



**AGM MINUTES**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2013**

**Time opened:** 7.40 pm

**Present:** See attached Attendee list. Chaired by Don Hodgetts incumbent President

**Apologies:** Lyn & Jim Brady, Kathleen Hodgetts, Jo Walker, Brian Jones, Dale Stewart CEO Shire of Denmark, Cr Kelli Gillies.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting:** Read by Mavis Jones, Secretary.

**Motion:** *That the minutes be accepted*

*Moved: Jim Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tony Duckett - Carried.*

**2. Business Arising:** None

**3. Presidents Report:** Attached. Accolades and a vote of thanks to Don.

*Moved: Jim Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Callum Baxter - carried*

**4. Finance and Audit Report:** Ailcie McKenney – Treasurer.

Audit by Dot Ruck presented. Suggestion that our financial year from 1 October to 20 September could be tied in with Shire of Denmark's to avoid overlap was rejected as the Financial year for the Association is set in the Constitution.

**Motion:** *that Dot Ruck be appointed Auditor for the next financial year.*

*Moved: Ailcie, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hayden Jones - Carried*

**Motion:** *that the Financial report and Audit be accepted*

*Moved: Ailcie McKenney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Duckett – Carried*

**5. Election of Office Bearers**

- **Returning Officer:** Cr Roger Seeney  
Positions as per attached list.

**6. Establish Subscriptions for 2013/14**

**Motion:** *that the subscriptions remain at \$20 and become due on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.*

*Moved: Dot Kleeman, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Jones*

**7. General Business**

**7.1 Lease issue and ownership of buildings.**

Don recapped on correspondence between the Progress Association and the Shire of Denmark on the lease anomaly which came to light in September due to a demolition application. The legal advice received brought into question the ownership of the cottages and created the current issue. On the 24<sup>th</sup> October, a delegation from the Association met with the Shire of Denmark with a view to address this situation. There was no outcome; however, the Shire indicated it will look to formulate a freehold policy for the leasehold at Peaceful Bay. An update from Dale Stewart said the proposed draft policy will be tabled for discussion at the Denmark Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Don said a delegation will attend this meeting and report back to the Committee.

Hayden Jones asked Cr Roger Seeney if the Council was aware of the fact that some leaseholders have taken out mortgages to purchase their cottages; and also the implications for financial institutions that hold these mortgages if the ownership issue remains unresolved. Roger was unable to answer with certainty and made a note to clarify with Council. Hayden said Council needed to consider existing mortgages in formulating a freehold policy so as not to create an unrealistic financial burden on leaseholders.

At this point, Cr Seeney informed the meeting that the Shire has a Customer Needs & Satisfaction Survey in progress which he encouraged ratepayers to complete and submit before 23<sup>rd</sup> January. It can be accessed through the Council's website or a hard copy can be obtained from the Denmark Shire Offices.

Tony Duckett and Greg Clark both spoke on the ownership issue and Tony reiterated that the Council is not seeking ownership but the anomaly needs be addressed and we need to be calm and not panic during the resolution process. The general consensus of the meeting was that we need a letter from the Shire of Denmark acknowledging that the leaseholders have ownership of their cottages.

## **7.2 Life Membership**

Don proposed a Life Membership of the Peaceful Bay Progress Association for Ailcie McKenney in recognition of her work as Treasurer and her tireless contribution to the advancement of our community. The meeting agreed unanimously and applauded. Well done, Ailcie.

## **7.3 John Tuckett Acknowledgment**

Dot Kleeman suggested we formally acknowledge the work John had done in the Bay over the years.

***Motion:*** *That we acknowledge John Tuckett's contribution to our Committee and community over many years. It has been appreciated.*

*Moved: Dot Kleeman, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tony Duckett - carried*

## **7.4 Dust Issues**

Baldy Matthews raised the issue of dust at his property on Fourth Avenue and asked about sealing the roads. John Meyers suggested a watering truck and Don said this had been looked at but was not viable. Dust suppressant has been investigated and found unsuitable. The Denmark Shire has indicated it is unable to consider bituminising unless there is a clear mandate from the residents of Second, Third, Fourth and East Ave. Don said a survey was carried out in 2009 on this issue. Of the responses received 70% were in favour of retaining the gravel roads and the main reason cited was that the gravel roads were an integral part of the natural appeal and charm of Peaceful Bay village. Don advised that residents experiencing problems with dust can follow Gregg Harwood's suggestion that non-potable water could be used to dampen the road with sprinklers or a hose. A comment was also made that an increase in speeding through the village could occur if bitumen was laid.

## **7.5 Fishing on Swimming Beach**

Dot Kleeman informed the meeting that several swimmers have been abused and upset by fishermen at the swimming beach. As the sign provided by the Denmark Council has logos that indicate *surfing, fishing and swimming* it is felt that fishing creates a hazard for swimmers along with abandoned hooks and tackle in the sand.

