



DSRA Annual General Meeting 2021

10am, Saturday, May 22, Swansea Courthouse, Noyes St

Minutes

Meeting opened: 10.03am

Apologies: Sallee Allford, Cherry Andrews, David & Hilary Cooper, Diane Flannigan, Kerry & Paul Haddard, Paul Hanson, Trish & Ian Jay, Ann & Don Melrose, Ian Melrose, Dan Monsen, Liz & Leigh Sealy, Barry & Dianne Smith, Neville & Danae Stewart, Gary Stoward

Present by proxy: Steve & Sue Barrett, Paul McGillick & Charmaine Zheng, Kate Shield & Mark Pooley

Present: Danny Allford, Petrus & Yvonne Boekel, Donna & Wes Button, Robert Churchill, Tony & Jane Fist, David Galloway, Paula Hanson, Mal & Val Innes, Geoff Jones, Yon Kikkert, Cassie Melrose, Liz Ristrom, Sam Scicheria, David Swifte, Robyn Moore (minutes)

David Galloway opened the meeting and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

1. Minutes of previous AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the previous annual general meeting (January 2020) are accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Danny Allford

Seconded: Petrus Boekel

Carried.

2. Minutes of previous GM

Motion: That the minutes of the January 2020 and October 2020 general meetings are accepted as true and accurate records.

Moved: Geoff Jones

Seconded: Donna Button

Carried.

3. Business arising (none)

Reports

4. President's Report (see DSRA website for outgoing President's report)

David Galloway thanked David Cooper and Neville Stewart for their work as President and Vice-President for the association.

Overview of DSRA events since our last general meeting:

- Landscaping seminar (Nov 2020) with Marcus Ragus. Participants got a lot out of it and the DSRA is keen to do something similar in future.
- Clean-Up Australia Day
- Neighbour Day BBQ at Melshell as a thank you for emergency services. David thanked everyone who contributed to these events.

5. Secretary's Report (see DSRA website)

Robyn thanked Dave & Neville and also Steve Barrett's for his ongoing support.

CEP grant (pine trees): Council have refused permission to remove pine trees. We are currently trying to re-purpose the grant to mulch coastal wattle instead. Grant needs to be finalised by June 30. [*Edit – grant variation has since been approved]

Neighbour Day grant (picnic tables): hopefully will be acquitted soon. Will ask General Manager to provide update as part of his presentation.

Landcare group has been established and will meet on the last Sunday of every month.

However, in May and June, we'll focus on supporting the coastal wattle mulching.

Members of the Landcare group will be registered as volunteers with Parks so that we're permitted to remove sea spurge at Bagot Point without having to deal with paperwork each time.

We'd like to get a grant for gorse removal, by mechanical means. Please let us know if you have any gorse on your property that you'd like removed.

Aquifer: Second round of water testing was conducted in January. 28 properties were tested, 3 had high As levels, 1 had high Pb. Next round of testing in July.

Australia Post: ongoing discussion with Australia Post about reliability of mail service. The Local Post Office (LPO) is not allowed to return items. If PO box addresses aren't accepted when purchasing online, the suggestion is to be 'creative' with address, eg leave out 'PO' and write RA address and add 'box xxx' afterwards. There is also an option to have mail addressed as:

C/O Swansea LPO

Shop 2- 1 Victoria St. Swansea TAS 7190

The Swansea LPO accepts parcels from SmartTrax. The IGA corner store accepts parcels from Toll.

Cambria Green: Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) sent update this week following the directions hearing in March (available on the DSRA website). This week's update responded to questions raised about the TPC's right to proceed due to road reserve issues. The TPC advised that they do have jurisdiction to proceed. They have also requested further information from the proponents (via their planners) and council.

Correspondence In

Date received	Document subject or title	Author/Sender
17.12.2020	Picnic tables agreement	Greg Ingham
25.1.2021	Pine trees	Greg Ingham (via Steve Barrett)
12.2.2021	Invitation to attend directions hearing	TPC

28.2.2021	Instructions for working on roadside verges	Darren Smith, Area Works Manager
4.3.2021	Mail delivery	Australia Post
5.3.2021	Beach access markers	Peter Porch, Director Works & Infrastructure
20.4.2021	Mail delivery	Glen Gleeson, Australia Post
19.5.2021	Cambria Green	Tasmanian Planning Commission

Correspondence Out

Date sent	Document title or subject	Recipient
28.1.2021	Beach access markers	Tanya Simm, Parks
2.2.2021	Thank you	Emergency Services (from David Galloway)
4.2.2021	Meeting to discuss pedestrian bridge	Freycinet Association
8.2.2021	Invitation to BBQ	Emergency Services
4.3.2021	339E complaint	Director of Local Government
4.3.2021	Street delivery	Australia Post (hard copy)
1.4.2021	Roadkill	Natalie Rogers, Environmental Health Officer

6. Treasurer's Report (see DSRA website for 2020 financial statement)
We're hoping to acquit the bulk of outstanding grant funding soon.

7. Working group reports

Emergency Management group

Robyn explained that Parks were contacted about the danger of coastal wattle in the coastal reserve acting as a 'wick' to transfer fire through the peninsula. We also offered to mulch any coastal wattle they cleared. Parks have declined to act.

After some back and forth between Parks and council, beach access markers are going to be installed by council at some point.

Meredith River bridge group

Yon Kikkert said that the group had met with various politicians who were supportive but needed the project to achieve more than simply crossing the Meredith River, ie it needed to fit into the bigger picture of joining the four communities of Swansea, Dolphin Sands, Swanwick and Coles Bay. Having an iconic infrastructure project could be a game changer for Swansea. This project is 'clever tourism – low impact, low footprint, builds on Tassie as a cycling destination, eg e-bikes.

Politicians are actively looking to fund infrastructure projects but need to see support from council. Steve Barrett presented the project at a Council workshop in April and requested a letter of support to apply for grant funding for a feasibility study. Council refused, saying that the project has to fit within a broader cycling/walking strategy which they don't have. However, East Coast Tourism has been working with council to apply for funding to develop one.

David Swifte asked about the road bridge option in the original subdivision plans.

Yon said that neither the Swanwick nor Dolphin Sands communities wanted a bridge for vehicles.

Geoff Jones said that RV camping in Swansea would support tourism. The project would also keep cyclists off the road, increasing safety.

Danny Allford asked where the bridge to Swanwick would go.

Robyn said that these questions would be determined by a feasibility study. The study might find that a punt over the Swan is a better option than a bridge. On the other hand, the load capacity for a pedestrian bridge would allow emergency vehicles to use it.

Cassie Melrose asked if there was information in previous minutes of DSRA committee as President from 20 years ago, David Scarborough, would have been interested in the issue.

Robyn said that she had some very brief minutes from the previous committee but nothing much before then.

Motion: That the information reports are received.

Moved: Paula Hanson

Seconded: Liz Ristrom

Carried.

Election of committee members

President: David Galloway

Vice-President: (vacant)

Secretary: Robyn Moore

Treasurer: Donna Button

Committee members – Liz Ristrom & Paula Hanson



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David Galloway thanked David Cooper and Neville Stewart and recognised the efforts of the other committee members. The committee is only a representative group of the wider community and exists to represent all people at Dolphin Sands. We do appreciate the support of the community. He outlined the aims of the association (as per the Constitution) and said that the association is keen to progress the interests of those who get to spend time in our piece of paradise.

Current projects:

- Chainsaw safety course. Landcare activities include clearing noxious weeds, also helps with fire safety. To meet insurance requirements, we are applying for a grant to put our members through a chainsaw course and purchase a small chainsaw. This grant is supported by Brian Mitchell MP. We are into the final stage of the grant process so feeling optimistic.
- Repurposing of CEP grant to remove coastal wattle. This grant is also supported by Brian Mitchell MP.

David explained that the association is open to ideas from the community about what we could progress in the next 12 months. Please contact us with your ideas.

Motions

1. That the DSRA recommend to Parks that the cultural heritage plaque be re-installed at Bagot Point on a free-standing rock between the Dolphin's Eye and the track into the day-use area.

