



Cape Paterson Residents & Ratepayers Association Incorporated
PO Box 280, Wonthaggi VIC 3995

Minutes Meeting 3/2022

April 9, 2022

Committee Attendance

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| Pete Muskens | Y | Rohan Brown | Y Zoom |
| Cathy Phillips | Y/Zoom | Jill Maddock | Y |
| John Coulter | Y | Kathy Hill | Y |
| Dale Killen | Y | Marci Katz | A |
| Leone Thiele | Y | Geoff Glare | Y |
| Susan Fowler | Y | | |

1. Welcome and Apologies

This meeting commenced at WLSC at **1:00 PM** following the Working Bee and lunch. Leone chaired.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held by zoom 16 February 2022

The Minutes of Meeting 2/2022 have been distributed to 6 March and were confirmed out of session on 12 March.

3. Governance

3.1 AGM – 68 onsite and 8 zoom attendees plus one unidentified. No reports of Covid. The 2022 Committee introduced themselves.

3.2 Committee meetings- monthly after working bees. Quorum is 50% (6 of 11). Three absences in a row without apology leads to review of committee membership under the Rules.

4. Operational Goals Reports

4.1 Biodiversity

1. **Clean up Australia Day 6 March** Rohan reported. 20 attendees plus a school group. Less hard rubbish than previous year and only 3 masks. Thanks to Rohan and Leone (food).
2. **Working Bee Apr 9-** Pete reported. 14 attendees. Focused on removing woody weeds in the area between Birt Park and Kywong campground. Contractors hired by the Council will remove the larger saplings and trees. Probably ready for planting of 1000 plants paid for by BCSC bees in winter months (June – July). The May working bee scope to be determined.
Leone recommended that the membership be encouraged to lop off *Agapanthus* heads on public land this month and that they be placed in landfill rather than green waste to avoid weed propagation.
3. **Illawong Firebreak** - Geoff presented a summary paper (revised from circulated version). Met with CFA (including biodiversity), BCSC Ingenia Caravan Park on 25/2/22. Agreed to minimize environmental impact and reduction in amenity and privacy through less cutting back especially on Surf Beach Road side (North). Removal of vegetation will be selective (Tea Tree Coast Wattle and woody weeds to leave more screening). A second meeting is scheduled for 29 April. Geoff recommends widening of track on west side of /campground, a wildlife impact survey, woody weed removal inside the park as well as planting of fire-retardant species. Committee accepted paper.

4.2 Planning

4.2.1 Yallock Bulluk Marine and Coast Park and Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL). Pete advised that the coastal route is still first preference of DEWLP but would involve expenditure on acquisition of additional land. Cycle path inland connecting to Fulton Road was viewed as a safer option than the coastal route.

4.2.2. DAL. Deadline for submissions is 29 April 2022 but an extension is being sought as has been received for BCSC submission given the Easter holidays. John gave an update:

- He has met with the Mayor with Danna Taylor, (head of Planning BCSC), State member J Crugnale, and has met and spoken with Councillor Laing. A request for a joint meeting with Councillors has not been granted.
- He presented to the Cape Owners Committee who have asked for dot points (preferably linked to a website).
- John presented an update paper- recommending that:
 - we no longer request a review by the DAL Standing Advisory Committee due to time constraints
 - we provide dot points to members against the DAL “domains” or categories as comments may not be accepted unless they are headed by these.
 - That we convene two working groups (1. submission – with expert resident planners; 2 Media with media experts).
 - Raised the high proportion of holiday housing likely in the northern

Jill advised she had asked a planning lawyer for feedback on the draft SPP but was unsure whether they would be able to respond given time constraints.

The Committee extended its thanks to John for his ongoing work on behalf of the members.

4.3 Infrastructure

4.3.1 Bay Beach/Wonthaggi LSC plan- Pete advised no update. Still no permit for the temporary site.

4.3.2 CFA relocation option. Tad Hendry (CFA) provided a paper which was circulated prior to the meeting. The Committee agreed that the current location was untenable in the long term. However, the alternative east of the tennis court raised several issues, including site lines, drive-in and out capability (Rohan raised this as an attribute for new CFA stations), N-S wildlife corridor, vegetation clearing, threatened species and impact on Pea Creek catchment. There may be alternatives on crown land that include the overspill car park north of WLSC and the Telstra site. Geoff to draft a letter raising concerns and send to Cathy Phillips as Vice President for signing. It is believed that this proposal is still at an early stage.

4.4 Community Wellbeing

4.4.1 Cape Paterson Event “Experience Cape”

Kathy reported that approximately \$150 is left following payment of invoices. Leone advised that approximately \$1000 will be claimed in GST at the next BAS submission. The money will remain the grant fund. The State grant has been fully acquitted the BCSC remains to be submitted and acquitted.

The final Steering Committee (lifesaving clubs, the Cape and CPRRA) meeting has been held and an evaluation report has been written. Approximately 3000 “visits” were recorded at all four sites with at least 2000 attending the Market Place activities. The Steering committee agreed not to hold an event in 2023 but to meet in February 2023 to discuss options for a 2024 event.

5. Other Business

5.1 Treasurer’s Report. Leone submitted the Treasurer’s report (accepted). She advised that there are now 260 members, and that PayPal was used by approximately 25 people so is worth

keeping. The Committee commended Leone for her recruitment efforts which have been instrumental in increasing the membership from less than 100 to the current level.

5.2 Web Site. Jane Fennessy is meeting on April 10 with Pete and Kathy to review the website and see if DAL issues and dot points, she has not nominated for the committee.

5.3 Correspondence

Engage Victoria by email notified of commencement of Stage 2 Kathy has had a glance and advised that the focus is very strongly on Inverloch and shows severe inundation during storm tides in the future.

5.4. Cape Paterson- consideration of reviewing the town name- Kathy confirmed the identity of William Paterson who the Cape and town is named after as the same person involved in the 1795 Hawkesbury River incident but will provide a formal agenda item later in the year (September).

5.5 Koala genetic study- Pete advised that an Honour student from the Churchill campus of Federation University is studying the koala population in South Gippsland to see whether they are largely indigenous (Strzelecki) or introduced (French Is). There is a project also to look at creating E-W wildlife corridors.

5.6 Replanting the traffic island at the entrance- Leone would like to see the CPRRA investigate replacing the exotic grass which requires mowing with native grasses.

5.7 Traffic Management- Dale raised pedestrian risks at the entry to Surf Beach 1 car park where the vegetation partially screens traffic from pedestrians. Jill, Rohan and Dale will meet out of session and compile traffic issues including this one.

6. Next Committee meeting. The meeting closed at 2:50 PM. Ordinary meeting May 14 after working bee (to be confirmed). Kathy noted that she will be away until the September meeting and Pete assuming secretary duties until that time.