



DSRA Annual General Meeting 2022

Saturday, May 7, 10am, Swansea Courthouse, Noyes St

Minutes

Apologies: David Swifte, Paul & Paula Hanson, Steve & Sue Barrett, Trish & Ian Jay, Liz & Leigh Sealy, David & Hilary Cooper, Kate Shield, Mark Pooley, Leni Jarvis, Yon Kikkert

Present: Diane Flannigan, Gary Stoward, Gynes Isherwood, Peter Coon, Donna & Wes Button, David Galloway, Charmaine Zheng, Paul McGillick, Jane & Tony Fist, Rob Churchill, Mal & Val Innes, Robyn Moore (minutes)

Meeting opened: 10.03am

Acknowledgement of Country

David acknowledged the traditional owners of the Country on which we met – the Paradarerme (Oyster Bay Tribe)

1. Minutes of previous general meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM (May 2021) and general meetings (May & Nov 2021) are accepted as true and accurate records.

Moved: David Galloway

Seconded: Donna Button

Carried

2. Business arising (none)

Reports

3. President's Report (see below)

4. Secretary's Report (see below)

5. Treasurer's Report (see below)

Motion: That the information reports are accepted.

Moved: Tony

Seconded: Mal

Carried

Election of committee members

President: David Galloway

Secretary: Robyn Moore

Treasurer: Paula Hanson

Committee member: Wes Button



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Motions

1. To remove rule 14(a) of the DSRA Rules of the Association. The remaining rules in section 14 will be renumbered.

Background: rule 14(a) currently reads: At least two general meetings of the Association are to be held in each financial year, one of which shall be held in conjunction with the annual general meeting or immediately following the annual general meeting.

Rule 14(a) was added to the model rules by Brett, Leigh and Robyn when we were rewriting the association's rules. We were trying to avoid the situation with the old committee where there was very little interaction with members. This is no longer an issue as we have a thriving Facebook group, regular emails etc. Removing rule 14(a) does not restrict the number of general meetings per year; it just means that we're not obliged to hold more than one if we don't need to.

Moved: Jane

Seconded: Gary

Carried

2. To change the name of the association to Dolphin Sands Community Association

Background: The aim of this motion is to make the name of the association more accurately represent the membership. It doesn't change who can become a member.

Moved: Donna

Seconded: Jane

Carried

Note: changes to the constitution are passed by special resolution, which require a 75% majority with votes having to be given in person.

Guests

Swansea Volunteer Fire Chief Ken Nichols

Ken entered the meeting at 10.30

Ken explained that in high bushfire risk areas like Dolphin Sands, the TFS (Tasmanian Fire Service) urges people not to burn their green waste but take it to the tip or mulch it instead. Burning should only be used as a last resort. He has asked council numerous times to extend opening hours of the tip to give 'weekenders' the option of dumping their green waste on Saturdays.

For high-risk areas, air support is activated as soon as a vegetation fire begins.

The TFS is acting on the 5-minute bushfire plan knowledge (www.bushfire.tas.gov.au). He spoke about the need to prepare your property for bushfire. At least 2m alongside your driveway needs to be cleared and clear access for vehicles to turn around or the TFS won't enter your property during a bushfire. Also need to clear around houses, esp the north and northwest sides, which are the most dangerous areas.

Ken appreciate the verges being cleared. He is trying to get two more 40 000L fire-fighting water tanks installed on Dolphin Sands Rd, one between Cambria Drive and Yellow Sandbanks Rd, and the other between Yellow Sandbanks and Bagot Point.

The Association to send a letter to council requesting the tip is open on weekends. There are various TFS volunteers in Dolphin Sands who can give people advice about preparing their property for bushfire.

Ken left the meeting at 11.15

Any other business

Mal mentioned the Swan River Rd jetty has been upgraded by MAST, but the area needs finishing by blocking off the tidal, swampy area on the right-hand side just before the car park. People get bogged there. Mal explained that Council said that they were going to install boulders on the spot. The Association to write letter to council.

Meeting closed: 11.26



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President's Report

Dear Dolphineers

It is hard to believe that 12 months has passed since the last AGM. As usual, it has been a busy and interesting year for the Association.

Some of the key events and achievements of note for 2021-22 are:

- Collaborating with the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council (GSBC) for the clearing of the road verges in Dolphin Sands. I would particularly like to thank Peter Porch from GSBC and our own Robyn Moore and Steve Barratt for their considerable work on this project.
- Establishment of the picnic tables at Swan River and on Dolphin Sands Rd. We appreciate the Council's assistance in putting these in place
- Beautification of the picnic area on Dolphin Sands Rd and the donation from the Swansea Garden Club.
- The successful Chainsaw Maintenance and Use training program conducted in March following a Community Grant. Eight members of the Association now meet the public liability requirements and are now accredited to use chainsaws. This will support our Landcare activities. A particular thank you to Brian Mitchell MHR for his support in obtaining this grant.
- A number of cleanup and Landcare activities.

There are some events of note on the radar for the coming year.

