



## **DSRA General Meeting**

**Nov 9, 10am**

**Swansea Courthouse, Noyes St**

### **Minutes**

Present: Donna & Wes Button, Dave Cooper, Neville Stewart, Paula Hanson, Yon Kikkert, Barry & Dianne Smith, Geoff Jones, Liz & Leigh Sealy, Kate Shield, Robyn Moore (minutes)

Meeting opened at 10am

Apologies: Danny & Sallee Allford; Tricia & Ian Jay; David Swifte; David & Christina Galloway; Steve & Sue Barrett; Diane Flannigan; Gill Foster; Rob Curran; Gary Stoward

1. Minutes of AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the annual general meeting (March 2019) are accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Neville Stewart

Seconded: Paula Hanson

Carried.

2. Minutes of General Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the March 2019 general meetings are accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Kate Shield

Seconded: Neville Stewart

Carried.

3. Business arising (none)

### **Reports**

4. President's report (see attached)

Geoff Jones spoke to Liberal MP John Tucker about Swan River Rd. He received a letter from Glamorgan Spring Bay Council saying that in 2021 there will be enough money to upgrade Swan River Rd.

5. Secretary's report

Volunteer/s needed to compile a history of the DSRA. Please get in touch if you're able to help.

### Clearing coastal wattle from roadside verges

The committee will continue liaising with Council regarding the roadside verges. We believe it is of the utmost importance that leaving in the event of a fire is made as safe as practical. Referring to the fires currently burning in NSW, RFS commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said yesterday (Nov 8) that it's more dangerous to use a lot of the access roads to leave than to stay in a shelter. We'd prefer that our members aren't put in that situation unnecessarily.

- The Mayor said notes from May 4 meeting between Council and TFS in which this issue was to be discussed would be forwarded to community members; at the Oct 8 meeting with Council, she again said she'd forward these notes. A reminder email was sent on Oct 21 but as yet, we haven't received them.
- Cr Rob Churchill spoke to Robyn about the issue on July 26. At that time, he said that Council was 'waiting on qualified advice'. Robyn rang for an update on Oct 31 but hasn't had her call returned.

### Roadside clean-up (Sept 28)

- Asbestos noticed and left in place so that appropriate procedures could be followed. Gary contacted Council on Oct 1 to request removal. Tony Pollard replied on Oct 2 saying he'd follow up. Hasn't yet been removed.

### Living at Nine Mile beach booklet

- Amendments sent to Council on Feb 21. A follow up email was sent to Council on August 16. Council then forwarded to TFS for their input. Robyn will follow up at NRM meeting next week.

### Correspondence in

Date received	Document subject or title	Hard copy	Author/Sender	Action
23.9.2019	Community Connect in Swansea		GSBC	Notify members
23.9.2019	Strategic Planning meeting		GSBC	Notify members, offer to represent members
23.9.2019	Letter of support		Cassie Melrose	Forward to Meredith River working group
23.9.2019	Invitation to Council workshop		GSBC	Forward to Meredith River working group
24.9.2019	Form receipt - CEP application		Dept Industry, <del>Innovn</del> , Science	none
24.9.2019	Natural values report		<del>ECOtas</del>	Upload to website, forward to bridge working group
26.9.2019	Great Oyster Bay Developments		ASIC	forward to Council
26.9.2019	Concept design		S Group	Upload to website; forward to bridge working group
7.10.2019	Grant application received		Bendigo (via Robyn)	Forward to DSRA email address
20.10.2019	Grant <del>acquital</del> confirmation		FRRR (via Steve)	none
4.11.2019	No response to date from Council		ASIC	reply
6.11.2019	BBQ confirmation		Bunnings Mornington	Forward to Meredith bridge working group

## Correspondence Out

Date sent	Document title or subject	Hard copy	Recipient
23.9.2019	Ownership of footway at rear of Cambria		ASIC
23.9.2019	Title extract		ASIC
23.9.2019	Meeting with Council - Meredith River bridge		Bridge supporters
27.9.2019	Article about Meredith River bridge		GOBC news
1.10.2019	Meredith River bridge docs		GM, Councillors
7.10.2019	Grant acquittal notice		GOBC news
21.10.2019	Info from follow-up meeting with TFS, May 4		Mayor

## 6. Treasurer's report

Currently, we have 106 financial members.

