



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

Minutes Meeting 7/2022

August 13th, 2022

Committee Attendance

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

Guest: Cheryl Padgett – Save Cape Paterson Group

1. Welcome and Apologies

This meeting commenced by Zoom at **1:00 PM** following the Working Bee and lunch. Pete Muskens chaired.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held by in person and zoom 9th July 2022

The Minutes of Meeting 6/2022 have been distributed and were confirmed at July meeting with one exception related to a pronoun substituting her for his in relation to the planning minister.

3. Governance

3.1 Minutes and Correspondence – it was resolved that any reports to be discussed at committee should be submitted a week before the meeting to allow committee members to review. Ongoing.

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 Rules.

4. Operational Goals Reports

4.1 Biodiversity

1. **Working Bee August 13th** - Pete reported. 12 attendees. Focused on the Allen Birt Reserve gully west of the Kywong Camp Ground. We planted approximately 300 plants provided by Bass Coast Shire Council. Conditions were sunny and the damp ground condition give every chance for those plants to thrive. The working bee was conducted by Mike Tesch and Barry James. We welcomed a new working bee member Michelle Kingsley who will become a resident at The Cape next year.
2. **Illawong Firebreak** - Geoff reports that there has been no further action on the fire break and that a flora and fauna study is still proposed for that area, but he has no details yet.

4.2 Planning

4.2.1 Yallock Bulluk Marine and Coast Park and Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL). No further issues were raised about the Yallock Bulluk coastal trail.

4.2.2. DAL/Draft SPP & Northern development

- Corflutes: There is still demand for some corflutes and T-shirts. Cheryl and Leonie to coordinate.
- Letter to Premier: Next Door's Save Cape Paterson have presented signatures to the state government to honor their promise to limit development at Cape Paterson. Cheryl

noted that the petition was pointedly political in getting the labor party to honor their promise of restricting over development on Bass Coast, particularly Cape Paterson.

- John advised that due to a conflict of interest with the current Planning Minister, that consideration of the SPP has been seconded to Lilly d'Ambrosio the minister for the environment (this is possible due to DELWP being the main party to the development of the SPP). John believes this may be a more favorable outcome for bringing the boundary back to Seaward Drive. John to push for a meeting the minister and / or advisers before the caretaker period.

4.2.2 Park Parade Petition

Stephen Ward has sent out an update on the concerns of Park parade residents of increased traffic and that council will institute a traffic management study in 2023. Rohan to check with work colleagues on the process for limiting speeds around Cape Paterson.

4.2.3 Bass Coast Townships Character Study

Pete to attend meeting with Bass Coast Shire Council and their consultants through the Small Coastal Town Alliance – CPRRA is a participating member of this group. The consultants have been appointed do character studies on all the small towns in Bass Coast due to the inadequate nature of those studies in the DAL/SPP. Meeting is scheduled for 19th of August. Pete to report and advise members of outcome of meeting. Community members will be asked to fill in surveys about the character of their communities.

4.3 Infrastructure

4.3.1 Bay Beach/Wonthaggi LSC plan- Pete advised there is some movement on the building permit for the Wonthaggi Life Saving Club's temporary facilities and that they expect to be operating this summer.

4.3.2 CFA shed

Meeting determined that it may be best for Tad Hendry (CP CFA), Leone and another committee member have a look at the site preferred by Tad. Leone will write a response to Tad clarifying that the committee had not endorsed this site, only that the committee had expressed the view that the current CFA shed is no longer fit for purpose. Letter to propose that Bass Coast Shire Council, Wonthaggi CFA, DELWP and CPRRA meet to discuss this and other potential CFA sites. There was a view expressed that, given Cape Paterson's proximity to Wonthaggi CFA, whether a separate facility is needed.

4.4 Community Wellbeing

4.4.1 Website

Pete sent out a draft view of the proposed new website. Pete Leone and Rohan to coordinate with Jane Fenessy to develop the website.

John to send updated planning issues to Pete / Jane for updating the current website.

4.4.2 Politics

With the state election coming up it was determined that all candidates be contacted to determine their view on the northern town boundary and the Bay Beach / WLSC precinct and how they will respond to our concerns.

4.4.3 Surveys. Rohan requested that CPRRA forward to members surveys sent out by Bass Coast Shire Council. He noted that the more response by residents, the more likely we'll get the response from council officers. Note is relevant to the township character studies to be undertaken.

4.4.1 Condolences

Pete expressed condolences about the deaths of two former committee members in the last month being Iain Richie (committee member – was involved in community wellbeing projects) and Gary Martin (former treasurer and very successful grant writer). Both will be sadly missed having been stalwarts of the local community.

5. Other Business

5.1 Treasurer's Report. Treasurer's report noted that the corflutes and T-shirts sales in association with the Save Cape Paterson Group has been largely cost neutral.

Leone reported that Gary Martyn's death may have some sting in the tail as Gary was still listed as treasurer with the ATO – Leone to follow up with the ATO.

5.2 Correspondence. Pete reported that nominations for State seats in the upcoming state election have closed or are about to close. The following candidates are known nominees:

Jordan Crugnale	ALP
Aaron Brown	Liberal
Brett Tessari	National
Callum Bugbird	Greens

CPRRA to draft letter (is anyone volunteering to do this?) (as has happened in the past) to ask:
why Cape Paterson residents should vote for them;
what their position is in reducing the northern boundary of Cape Paterson and;
what they would do to advocate for the Wonthaggi Life saving Club and upgrading of the Bay Beach Precinct.

5.4 Cape Paterson- consideration of reviewing the town name- no further updates

6. Next Committee meeting. Ordinary meeting September 10th after working bee (Sea spurge monitoring – Cape Paterson to Wilsons Road). As the working bee is on Parks Vic land, all volunteers will be required to have a Working with Children Check as per Park Vic's requirements. Pete will send out advance notice to members of this requirement.