- The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council elections are due. This is an opportunity for people to look at what they want from their elected members of council and I would encourage all members to reflect on what are the important issues for them and to ensure they are well informed about what candidates stand for. I would be interested to see if members would be interested in the Association holding an open forum for candidates prior to the election. Thank you to our current councillors for your positive contributions.
- We are hoping the Indigenous cultural seminar will proceed in the near future. Unfortunately, we have had a few false starts which were beyond anyone's control. The seminar will be a great opportunity to explore the rich Aboriginal history of the area and state in general, discuss our mutual challenges and to gain a further appreciation the East Coast.
- Marine and Safety Tasmania are due to upgrade the Yellow Sandbanks Rd marina in the next twelve months which will improve the boat launching and retrieval capability and safety in the area.

The Association is nothing without the contribution of its members. In particular, I would like to thank the Committee and others in the Association who commit substantial time to furthering the

activities of the DSRA and improve the environment and conditions for all who live in or visit our beautiful part of the world.

On behalf of the committee, I look forward to the community's continued support of DSRA and continuing to develop productive and prosperous relationships with our stakeholders.

David Galloway
President, DSRA

Secretary's Report

Thanks to everyone who contributes positively to our community, especially those who volunteer with various groups such as the volunteer fire brigade, SES, Glamorgan Suicide Prevention Network and of course the DSRA.

I'd particularly like to thank Steve, Gary and Brenton for their regular support of all things Landcare. Weed maintenance has been quite disheartening as weeds have been flourishing due to the rain. Our current focus is establishing an endemic garden near the picnic table on the council fire break at the corner of Dolphin Sands Rd and Cambria Drive. We successfully applied for seedlings from Landcare. These will be available for collection in late May. The Landcare group will endeavour to help you with planting, if necessary.

I'd also like to acknowledge those who financially support the association, through financial membership and also donations. In the last year, we received almost \$250 in donations, which included a donation to support our emergency messaging service. A reminder to let us know if you want to be included in this service or need to change your contact details.

A few people participated in the water testing we conducted in February, with no alarming results.

The Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) hearings for the Cambria Green planning scheme amendment are scheduled to begin on May 30. See the [TPC website](#) for further information.

Finally, a reminder that Dolphin Sands is a bushfire hot spot. Fires can occur in any weather, and you need to prepare your property so that it can be defended from fire, following Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) guidelines. We recommend that visit the [TFS website](#) to complete your 5-minute bushfire plan and download the 2021 Bushfire Safety Guide.

There have been a few fires recently which, thanks to prompt action from the TFS, have been contained. The most recent fire was caused when the front wheel of a mower fell into an unseen hole. The mower's exhaust system rested on some marram grass and set it alight. Fortunately, the wind direction directed the fire away from the immediate properties and towards the road. The cleared road verges helped prevent the fire crossing the road and provided space for traffic to pull off the road so that emergency vehicles could get through safely.

This example demonstrates how easy it is for a fire to start in Dolphin Sands. It brings to mind the fire that started on a frosty winter morning a couple of years ago when a transformer on a power pole arched. There really is never a time when we can relax in terms of fire safety.

Robyn Moore
Secretary DSRA



DSRA Income and Expenses

Jan 1, 2021-Dec 31, 2021

Income	Amount
Membership subscriptions	\$2,280.00
Donations : Members	\$190.00
Water Testing payments	\$1,775.50
transfer from Petty Cash	\$150.00
mulching donations	\$450.00
Landcare Tasmania	\$180.00
Swansea Garden Club donation	\$400.00
Total INCOME	\$5,425.50
Expenditure	
Water Testing & transport	\$1,728.41
Landcare membership	\$30.00
Corflute guards for Landcare	\$218.00
Transfer to Petty cash Neighbour day BBQ costs	\$200.00
Neighbour day BBQ (Drinks)	\$150.00
Domain name renewal	\$73.67
Courthouse Hire fee	\$60.00
Mulching	\$7,993.00
sms emergency messaging renewal	\$38.50
neighbourhood watch fee	\$30.00
Kings Gallery Landcare meeting	\$38.50
Council for picnic tables	\$2,750.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$13,310.08
January to December 2021	
Opening Balance 1/1/21	\$17,289.23
Closing Balance 31/12/2021	\$9,404.65
Meredith River bridge balance	\$3,433.20
Neighbour Day grant balance	\$2,050.95
DSRA	\$3,920.50
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PETTY CASH 2021		
Carried Over	1.1.21	\$165.95
Income		
Membership		\$120.00
Water testing payments		\$105.00
Transfer from bank a/c	24.3.21	\$200.00
Donations		\$58.20
Total income		\$483.20
Expenses		
Transfer to bank a/c	13.1.21	\$150.00
Bunnings vouchers	11.2.21	\$40.00
PO Box	1.3.21	\$41.00
BBQ costs - Healthy Tasmania grant	18.3.21	\$199.05
Dept of Justice - Annual Return	25.5.21	\$64.80
Stamps	8.12.21	\$11.00
Printing		\$22.70
Total expenses		\$528.55
PETTY CASH ON HAND	31.12.21	\$120.60