by: Mark Austin

All in favour: Yes

3. Speeding on Jacaranda Avenue

- It has been reported that cars are travelling at an excessive speed on the creek section of Jacaranda Avenue.
- Item Closed

4. Lunch club

Refer Social Report

5. Long Service Recognition

The meeting recognised the significant contribution that John Quigg has made to the position of secretary with rousing applause.

The meeting recognised the immense contribution of 38 years that Zak Zwan has made in the role of RFS Brigade Captain. The meeting agreed that a special event will be held to celebrate this milestone. Zak has stepped down but will hold the position of Deputy Captain moving forward. Thanks was expressed with rousing applause.

Motions in respect of which due notice has been given

Reports – Sub Committees – Delegates – Special

1. Plan of Management/camping ground

First meeting is planned

2. Electricity

As there is no longer an active role being played by this sub committee in energy trading it will be dissolved. Stephen King is happy to continue fielding any enquiries or questions.

3. Koalas

Peter St Vincent reported that he had received the following email from Peter Howland from Sport NSW:

“Unfortunately, it’s the end of the road for us with the idea of translocating koalas into Broken Bay Sport & Rec property. The peninsula that the Sport and Recreation Facility sits on is too small. Furthermore, there is not enough habitat connectivity”

No further updates but Peter will continue to monitor

4. Social

Report provided by Helena Boden

- Curry night success with 80+ attendees and 19 curries. Mike Bennie voted champion. 2025 event is planned
- Melbourne Cup lunch open for bookings. Payment books a spot.
- Friday Morning Teas ongoing
- Lunch Club: The Pearl Beach Progress Association has been provided with a grant from Australia Post to extend its lunch club to include Patonga residents. Two lunches will be held at Pearl Beach in November and December this year. 3 lunches are planned for Patonga in 2025 with the first on Monday Feb 3. Enquiries and RSVP to Catherine Lancaster 0403 704 985
- Mental Health Training: Monday November 18, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall. 10am to 12pm. Details to be published on the website and WhatsApp.
- Stir Up Sunday: November 24th. Details on the website. RSVP to Jo-Anne Quirk

5. Character Statement

No Report

6. Creek siltation remediation

- From Linley” A numbered strategy task has been assigned to Patonga Creek, S6.CCC.19, to investigate creek siltation. I have submitted a request that this task specifically include the siltation at Larkins Flat, dropped a pin there on their map, and suggested methods for the physical protection of this bank - i.e., NOT simply 'policing' boat speeds in that area, as this attempt always fails, and holiday makers don't care. I have also supported general strategy 1, which consolidates and formally assigns responsibility across the different departments and levels of government so that the buck

can't be passed, Strategy 6, which covers the protection of coastal land, and Strategy 9, which involves First Nations land care.”

- The meeting agreed that the executive would respond to the CMP Plan in support of Linley’s response.

7. Aboriginal recognition and flag

- Mike Bennie reported that while there is ongoing connection with local Aboriginal community, there is no large task being undertaken.
- It is recommended that this sub-committee be dissolved at the next Executive Committee meeting.

8. Dog Poo Bags

- Peter Henderson has purchased a new supply and will bill progress. Mark Ashley will assist with replenishing the dog bag dispenser.

Items being monitored

Lighting in Jacaranda Avenue
Meeting with Pearl Beach executive committee
Emergency communication
Illegal parking and camping

Correspondence

The following correspondence will be tabled at the meeting and is available to be read by Association Members at the meeting, or prior, by arrangement with the Secretary.

Sent:

09/08/24 13/08/24 14/08/24 16/08/24 16/08/24 21/08/24 08/09/24 13/09/24 13/09/24
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Central Coast Council re abandoned watercraft
Woy Woy Police re homeless man
Robert Gardini re abandoned watercraft
Central Coast Council re War Memorial light
Central Coast Council re pothole on Patonga Drive
Candidates for councilor re issues effecting Patonga
Trent McWaide re reminder about issues effecting Patonga
Liesl Tesch re speed averaging camera on M1
Liesl Tesch re RFS optical fibre
Central Coast Council re abandoned watercraft
Central Coast Council re cycling on Patonga Drive
Central Coast Council re pothole on Patonga Drive
Pearl Beach Progress Association re lunch club

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Julian Richards re questions for candidates for Gosford West ward
Lisa Bellamy re questions for candidates for Gosford West ward
NSW Office of Veterans Affairs re War Memorial light
Jane Smith re questions for candidates for Gosford West ward
Stephen King re email address for secretary Progress Association
Mark Ellis re questions for candidates for Gosford West ward
Central Coast Council re pothole on Patonga Drive

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Kevin Brooks re questions for candidates for Gosford West ward
Trent McWaide re questions for candidates for Gosford West ward
Liesl Tesch re speed averaging camera on M1
Central Coast Council re management plan for Hawkesbury-Nepean River system Central
Coast Council re management plan for Hawkesbury-Nepean River system
Pearl Beach Progress Association re lunch club
Patonga Public Hall and Bush Fire Brigade Land Manager re acoustic panels

Meeting Closed 11:44am