***Motion:*** *that fishing be disallowed at the swimming beach.*

*Moved: Dot Kleeman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Janine Phillips - carried*

### **7.6 Fire Safety**

Dale Douglas said that in view of recent fires he was concerned there is only 1 road in and 1 road out of Peaceful Bay. A suggestion was to promote the Western Power track.  
**Motion:** *that the Committee investigate alternative evacuation from Peaceful Bay other than Peaceful Bay Road.*

*Moved: Dale Douglas, 2nd: Greg Gibellini - carried*

### **7.7 Fifth Avenue Roundabout**

Roseanne Constant is concerned that people are going around the roundabout the wrong way and asked can the sign be more centred and cleared so it is more visible. Don will follow this up.

### **7.8 Horses on Beach Access Track**

Resident was confronted by two horses on the beach access track and found there was little room to move and asked if it was allowed or should horses access the beach from the vehicle access road further up. Don said he had spoken to Gregg Harwood about this matter and was told horses can be ridden anywhere without restriction, also there is no law requiring horse owners to clean up their horses manure from public areas.

### **7.9 Committee Meeting Day**

Hayden Jones asked if the Committee Meetings could be held on a weekend or maybe evenings rather than a Monday so that anyone who was still in the workforce and interested in serving on the committee could nominate. Don replied that the meeting day was decided by each new committee at the first meeting as per the Constitution of the Association..

**Time Closed: 9.20pm**

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## ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2013***

A big welcome to everyone and thank you for taking the time to attend our 2013 P.B.P.A. AGM.

This Progress Association is the voice of the community and without it we would be dealing with Council as individuals and would get nowhere with anything to do with our settlement. We must always stay united and I urge everyone to participate in having a say as to where our settlement is going in the future.

Again, the Committee have been working diligently to keep progressing the wishes of the community.

The 2012 Christmas Party was again a huge success, with Santa arriving by fire truck to hand our presents, a beautiful B-B-Q dinner and finishing off with Carols by Candlelight to the music of Tony Duckett. A great night was had by all. Thank you Tony.

Our sports day on New Year's Day was also a very successful day. Although a very hot day, everyone enjoyed our hamburgers and sausage sizzle then participated in our events on the oval. With Santa's sleigh arriving and handing out lollies to the kids. Nothing better than seeing 50 kids trying to outdo each other at the Tug –O-War.

New Year's Eve – the Police and Shire Rangers did a very good job again this year although there were very few teenagers around the settlement during the evening. And the clean-up next morning collected nowhere near the rubbish of previous years. Apart from one incident, the Police reported a very well behaved settlement.

The numbering of our cottages in both Freehold and Leasehold areas has come to the fore as on New Year's Eve a reported heart attack had Police running and down the streets with their flashing light on to see if they could find where the person was. I think it is time to put in place proper street numbering.

Cycle paths will progress this year up to Peaceful Bay Road with the remainder to the beach access steps to be completed in 2014.

The 20kph signs are in place at the entrances to the leasehold area. Please remember our kids and drive with care. It only takes 30 seconds longer to travel from one end of the settlement to the other at 20kph.

A defibrillator was offered to the Association and will be housed at the Community Hall. When this arrives, we will put phone numbers in our Committee Meeting minutes as to how this can be accessed.

Removable bollards have been installed between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues on East Avenue to allow residents at the end of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue a second exit. Fire brigade keys allow access and will remove bollards if or when fire is reported this area. A controlled burn of land north of Flag Hill is scheduled for autumn this year.

Synergy Bills: Committee members have been alerted to a number of Synergy bills that have displayed incorrect meter reading and possibly faulty meters, so members are advised to check their usage (units) and charges on these bills and contact Synergy if discrepancies are detected.

Congratulations to Michael and Dee Thorp for being awarded the Pride of Australia Bravery Award at a ceremony in Perth recently. Michael and Dee assisted the brother of a trapped 16-year-old girl and helped them save her life just before the wreck caught fire.

Finally, Ron and Gwen Anning, two of our long-time residents and committee members have left the Baya. We were invited to the Walpole Country Club on the 28<sup>th</sup> October to participate in their farewell on behalf of the committee the people of Peaceful Bay. We extend to them our appreciation for the contribution they have made to the Bay.

Once again, all the very for the coming year.

Don Hodgetts  
President  
5 January 2013.



## ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS – 2013

**Presided over by:** Cr Roger Seeney – Returning Officer

	Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder	Outcome
	President	Don Hodgetts	Jim Burkett	John Meyers	Y
	Vice President	Janine Phillips	Don Hodgetts	Ray Walker	Y
	Treasurer	Ailcie McKenney	Hayden Jones	Tony Duckett	Y
	Secretary	Callum Baxter	Don Hodgetts	Janine Phillips	Y
1	Member	Katie Eddington	Katie Eddington	Sandra Frost	Y
2	Member	Jo Walker	Don Hodgetts	Janine Phillips	Y
3	Member	Mavis Jones	Hayden Jones	Dave Toovey	Y
4	Member	Jim Burkett	Rose Constant	Dot Kleeman	Y
5	Member	Bill Eddy	Don Hodgetts	Ray Walker	Y
6	Member	Lyn Brady	Tony Duckett`	Dot Kleeman	Y
7	Member	Cassie Pape	Janine Phillips	Amber Ward	Y
8	Member	Iv Sulcs	Don Hodgetts	Bill Eddy	Y

Callum Baxter nominated for President – declined  
 Hayden Jones nominate for Committee - declined