

**MINUTES: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 14TH MARCH 2022
THE VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY HALL VALLA BEACH**

OPENING: 7.05 PM

CHAIR: Acting Chairperson John Windmill.

ACKNOWLEDGE TO COUNTRY:

I would like to **acknowledge** the Gumbaynggirr people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the elders both past and present and extend that respect to any Aboriginal People present.

WELCOME GUESTS: Sue Jenvey, Major Rhonda Hoban, DGM Robert Hunt,

APOLOGIE: Mac Wilson, Maggie Bevan, Peter Sobey , Ryan Minchinton, Jannette Blainey

Move Apologes Gary Suter Seconded Keith Parker

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Confirmed as printed for November 2020.

Moved by Tracey Suter Seconded by...Georgette Allen..... Carried

READ REPORTS

President/ Treasurer *See attachment A:1, A:2,*

Pre-school *see attachment B,*

Dune care *see attachment C,*

Community Resilience *See attachment D,*

Market report *see attachment E, awaiting hard copy*

Move we accept reports as read

Moved John Windmill Seconded Carole Andersen Carried

INTRODUCE RETURNING OFFICER CR. SUE JENVEY

All positions are declared vacant and the Returning Officer Cr Sue Jenvey appointed by the meeting takes the chair and presides over the following items:

Election of office bearers.

Nominations:

Peter Sobey	President and Treasurer	
Moved John Windmill	Second Keith Parker	Carried
John Windmill	Vice President	
Moved Gary Suter	Second Marja Parker	Carried
Carole Andersen	Secretary (Minutes and Correspondence)	
Moved Peter Rundle	Seconded Georgette Allen	Carried
Tracey Suter	Assistant Secretary (to assist as deemed by Secretary)	
Moved Carole Andersen	Second Gary Suter	Carried

Exec. Committee:

Marja Parker, Keith Parker, Lori Warren, Serena Sutch, Marja Jacobsen Patricia Greenwood

Moved Lori Warren	Second Marja Parker	Carried.
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Sub Committee:

Lyn Walsh	Valla Expressions
Patricia Greenwood	Community Resilience
Peter Rundle	Dune Care
Lori Warren	Anderson Park Planning.
Michelle Nicolson	Carol organiser

Moved Georgette Allen	Seconded Keith Parker	Carried.
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Acceptance of nomination by community members to the position. All Nominations accepted.

ANNUAL FEE REVIEW

Recommending Annual Fees to be forwarded to Council for adoption.

Hall hire fees to remain as is for the next 12 months.

Move	John Windmill	Second Patricia Greenwood	Carried
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Returning Officer then hands the chair over to the newly elected acting Chairperson John Windmill

Chair:

Thank Sue Jenvey for completing the returning officer duties.

Welcome to the new committee members and those returning for another year we look forward to working together to help improve our community.

Set meeting dates for the coming year

Every 4th Month

18 July 2022

21 Nov 2022

20 March 2023. 7pm at the Valla Beach Community Hall

AGM 20 March 2023 Held same night as the general meeting.

Move Tracey Suter Second Gary Suter Carried.

Take motions from the floor

No Motions.

Close meeting 7.40PM

VBCA President/Treasurers Report

AGM March 2022

Our Organisation

The development of every organisation involves both continuity and renewal of both people and ideas. With this idea in mind I would like to congratulate both the Councillors that have been re-elected and the Councillors who have been elected for the first time to the Nambucca Valley Council. And looking at the nominations for the VBCA it is pleasing to see the new nominations of Serena Sutch, Marja Jacobsen, and Carole Anderson to the Committee.

The VBCA is a Committee of Council and is run by volunteers. Participation is a way to be involved with creating the kind of community that we all would like to live in. It is great to have new people, with new ideas and energy, to provide the renewal part of the VBCA. And it is also great to have the people who have been working for many years, in whatever role, continuing to contribute and providing the continuity part of the VBCA.

Our Finances

Our finances are quite healthy as shown in the table below. Our main source of incomes are the hire of the hall and the bi-monthly markets (more on the markets soon).

