

MOUNT NEBO RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC MEETING



Date: Wednesday 4 September 2019

Meeting opened: 7:50pm

Present: Ann Cazzulino, Greg Durrington, Di Clark, Carmel Black (minutes), Dee Hunt, Lucy Francis, Cr Grimwade, Daniel Barnett, Brad Rice, Neville Bradford, Rob Lachowicz.

Apologies: Cathy Rough, Ross Macleod, Terry & Florence Bradford, Max Hunt, Julia Hocking.

Minutes of previous meeting are accepted:
Moved Carmel B; Seconded Greg D.

Presentation by Cr Darren Grimwade

Cr Grimwade advised that currently road improvements works are underway at Fernlands, Benson and Forestry Rds and the black spot project near Darcy Kelly Rd. These will be done with as little disruption as possible.

Council provided \$700 towards the AED which is now installed at the Fire Brigade and training has been undertaken by members of the community. Council also supplied a grant for roofing.

Village Entry Statement & Exit signs: Council recognizes there will be many diverse opinions about the signage and has allocated a budget for the design of 3 or 4 signs and the manufacture and installation of the sign with the most support. There will be an extensive consultation process of which this is the first part.

Copies of 3 initial concept ideas and locations based on previous discussions were presented and handed around.

1. Horizontal rock wall & metal(?) sign with welcome words and logo.
2. Vertical rock wall & sign as above.
3. Concept called waterfall but also could be stylized tree with welcome words and logo.

All designs were concepts only and colours & words etc can be modified.

The placement of the signs had also been suggested by Council engineers, but these also are open to comment and possible modification. It was suggested that these should be installed near/with speed limit signs.

The entry statement materials and size need to comply with national standards for road signage safety.

Consultation will be through Residents' Association meetings, and through a mailout to all ratepayers and households and on the Residents' Association website. Use of Mountain Folk may cause confusion as the signs are for Mt Nebo only. (It is possible that the Association's planned survey could be included in the mailout.) Posters with the concept plans for comment will also be made available for display at the Post Office and Hall.

Treasurer's Report:

- See Appendix

Moved Brad R

Seconded Rob L.

Correspondence:

In: Di presented a letter of apology regarding Jackie Trad's inability to attend the Jinibara event.

Out: 27 Aug email: Nikki Boyd MP thanks for contribution to AED

29 Aug email: Darren Grimwade Cr thanks for contribution to AED

29 Aug: Peter Dutton MP thanks for contribution to AED

29 Aug email: Darren Grimwade requesting safety officer to do a safety audit of hall.

Moved Di C Seconded Lucy F

It was noted that no response has been received as yet about the safety audit of the hall which is a legal requirement for its continued use. It was not raised with Cr Grimwade when he was present. It was suggested that the associated fire extinguisher testing could be co-ordinated with the school, for whom this is also a requirement.

Last month's business:

- AED training took place and device now installed outside of fire brigade shed.
- Jinibara opening – Rob L advised that it was a very successful event with much local participation with about 120 or so attendees. The space is widely recognised as a beautiful and tranquil addition to the landscape.
The meeting offered their thanks and congratulations to Rob L who has seen this 22 year long project to fruition.
Rob advised that letters of appreciation with photos of the event had been sent to supporters, particularly Reconciliation Queensland; and also to local newspapers; some of whom printed the story.
The next iteration of the project will include QR codes linked to a First Peoples website. This is anticipated to be completed in the not too distant future.
- Calendar – request for photos on Facebook. Some have already been submitted by email and are in the Dropbox. All photos related to Mt Nebo are welcome with the end of September suggested as the deadline for submission.

General business:

- Next Pub Night: Mountain Idol. Promotion and practice have already started. The food – “flaming cakes” aka German pizzas will be provided by Sarah; MNRA will do the bar. Brad, Di, Greg & Carmel volunteered. Daniel & Lucy will set up for the event ie mikes etc.
- Mama Kin event & choir the following weekend. P&C will do the food. Not much help needed for bar as it's a concert.
- *Issue with jammed door to verandah. Faulty lock. Tim to be contacted about fixing this and doing the other work asap.
- Hall events to the end of the year: Octoberfest – Halloween (Nov) – no Small Halls – MNRA Pub Night (early Dec); possible presentation years' activities report, suggested Christmas theme, decorations, music & Santa.
It was suggested that a New Year's Event also be held. Some support, but plenty of time to decide.

- Cathy R and Lucy F attended an excursion to the Local Disaster Coordination Centre and State Disaster Coordination Centre on Wed 28 August. Lucy gave an overview of this eye opening and informative visit. Apart from the expected organized and sophisticated approach to fire management, it was noted that the Disaster Management team also monitors social media site for potential issues & disasters.
They have a big focus on community resilience as they can't be everywhere at once. Communities need to have alternative means of communication in place for when disasters strike and power and/or telecommunications are lost. eg smoke and dust severely impact sms signals meaning the Emergency Warning System (EWS) in place cannot be solely relied upon for information.
One suggestion was a designated van driving in the streets with a loud hailer. Communities such as our need to make sure they know and check on their neighbours. *Also a register of Special Needs residents needs to be compiled and plans put in place to ensure their welfare.
- Neville Bradford provided information on the activities of the Mount Nebo Fire Brigade. As well as reinforcing the above, Neville advised that the EWS in place, the siren, SMS & community organization is now subject to a national standard which has altered its operations somewhat. There is now no early warning siren to be alert and so it will not sound for the severe fire weather being currently experienced. There will only be the warning & danger sirens.

People need to monitor the Rural Fire Brigade website and take notice of the advice contained there. The mountain has no designated safe place in a fire, therefore it is imperative that people leave early if not intending to stay and defend their properties. Note that properties need to be well prepared for this, with all clearing and infrastructure in place to defend. Leaving late risks the possibility of being trapped in your car in a fire, which is often fatal.

There are community fire workshops being held at Camp Constable on Mt Glorious on 16 & 26 October to assist people to develop a fire plan and properly prepare their properties. Notices about these will be on the Rural Fire Brigade website and on the MBRC council website.

MNFB recent activities include a controlled burn to reduce the fuel load. The prevalence of Kangaroo Vine on the mountain attests to the fact that there hasn't been a big fire up here for over 30 years. The vine itself despite being green is very flammable. Also despite recent news reports about a controlled burn at Bribie getting out of control, the situation was a re-ignition of a controlled burn in heathland. The early onset of hot weather has coincided with the usual ideal controlled burns at this time of year. Controlled burns are absolutely necessary to reduce fuel loads in fire prone areas.

There have been recent callouts to fires at Jolly's Lookout, Highvale and assistance given at Brookfield.

The brigade has an aging cohort of volunteers, and while there have been some new younger members of the community volunteering, more would be better.

The meeting really appreciated this advice and the ongoing work of the local fire brigade and its members.

Meeting closed: 9:10pm

Appendix

Mt Nebo Residents' Association Inc. Treasure's Report
Date:4/9/2019

Jinibara Project Acc	\$1,023.12
Cash Reserve Acc	\$406.75
Cheque Acc	\$15,591.85
Debit Card Acc	\$21.27
Web Site Acc	\$1.98
Cash On Hand	\$370.00
Total	\$17,414.97

Bills to Pay:

- A. Moriarty \$100-00 for 2 bin clears.

Bills Paid:

- AGL Power \$274-33
- Jason Murphy Jinibara \$250-00
- C Baily 2 x banners \$200-00
- J Arnold \$245-00

General Business:

Committee has approved \$250-00 for additional sound/visual equipment to complete permanent installation of sound system.

Moved: Brad

Seconded: