

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF VALLA  
BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD ON TUESDAY 18 JULY 2022  
AT THE VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY HALL**

Meeting opened: 7pm

**Chairperson:** Peter Sobey

**Acknowledgement 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:** To all in attendance, our committee members and NVC General Manager Chris Thompson

<b>PRESENT:</b>	32 were present as per Attendance Sheets
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Mayor Rhonda Hoban, Gary and Tracey Suter
<b>PREVIOUS GENERAL MINUTES:</b>	Minutes of the last VBCA General Meeting held on 14 March 2022 were tabled as read. Moved Marja Parker and seconded John Windmill that those Minutes be accepted.
<b>BAFM GENERAL MEETING 14.03.22:</b>	See General Business

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**In** (letter or email):

- 17.03.22 IRCF/FRRR re evaluations and workshop
- 18.03.22 NVC Keith Williams re road lines
- 06.04.22 Damian Leahy NVC re hall refurbishment
- 06.04.22 Valla Community Pre-School re booking times, cleaning of hall, etc.
- 20.04.22 NVC re endorsement of new committee for 2022
- 21.04.22 NVC re resolution of land re-classification
- 21.04.22 Alison Seccombe re Anderson Park planning
- 21.04.22 CDAT re evidence based activity guide and forum
- 26.04.22 NVC requesting 2 x LOS re Anderson Park drainage and damage to road and pedestrian paths
- 27.04.22 Community Building Partnership Program (CBP) - advice of payment and Funding Deed for stage
- 02.05.22 NVC re Footpath Traffic Plan, Steele Street concerns
- 03.05.22 Dept of Planning re land re-classification
- 03.05.22 Valla Community Preschool with new committee members for 2022
- 03.05.22 Ashwani re Anderson Park planning
- 06.05.22 NVC request re rugby league using Anderson Park for training
- 06.05.22 NVC re Market Approval Documents required
- 09.05.22 CDAT re disasters, recovery and evidence based activities
- 09.05.22 NVC re additional one-off waste services 2022-23
- 10.05.22 Cathy Welsford re update of campaign re land re-classification
- 10.05.22 Darren Squibb re update of campaign re land re-classification
- 10.05.22 NVC re Sec 356 Donation Program

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **In** (letter or email cont):

11.05.22 Valla Public Hall AGM Minutes and new Committee details  
20.05.22 NVC re National Volunteer Week  
24.05.22 2NVR Radio Nambucca re Birthday celebration  
11.05.22 NVC re Market approval  
13.05.22 CRT re fundraising for Community Defibrillator  
17.05.22 NVC re Notice of Public Hearing on Wed 15 June re land re-classification  
20.05.22 NVC re National Volunteer Week  
24.05.22 2NVR Radio Nambucca re Birthday celebration  
31.05.22 Nambucca Power Project re survey results and possible solar funding  
02.06.22 NVC re wall mounted change table requirements  
02.06.22 NVC GM re unable to attend June Market  
07.06.22 Copy email John Wackett to NVC re Ocean View Drive line marking  
09.06.22 Institute of Community Directors - re Leadership Week  
11.06.22 Cathy Welsford, Angie Smith emails re Public Hearing 15.06.22  
14.06.22 CDAT re evaluation requirements  
16.06.22 NFP Treasurer's Awards  
17.06.22 FRRR re NV Roadmap Review  
17.06.22 NVC re updated Application for Volunteer Work on Council Committees  
17.06.22 Cathy Welsford with update on Public Hearing  
20.06.22 Marja Parker re purchase of first aid kit for Hall  
23.06.22 NVC re updated Sec 355 Volunteer forms and Code of Conduct forms  
02.07.22 LNS Group regarding appointment of project coordinator  
02.07.22 NVC re drainage funding for Anderson Park  
06.07.22 Emails regarding the organising of the Community Carols  
08.07.22 NVC re Public Hearing Meeting on 14 July re land re-classification  
13.07.22 NVC re current grant funding  
18.07.22 Amber McQuown re land re-classification

### **Out** (by letter or email):

2.04.22 Local Govt NSW, Hon Wendy Tuckerman (Minister for Local Government) and Anthony Roberts (Minister for Planning) re NVC's land re-classification decision.  
3.04.22 NVC re AGM Minutes and reports, new Executive list, Hall hire fees, Foot Traffic Plan and Steele St path, request for assistance with the re-furbishment of the Hall.  
27.04.22 NVC LOS x 2 for grant funding for road and footpath repair; and Anderson Park drainage repairs.  
27.04.22 NVC re Gregory St carpark, middle Valla Beach Access and possible middle Valla carpark pedestrian link  
06.05.22 NVC re Market Approval Documents required  
11.05.22 Alison Seccombe re Anderson Park planning  
11.05.22 Ashwani re Anderson Park planning  
11.05.22 NVC GM invitation to attend June Market  
06.06.22 NVC re Hall refurbishment of Hall  
15.06.22 VBCA Executive re agenda meeting prior to General Meeting 18.07.22  
24.06.22 NVC re new form for Sec 355 Volunteers and Code of Conduct form  
30.06.22 NVC Mayor, GM and Councillors - invite to July General Meeting  
09.07.22 FRRR Grant - re variation of LNS funding  
13.07.22 NVC re grant updates  
18.07.22 Amber McQuown re General Meeting tonight and land re-classification

**PRESIDENT AND TREASURER'S REPORT:** The President read his Report and tabled the financial reports up to 30.06.22 and cash flow reports - moved Peter and seconded Carole that these Reports be accepted.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**1. Re-classification of community land:** Lot 45, 99 and 101 **Ocean View Drive** - Public Hearing held on Wednesday 15 June chaired by independent consultant Emma Broomfield. The consultant's conclusions are clear: "In summary, all eight speakers at the Hearing were opposed to the reclassification and subsequent disposal of the land by Council". The consultant Emma Broomfield also noted that throughout the entire process, over almost a year, there has not been one submission or speaker in favour of the proposal proceeding. NVC held another Meeting on Thursday 14 July. Cathy Welsford and Peter Sobey spoke at that Meeting - Council voted 5-2 to go ahead with the proposal. Very disappointing - Sec to write letter of disappointment to NVC. Cathy willing to soldier on with the fight - wanting and calling for volunteers to help.

**Lot 8, 22 Valla Beach Road:** Georgie Allen spoke in relation to the fact that Council referred to all of Lot 8 for re-classification when in fact for Alithia Learning's development, it is only a smaller piece of land (marked in pink on the map identifying Lot 8) - Council was advised and it was amended to read Part Lot 8 - a minor but highly significant clarification was achieved - Georgie thanked Council for this change.

**Alithia Learning:** Nikola McWilliam spoke in relation to whether or not Alithia Learning is still running as a registered and insured business. Concerns were raised as to whether VBCA should ask NVC to defer its decision about the land re-classification. Nikola to work with our Sec in relation to an appropriate letter being sent to Alithia and possibly NVC.

**2. CRT Defibrillator:** Pat spoke regarding the process for more CRTs to be installed in Valla Beach. This year the sub committee has identified a need for twenty-four hour accessible defibrillators (AED's) to be with ten minutes reach of any household. Our aim is to purchase three units and to relocate the existing two so that they are available to everyone. The proposed locations are the VBRFS shed, Anderson Park, Lions Park with relocations in the tourist park and The Beach House Café. Fundraising of \$10,000 is underway and the sub committee have been contacting local businesses for sponsorship as well as private donors. NVC's approval has been given for the installation of the Defib machines.

**3. Hall Refurbishment:** NVC to provide paint for the Hall; toilet improvements, baby change table and storage for cleaning products to be undertaken by VBCA. Sec to clarify with NVC whether the change table needs to be wall mounted or not.

**4. Anderson Park Report:** In Lori's absence, Peter Sobey spoke in relation to progress with Anderson Park - Lori held an onsite meeting in April for residents to give their views on possible improvements; nearby residents not happy with a concrete carpark and bike track close to homes; NVC has advised that there could be possible work on the open drain. A survey of nearby residents for ideas might be carried out. Allison Seccombe asked that no improvement works would be undertaken without nearby residents' consultation. At this stage, NVC would need to apply for grants for any improvements.

**5. Permanent Stage at Valla Reserve:** Funding with NVC - Peter Sobey and John Windmill are still awaiting plans from architects. When to hand and with NVC's approval, a DA would need to be applied for.

**6. "Local News Shared" Project:** Carole reported that a project coordinator has been appointed; printer to be purchased - for use by all newsletter coordinators. Great to have communication and collaboration with the Scotts Head, Bowraville and Nambucca Heads coordinators.

**7. Community Carols:** Friday 9 December 6-9pm -10th anniversary - needing new coordinator and volunteers. The process is all set out - we just need a coordinator to steer it. Sec to set up an initial meeting next week.

**8. Traffic mitigation Ocean View Drive and Valla Beach Road:** Email from NVC's Keith Williams dated 18.03.22 was read - line marking on sharp corners of Ocean View Drive and also intersection markings where Henderson Street meets Valla Beach Road were completed in June 2022. See point 13 below about speed mitigation on Valla Beach Road. NVC still seeking design engineers for remedial work near Nourish and Valla Real Estate.

**9. Foot Traffic Plan for Valla Beach - and Steele St footpath request -** excerpts of an email from NVC's Keith Williams' dated 01.04.22 was read. Foot Traffic Plan for Valla Beach to remain on VBCA's agenda of items to be checked on in the future. Request from Daphne Jones that VBCA thank NVC for the non-slip material that has been put on various walking paths in and around Valla Beach. Also VBCA to ask NVC to apply that same material on the wooden pathway near Robert Lowden Park as it is very slippery after rain.

**10. Valla Beach Reserve -** many large potholes in and around the Market area after the rain deluge in April/May - John Windmill asked that VBCA write to NVC and thank them for the gravel that was delivered to that area prior to our June Market - without that gravel, we would not have been able to hold the Market.

**11. August Market -** all donations from the entrance buckets to go to the Defib project.

**12. Kuta Avenue roadwork -** letter of thanks to go to NVC re the recent upgrading of Kuta Avenue after the heavy rain - question to be raised with NVC as to whether the speed blisters will be re-installed in the future.

**13. Banner re speed during school holidays -** program through the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation - banner available for installation perhaps on the Preschool fence during school holidays asking drivers to slow down. Sec Carole also mentioned the possibility of signs "Please Drive Carefully in Valla Beach" - same as in Urunga. Carole to look into.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.15pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday 21 November 2022