Bank balance: \$3418.33, includes crowdfunding balance \$574.03; Meredith River bridge fundraising balance \$2501.40

Bridge fundraising – total raised \$2921.40; raffle \$2245.50; BBQ \$255.90; auction of Matt Wade's shirt \$420 (not yet received); expenses \$164.15

## Grant applications for 2019

Date	Organisation	Reason	Amount	Success
21.3.2019	Bendigo Bank	Overhead costs for hiring chipper to assist members with green waste removal	\$1000	no
29.4.2019	FRRR	Green waste mulching - hiring chipper & operators	\$9900	yes
13.5.2019	Landcare Eol	Jute netting	\$10 000	no
14.6.2019	GSBC	Natural Values Report	\$990	no
15.6.2019	Tassal	Geotechnical Report	\$7700	no
16.7.2019	Swansea OAC	Natural Values Report	\$990	\$250
26.8.2019 Stage two 24.9.2019	Communities Environment Program	Clearing pine trees in Cambria easement, planting low-flammability native screen	\$12000	?
16.9.2019	Bendigo Bank	Natural Values Report	\$500	?

Grants & fundraising year to date: Crowdfunding \$6965; FRRR \$9900; GOBC news \$250; raffle & BBQ \$2921.4; Total \$20036.4

## 7. Working group reports:

**Bushfire prevention** (given by Robyn)

- Green waste mulching – thanks to Geoff Jones for his support of the KAG crew

- Ongoing discussion with Council about removing coastal wattle from the roadside verges
- Ongoing discussion with Council about reviewing the Dolphin Sands Emergency Management Plan

***Meredith River pedestrian/cycling bridge*** (given by Yon)

- Natural values report completed
- Initial concept plan from S Group
- Met with Council on Oct 8. Council is concerned about maintenance costs; requested business plan
- Met with S Group – now working on modified truss design, costings, maintenance schedule. Concern about number of pylons in the river (less is better).
- Meeting scheduled with Moodies re cable bridge – design, costings, maintenance, etc. Moodies' preference is for zero pylons in the river.
- Will have 2 different designs to consider
- Winning constructor to include 5-year maintenance package in price to construct
- Thanks to Barry for cable bridge designs
- CEP grant application to remove radiata pine trees from Cambria Drive easement
- Planning a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Mornington before xmas.
- Further information is available on the website

**Motion: That the information reports are accepted.**

Moved: Geoff Jones

Seconded: Barry Smith

Carried.

8. Police report – Constable Craig Vermey

Police presence in the area: Craig goes to Bagot Point and the boat ramp 1-2 times each shift.

Update on burglaries early in the year – no more reported.

Locked/open gates make it obvious when people are in the area and when they're not. On the other hand, leaving gates open may mean your property is less secure.

Tendency for repeat robberies, ie wait for 6-8 weeks (for insurance claims to be finalised and possessions to be replaced) and strike again.

Security system with internet connections are beneficial because owner can see what's happening in real time.

When calling police, try to give the radio room the best information available. Don't ring police officers' personal mobile phones, ring 131444 – goes directly to radio room. For emergencies ring 000.

April bushfire – Mr Perez has been charged with two offenses: A. failing to take adequate precautions to prevent the spread of a fire and B. lighting a fire within a permit period and failing to adequately clear within 3m of that fire.

Overall, it's been quiet for the police. Tends to be busier on public holiday long weekends, summer holidays, Easter.

**Motions**

1. That a working group is established to apply for a grant for a shelter to be built at the Swan River Rd jetty area. No one moved.

2. In response to Rule 4(2), that the membership form be updated to request applicants to provide evidence of eligibility such as rates notice or electricity bill as proof of ownership/resident status.\*

Moved: David Cooper

Seconded: Leigh Sealy

Carried.

3. In response to Rule 4(2), that members who renewed their membership by March 31, 2019 are recognised as eligible.\*

Moved: David Cooper

Seconded: Kate Shield

Carried.

\*Refers to DSRA Rules of the Association (available on the DSRA website)

### **Any other business**

Paula Hanson thanked the committee for all their hard work.

David Cooper asked if community members would like to see regular BBQs to keep fundraising.

Meeting closed at 11am

## President's Report

Dear Dolphins

This is our first meeting since the April bushfire, and we have much to celebrate. The first, and none more important & most pleasing to all of us, is the return of our Vice President, Neville Stewart, to Dolphin Sands after illness had taken him from the front line for a few months. Neville, as I'm sure most of those that know him would agree, is the quintessential Australian, would give the shirt from his back to anyone in need, and is a wise and loyal friend with many life experiences to share. Welcome back Nev, the prayers of the community are with you for the journey ahead.

A number of initiatives have been engaged by the committee since the April fire, these being:

- Creation and rollout of an emergency phone tree
- Successful crowdfunding campaign which raised \$6935 to assist repairing the land of those affected by the fire
- Securing of FRRR grant for green waste mulching – many thanks must go to Steve Barrett for his hands-on coordination of all activities during "mulch week"
- Formal follow-up to Council regarding clearing coastal wattle from the road verges
- Successful roadside clean-up coordinated by Gary Stoward.

The DSRA committee, after seeking legal advice particularly in regard to ongoing liability, has removed the fire trailer out of service and is soon to be returning it to its original owner. This decision was not taken lightly. However, the results of the recent fire, and the part that the trailer played, cannot be overlooked. Unfortunately, we live in a world where the possibility of persecution overrides the well-natured intent of community-owned assets. This risk the current committee was not prepared to take.

### Shared bridge over the Meredith River

We have progressed from an idea to a working group and now have a concept design and widespread support from the likes of East Coast Tourism and the Swansea Chamber of Commerce. This is an exciting space, driven by a group of passionate & committed locals that is gathering more interest as the weeks pass. A timeline of activities undertaken to date, and the intended pathway forward through to "Shovel Ready" Construction is available on the bridge tab of the DSRA website.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the fundraiser on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Funds raised will add to the \$250 grant received from GOBC news toward regulatory fees to pass the preliminary stage of the Bridge Project. We have also applied to Bendigo Bank for assistance with these costs.

We have progressed to the second stage of our CEP grant application to remove radiata pine from an easement in Cambria Drive and replant with natives. The working Group and the DSRA committee are very grateful for Robyn's input and resilient efforts for not just the Meredith Bridge project, but all matters "Dolphin Sands".

### Council

Representatives of the committee met with council on October 8 to discuss all matters currently put to council by DSRA. Many positive outcomes came from the meeting with the most exciting being that significant funds will be put into Dolphin Sands Road to repair and possibly create a widening for foot and cyclist traffic. Council have committed to updating the Dolphin Sands Emergency plan. We expect to see a draft as early as Easter 2020 providing a contemporary plan to give existing and new landowners critical guidance in the event of fire or other emergency.

We had representatives at Council's Strategic Planning session on Oct 6, to keep abreast of "bigger picture" strategy to report back to the community.

### Crown Land Services

After the unfortunate incident of the deceased whale on Nine Mile Beach, the committee has written to Crown Land Services regarding the installation of a locked boom gate to access Nine Mile Beach in the case of an emergency where vehicle access is urgently required. Consultation on this matter is ongoing.

### Cambria Green planning scheme amendment

In response to the motion from the March general meeting, we prepared a submission to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC), reiterating our request for a written guarantee regarding use of aquifer water. This issue is yet to be followed up by the TPC. At the time of writing, the Cambria Green planning scheme amendment is still with the TPC waiting for their determination on jurisdictional issues.

On reflection, it's been a productive winter – now hoping for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Regards

David Cooper