2017-2018	\$7,211.30
2018-2019	\$15,052.63
2019-2020	\$19,934.74
2020-2021	\$35,645.50
2021-2022 (up to Feb)	\$44,107.98

The main project that we have on the burner at the moment is the construction of a permanent stage at the markets. This will also include the installation of power points for the food vans for which we have had money set aside for some time. The \$115,000 grant we have for building the stage may be enough for a basic four poster shelter but well short of something that is attractive. We are considering the prospect of using the grant to build a stage without a roof, and then raising funds or grants to build a roof that will make the stage something that is also a piece of art. I will leave it to John to elaborate on this further.

The Markets

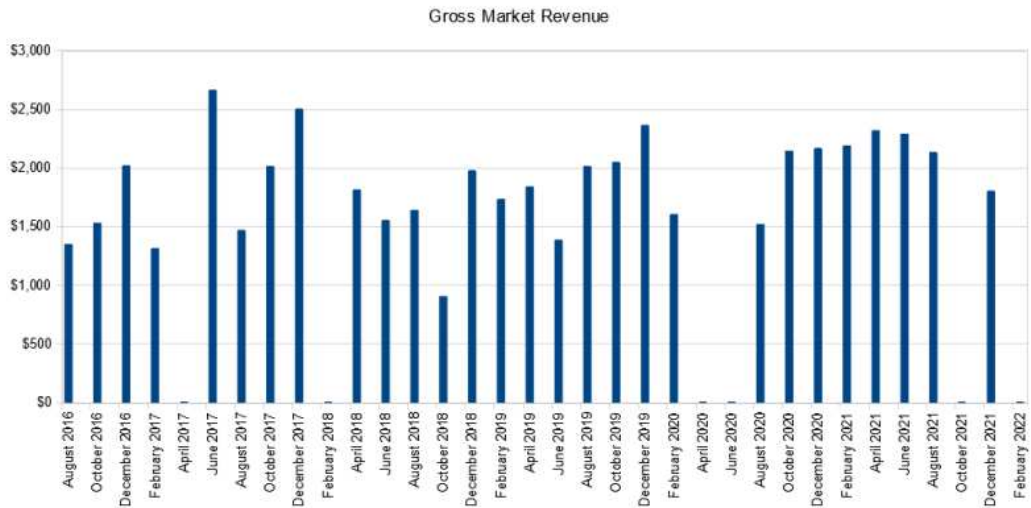
The markets continue to be one of our main sources of income but, more importantly, a major source of community engagement. The live music provides employment for our local artists and is an essential draw card for visitors. Another essential is having a variety of food stalls.

During COVID we had to reduce the number of stalls and there was a lot of extra work for volunteers with check-ins, cleaning, and roping off. It looks like a lot of these restrictions will have

Attachment A;2)

eased for coming markets which will reduce this burden. Many thanks to the market committee and all the volunteers who navigated through this last two years.

We lost two markets last financial year to COVID restrictions and two markets this financial year. Hopefully the weather will smile upon us in April.



Our markets are decidedly Community markets and we always make allowances for various charities and not-for-profits to participate for no cost.

The Hall

The hall is the other main source of income and Marja continues to look after the bookings in a very capable manner. Last year saw the pre-school make an addition to the building, part of which is a storage area that we can use to store the chairs and tables. Plans are to repaint the walls and ceiling, replace the lighting with LED battens, and to refinish the floor surface.

Finally

I am sorry that I could not be here tonight but family matters have drawn me interstate. I am happy to nominate for President and Treasurer for another year and I would be even more happy if someone would like to step up to the Treasure position for the year after.

Peter Sobey



VALLA COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL 2021
Report to Valla Beach Community Association
March 2022

2021 was another year where the covid-19 pandemic greatly affected the preschool community, as it did everyone. We once again remained open and persisted to support children and their families in those uncertain times. Thankfully, as we approach the end of Term 1, we are returning to a version of "normal life" albeit the Director and staff are required to be still very focused on the procedures required by the health order to try and curb the pandemic. We are at capacity once again with over 80 families enrolled, and through support from the NSW Dept of Education, are able to offer free preschool to families for two days per week.

Despite not being able to mix in the community as we have done in previous years, we still were able to have our regular excursions to the beach, visit the Bamay Trail within the Valla Nature Reserve and the children still delight in delivering the Valla Views along a couple of local streets. We are proud to belong to the Valla Beach Community and instil this pride in children.

Unfortunately last year, we were still unable to have our regular working bees where families contributed to maintaining the gardens and surrounds due to covid-19. However, the preschool continues to engage a contractor to mow the preschool grounds at preschools expense and occasionally employ a local gardener to assist us with sustaining our wonderful gardens. We did follow through with our landscaper who has done a beautiful job of planning and planting a variety of indigenous plants.

Of course our most outstanding feat has been the completion of the long awaited bathroom and storeroom areas. The idea started in late in 2018 and, it has been a very long haul but, in addition to the new bathroom and storeroom, the preschool donated much needed insulation in the roof of the Valla Beach Hall area to facilitate better heating and cooling as well as non-slip flooring in the kitchen.

The Committee and staff of the preschool are a united team of committed early childhood advocates and educators who work together with the community to create an early childhood service that provides an important beginning for children in their early years. We look forward to seeing future families of our community benefit from the quality education children receive by the hard working and dedicated staff in such beautiful surrounds.

We look forward to working with you again this year.

Valla Community Preschool
Committee of Management

Valla Beach Dunecare Group

Annual report for year ending 31 December 2021

The Valla Beach Dunecare Group, a sub-committee of the Valla Beach Community Association, is a small but dedicated group of volunteer expert bush regenerators. The group of 6 members comprise a subset of the Valla Beach Bushcare group, administered by NPWS, which works in the NPWS Jagun and Valla Nature Reserves. By contrast the Dunecare group works the crown land between these reserves helping to maintain a corridor of resilience against the encroachment of weeds in our natural environment.

The group meets for around 3 hours once a month for most months of each year and works different sections of the dunal system along the coastline from the southern border of Jagun Nature Reserve.

During the early months of COVID, in the first half of 2020, the group met almost weekly when other activities were curtailed due to government health orders and during this time a lot of emphasis was on the control of Senna (Cassia) and other weeds of the spit of land at the mouth of Deep Creek. It was a good time to attack the Senna before the flowering and fruit formed. The results of this were shown in the same period 2021 when a considerably lot less Senna was encountered.

The group's vigilance and efforts have also ensured that the highly undesirable *Glory Lily* is nowhere to be seen in this area. We also feel that the levels of *Lantana* and *Bitou Bush* are at controllable levels. Another significant weed in our area is *Coral Berry* which we are continually finding in the Nature Reserves but so far not on the dunes. It would be really nice to be able to also control the *Morning Glory*, *Asparagus Ferns*, *Farmer's Friends (Cobbler's Pegs)* and *Fleabane* but we are making small bites. Compared to many other areas just to the north of Valla beach, our coastline is in good shape thanks to the support of Nambucca Valley Council, and we would like to think, us too.

Naturally we welcome anyone that would want to join us in either the Bushcare or Dunecare groups and our experienced members would be happy to show them what to do. It is actually a very nice office to work in.

Pete Rundle

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Annual Report for V.B.C.A. on the Community Led Resilience Team Subgroup

The Valla Beach CRT was established over twelve months ago and we now have twenty-eight Street Coordinators. Pat Greenwood is the Team Leader with Wendy Bagust as secretary and administration and Julie Collins and Sue Collins as a steering team.

Only three areas are not yet covered by street coordinators ; Max Graham Drive, Steele Street and the first section of Hibiscus Drive.

We have prepared and delivered information on risk and readiness in the community and are planning a new delivery concerning “Grab and Go bags” as part of being prepared for any evacuation emergency.

I have attended the Nambucca Valley Resilience meeting coordinated by Rhiannon Treasure-Brand from Nambucca council. The latest meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and has yet to be rearranged.

Other ideas raised by the group has been an A.E.D. (Automated Electronic Defibrillator) that the community can access twenty-four hrs.

Also raised was the possibility of re-establishing an emergency siren at the Valla Beach Fire Station in case telecommunications are lost in the event of an emergency.

C.R.T. has meetings planned for the rest of the year, these can be increased if required.

An information communication network via email has been established to network the street coordinators