Moved: Robyn Moore

Seconded: Mal Innes

Carried.

Robyn to submit works request to Parks. A community member has offered to install the plaque.

2. That the DSRA develop and circulate a petition to Australia Post in support of mail delivery for permanent residents.

Moved:

Seconded:

Discussion: Other areas, such as Ponty Pool & Woolnorth, get mail delivered to mailboxes sited together in one location.

If mail delivery occurs, current PO Box subsidy will be lost.

How many permanent residents are there? Will be able to get data from next year's census.

Post Office business is up for sale.

Decision to trial being creative with how mail is addressed and wait before acting.

Any other business

- Cassie Melrose explained that Melshell has been closed for a long time and they appreciate the community's patience. They're aiming to relaunch in November and would like a liquor licence. It would help to be able to show support from the community. Please contact admin@melshelloysters.com.au if you'd like to add your name.
When re-opened, they'll have hibachi grills so customers can cook prepared kebabs. There'll be a designated area for habachis close to the caravan for monitoring re fire safety. Would like to also have local wines and beers and gin distilled with oyster shells.
Melshell have landscaped the area near the river with more gabion seating and created an indoor seating area for windy days with a display tank, which is very popular.
There will be employment opportunities, including part-time, such as gardening. They are keen to employ locals, so please get in touch if you're interested.
- David Galloway read out a letter tabled by Geoff Jones re Swan River Rd (2019).
- Robert Churchill asked about the 'fire-tender' (meaning the DSRA fire trailer). Robyn explained that, after the fire in 2019, some people tried to blame the fire on the fire trailer (the question of liability will be decided in June when the person who started the fire appears in court). Subsequently, the committee made the decision that, to protect the association, the trailer would have to be withdrawn from service. The association doesn't have the funds to maintain the trailer but would be happy for council to take on this responsibility.

Guest speakers

- Marcia Harvey-Bird (Bayview Bush Babies)
Marcia said that she's had lots of sightings of wombats with mange at Dolphin Sands. But, by the time she arrives, the wombats have disappeared. She requested help from interested locals to become a 'wombat ambassador'. Marcia showed us how to put a cage over a wombat and spray with a natural treatment. She suggested we let each other know about wombat sightings (eg using the Dolphin Sands community network Facebook page). She also requested help to build a couple of cages. Thanks for donations from members at the meeting. See bayviewbushbabies.org.au for further information.
- Greg Ingham (General Manager, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council)
Greg spoke at length about council. Rubbish bins have been installed near the boat ramp at the end of Swan River Rd.

Questions:

Swan River Rd

Petrus Boekel said that the road was a 'goat-track' and a disgrace to Council. David Swifte agreed that it need widening especially with caravans and trucks using the road. Turning left to Swansea from Swan River Rd is also problematic. Greg replied that he 'totally agrees' and that Swan River Rd was already identified as a key road that needs upgrading.

Robyn requested some indication of when we could expect action.

Greg replied that council first needs to organise a 'strategic road map' which he'd like to get done this year. This will order all roads in the municipality in terms of priority, but he is confident that Swan River Rd would be a high priority. After that, council will work out how it might be delivered, eg need to apply for funding.

Waste management

Yon referred back to Greg's presentation in which waste management was identified as a priority. He explained that the community has been trying to get rubbish bins installed for some time at strategic spots. With waste management identified as priority, he asked about the possibility of rubbish being collected during weekly garbage collection.

Greg replied that council's focus was waste management on a big scale. Also, council would need to think about where the bins would go in terms of serviceability and use. He's happy to meet and discuss.

David Swifte asked why council was introducing charges for green waste at the tip.

Greg said that green waste from out of the municipality was being dumped.

Governance

Cassie referred to Greg's presentation in which excellence in good governance was identified as a goal. She sees a lack of leadership when liaison is needed between departments, eg Parks, MAST.

Greg said that he will be a far better advocate for the community in that space. Council has a new corporate and community director.

Beach access markers

Robyn asked about beach access markers.

Greg said they are going in, but he's not sure when.

Picnic tables

Robyn asked for an update about the picnic tables.

Greg said that the tables will go in, but he's been held up by the wider community re the position of the tables.

Robyn replied that the representative body has more weight than a few people who object.

Greg said that council has the picnic tables in their depot. Initially discussed two picnic tables going in, now looking at two locations. Greg talked about the need for communication with council regarding projects on council land.

Robyn explained that the association has been in contact with council for 18 months about this project. Council was asked to indicate support (or otherwise) before the grant application was submitted and asked for their preferred location. At different times, the association has communicated with various works managers and general managers about the project in the last 18 months.

Cassie suggested Swan River Rd boat ramp as a location for the second picnic table.

Greg raised concerns about rubbish.

Cassie reminded him that council have installed rubbish bins in the area.

Tourism

Cassie asked where tourism fits into strategic planning and if any options have been found for the Visitor Information Centres.

Greg explained that information was going to be available digitally.

Meeting closed at 12.30pm



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Outgoing President's Report

Dear Dolphins,

Apologies for not making it to the AGM.

I begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today - the Paradareme - and pay our respects to Elders past and present, and emerging elders of the future.

With the postponement of the AGM till now (month of May), many months have elapsed since my advising the committee of my intention to stand down from the role of President.

I strongly feel the presidency would be best served by a full time resident or a person with more time to allocate to the cause, particularly given the positive change in Glamorgan Spring Bay Council structure and the requirement to meet with council and make decisions locally.

The Secretary and I met with the then newly appointed General Manager of GSBC in November 2020, firstly to introduce ourselves and establish open dialogue on ways for DSRA to gain greater traction on the progress of local issues presented to GBSC by DSRA, allowing DSRA to communicate progress and outcomes (where possible) to the community through our regular communication channels.

There is no doubt, GBSC has many challenges ahead & prioritising these will be no easy task, our meeting was open, candid, and contained many positive outcomes to allow future open & constructive communication with GBSC. As I have reported before, patience will be the key to future success in achieving positive outcomes from our local council.

I would like to personally thank you all for your input and support, particularly Robyn for her continual hard work behind the scenes, coordinating many successful events & initiatives for the benefit of the community.

I have made some wonderful friendships due to my involvement with DSRA and look forward to continuing these friendships into the future.

I wish the DSRA committee and new President David Galloway all the very best in their future endeavours in representing the community & look forward to seeing you all throughout the rest of the year.

Kind regards, David Cooper



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Secretary's report

Thank you to Dave Cooper & Neville Stewart

Members

In January, we held a membership drive, offering Bunnings vouchers to two people who joined or renewed their membership by the end of the month. We now have 111 financial members. Congratulations to the lucky winners of the vouchers: Steve Harris & Rick McMahon.

Website

Existing pages on the website can no longer be changed because our service provider (wix) updated their format. You'll notice a different format for newer pages. The website has been updated with some documents by Barry Valentine about development of the peninsula in the 1960s and 1970s. We're looking for someone with the time and ability to 'pretty-up' the site a bit.

DSRA events

- Landscaping seminar with Marcus Ragus (Nov 2020)
- Clean-Up Australia Day (March 7) – thanks to Gary Stoward for organising.
- Neighbour Day 'Thank you' BBQ with emergency service personnel at Melshell (March 28) – thanks to Cassie & Ian from Melshell for the venue; Geoff & Marlene Jones for the burgers; Health Tasmania Fund for covering the food costs; DSRA committee members

Issues before council

CEP grant: In 2019, we successfully applied for a grant to remove pine trees from an easement in Cambria Drive. Even before we applied for the grant, we were in contact with council to ask for their permission and/or support. In January 2021, Council's general manager, Greg Ingham, refused our request to remove the pine trees for two reasons: firstly, that this action isn't urgent (in terms of weed infestation) and secondly, that council doesn't have a municipal walking/cycling strategy (the

easement where the pine trees are located is a possible route for cyclists if/when there's a way to cross the Meredith River).

Given that these reasons didn't seem reasonable grounds for refusal, I submitted a complaint to the Director of Local Government under section 339E of the Local Government Act. Their investigation is ongoing.

Neighbour Day grant: In January 2020, we successfully applied for a grant to install picnic tables on the peninsula. We contacted council before we submitted our grant application to ask if this idea was something that they would support and for an indication of their preferred location. In December 2020, Greg Ingham agreed (via phone and email) that Council would install two picnic tables and DSRA would use our grant money to cover the cost. The chosen location was the council land near the corner of Cambria Drive and Dolphin Sands Rd.

In January, Greg contacted us to say he was looking at other locations for the picnic tables – Bagot Point and the beach access near the 5km mark.

In April, Greg met me on site to discuss the issue further (and update me on other issues before council). At this stage, Greg was suggesting installing one picnic table and wanted to know if we could spend the rest of our grant on something else. I explained the conditions of our grant and we discussed two possibilities: 1. one picnic table with a roof; 2. two picnic tables.

Speed signs: Council have installed a speed limit warning sign installed before the loop at Bagot Point.

Other issues, eg Living at Nine Mile Beach booklet, have been put on hold while we try to resolve more pressing matters.

Landcare

A local Landcare group has been established. We aim to meet (weather permitting) on the last Sunday of each month from 9.30-11.30. Locations will be advised closer to the day. All welcome.

Aquifer report

A second round of water testing was conducted in January. We collected 28 samples, which were tested for arsenic, iron and lead. Three properties had high arsenic levels - one at Cambria, one in the 400s and one in the 900s. One property in the 500s had a high result for lead. Results for arsenic ranged from <1 to 21. Results for iron ranged from <20 to 2900. Results for lead ranged from <0.5 to 11.5.

For those properties where we can compare with their previous results, a couple of properties' results were marginally worse, but the rest were similar or improved. As such, it's hard to draw any conclusions. Hopefully, further testing will reveal a clearer pattern to water quality changes.

There wasn't any interest in testing in April. Our next round of water testing will be in July (if there is sufficient interest).

Chainsaw safety training

David Galloway applied for funding to run a chainsaw safety course for our members. We are through to the second round of this grant application.

Members who are certified will be covered by our public liability and personal injury insurance when participating in DSRA Landcare activities.

Mail delivery

In early March, we contacted Australia Post about the possibility of mail delivery for permanent residents, if not every day, then a few days per week. We were advised to post our request to their Delivery Centre in Mornington (which we did).

In late April, we received a reply from Glen Gleeson explaining that this topic had been investigated several times previously (by individual residents). Glen stated that there were less than 130 residents of which 85 had PO boxes at the local post office. (We don't know how recent or accurate these figures are). Glen explained that it's not cost effective to provide mail delivery to outlying areas and it could risk the financial viability of the local post office. However, he advised us to submit a petition to show support from the community if we wanted to pursue the topic.

If there was sufficient indication of support, Australia Post would conduct a mail poll. The poll is designed to let everyone in the community have a say about the change. If more than 50% of residents voted for the change, then Australia Post would put the new arrangements into place.

A motion to organise a poll has been added to the agenda.

Plaque at Bagot Point

Many years ago, a cultural heritage plaque was attached to a concrete plinth at Bagot Point. It has since come loose and has been removed for safe keeping. Parks have been contacted and would like to hear from the community about locations to re-install the plaque. A motion in this regard has been added to the agenda.

Emergency Management report

In January, contractors using an angle-grinder started a bushfire that was quickly brought under control thanks to the TFS, SES, Parks and community volunteers.

In March, Council mulched some of the debris left on the verges following the road widening last year.

In March, Parks were requested to consider making fire breaks in the coastal wattle along the coastal reserve. The coastal wattle is extremely healthy and vibrant but if a fire ever got into it, it'd be an incredible 'wick' for the fire to travel all the way along the peninsula. The response from Kathryn Clark at Parks was: "Parks respond to Council or TFS abatement notices, and also take advice from the PWS Fire management section". I passed this information onto Peter Porch (council) and Mark Klop (TFS), repeating our request. Peter Porch replied to say he's looking into it.

Council is proposing to start charging \$5/m³ for green waste. We're concerned about the implications of this for community members clearing and burning off.