

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF VALLA BEACH  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2022  
AT THE VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY HALL**

Meeting opened: 7.05pm

**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

<b>PRESENT:</b>	12 were present as per Attendance Sheet
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Ceri and Richard Wrobel, Michelle Spratt, Cathy Welsford, Angie Smith, Keith Parker, Julie Collins, Councillor Susan Jenvey
<b>PREVIOUS GENERAL MINUTES:</b>	Minutes of the last VBCA General Meeting held on 18.07.22 were tabled as read. Moved Pat Greenwood and seconded Marja Parker that those Minutes be accepted.
<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES 18.07.22:</b>	See General Business

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**In** (letter or email):

- 19.07.22 Julie Collins re Defib project
- 19.07.22 Cathy Welsford re land re-classification
- 19.07.22 NVC Damian Leahy re stage design
- 20.07.22 Mayor Rhonda Hoban re possible VV article
- 21.07.22 Tina Bishop re CDAT funding - new requirements – Peter Sobey to talk with Tina re Acquittal and remaining CDAT funds
- 21.07.22 Nikola McWilliam re Alithia
- 28.07.22 NVC re re land re-classification decision
- 01.08.22 NVC Damian Leahy re hall refurbishment, baby change table requirements
- 10.08.22 NVC re successful Market waste program application
- 17.08.22 NVC re Pat Conaghan media release re grant applications
- 17.08.22 NVC re Exec Meeting with Chris Thompson and Robert Hunt
- 18.08.22 Angie Smith re Letter to the Editor Extinction Event
- 25.08.22 NVC Robert Hunt re Reserve drainage issue in NVC's 2023/24 budget
- 08.09.22 Aus LCIS re insurance renewal
- 16.09.22 NVC Robert Hunt re Alithia Learning insurance
- 19.09.22 Moira Ryan Scotts Head Community Group re LNS funding and invoicing issues
- 20.09.22 NSW Environment Protection Authority re Have Your Say re illegal dumping
- 06.10.22 NVC Robert Hunt re new Hall Hire and Hall Insurance forms
- 10.10.22 NVC re our new contact details with finance issues
- 17.10.22 NVC Coral Hutchinson re meeting re Markets and Carols Applications
- 18.10.22 NVC Robert Hunt re approval of new Hall Hire and Hall Insurance forms
- 20.10.22 NVC Coral Hutchinson re advice for Applications

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- 24.10.22 One Underwriting re VBCA 20M insurance renewal
  - 26.10.22 NVC Coral Hutchinson re receipt of Market Application forms and attachments
  - 26.10.22 Ambulance NCS Event Planning receipt of Market notification
  - 27.10.22 Valla Community Preschool re meeting re Preschool office extension
  - 03.11.22 One Underwriting re VBCA \$10M insurance renewal and information
  - 03.11.22 Men And Woman At Work (MAWAW) re Traffic Guidance Scheme for Markets and Carols
  - 04.11.22 NVC Lorraine Hemsworth re nominations for Australia Day Awards 2023
  - 07.11.22 NVC Rochelle McMurray re Misuse of Council Resources especially for elections
  - 08.11.22 FRRR Sally Clifford re upcoming evaluation re Local News Shared (LNS) grant
  - 09.11.22 FRRR Nancy Sposato re LNS upcoming meeting
  - 10.11.22 Nambucca Seniors Dianne Gulson re LNS upcoming meeting
  - 11.11.22 NVC Simon Chapman re extra rubbish bins for Markets and Carols
  - 11.11.22 Nikola McWilliam re closing of Alithia Learning
  - 15.11.22 Trevor & Elizabeth Mulligan re Shores Close dangerous beach access pathway
  - 16.11.22 Cathy Welsford re celebration re Ocean View Drive land re-classification win
  - 16.11.22 Barrier Signs re speed signs and costs
  - 16.11.22 Michelle O'Loughlin re Little Blue Dinosaur Banner - Slow Down Kids Around
  - 17.11.22 Alison Seccombe re any Anderson Park developments
- From August to present - many emails regarding the Carols, VV emails and information

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

- 20.07.22 NVC re Gravel for Valla Reserve before our August Market
- 20.07.22 NVC re hall refurbishment requirements
- 20.07.22 NVC re Kuta Avenue roadwork and possible future speed blisters
- 20.07.22 NVC re non-slip walkways and apply to wooden pathway near Robert Lowden Park
- 20.07.22 NVC re disappointment re land re-classification
- 31.07.22 Alithia Learning re complaint
- 04.08.22 NVC re Alithia Learning complaint and seeking guidance
- 12.08.22 NVC Damian Leahy re stage design
- 12.08.22 Nikola McWilliam re Alithia's response letter
- 21.08.22 NVC Draft Retraction letters
- 23.08.22 Retraction and apology letters to Minister for Local Government, Local Govt, Local & Regional Planning, NVC and all Councillors and individual letter to Councillor Vance
- 23.08.22 CDAT re new requirements and conditions
- 06.09.22 Fire NSW and Ambulance NCS re event planning for the Markets
- 08.09.22 Christopher Pearson re quote for Carols fireworks \$2,200
- 08.09.22 Craig Richardson re quote for Carols audio \$2,400
- 08.09.22 One Underwriting re VBCA insurance renewal
- 19.09.22 Scotts Head Community Group Moira Ryan re decline re LNS funding issues
- 29.09.22 NVC re cancellation of October Market and rubbish bins
- 05.10.22 NVC Robert Hunt re information phone catch up re various issues
- 06.10.22 NVC Coral Hutchinson re Traffic Management Plan for Market Application
- 06.10.22 NVC Robert Hunt with approval of Hall Hire Forms
- 10.10.22 NVC Frances Garnett with contact details for VBCA financial matters
- 14.10.22 MAWAW re Traffic Guidance Scheme for Markets and Carols
- 16.10.22 NVC Councillors, GM and Mayor with invitation to General Meeting 21.11.22
- 18.10.22 NVC re VBCA volunteer registration Michelle Spratt
- 20.10.22 NVC Coral Hutchinson questions re Market Application
- 26.10.22 NVC lodging Market Event Application form and attachments
- 26.10.22 NSW Police with Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Assembly - Markets
- 26.10.22 Ambulance NCS Event Planning re Market notification

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

27.10.22 Valla Community Preschool re meeting re Preschool office extension  
03.11.22 MAWAW re Traffic Guidance Scheme for Markets and Carols  
04.11.22 One Underwriting re VBCA quote for \$10M insurance renewal  
05.11.22 NSW Police with Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Assembly - Carols  
05.11.22 NVC Coral Hutchinson and Wayne O'Neill lodging Carols Event Application form and attachments - advice from Wayne that VBCA does not need public liability insurance for the Carols as long as we sight commercial contractors' insurance  
05.11.22 Ambulance NCS Event Planning re Carols notification  
05.11.22 VBRFS re Carols notification  
05.11.22 Valla Painters' quote for hall painting  
09.11.22 NVC Coral Hutchinson with approval for Market  
11.11.22 NVC Simon Chapman re rubbish bins for Markets and Carols  
15.11.22 Trevor & Elizabeth Mulligan re Shores Close dangerous beach access pathway  
17.11.22 Barriers signs re road safety signs and costings  
17.11.22 Alison Seccombe re Anderson Park and our General Meeting  
17.11.22 NVC Coral Hutchinson with Carols Approval  
18.11.22 Alithia Learning re Dept Education application  
19.11.22 NVC Rochelle McMurray re AGMs rules  
From August to present - many emails re the Carols, VV emails and information

**PRESIDENT AND TREASURER'S REPORT:** The President read his Report and tabled the financial reports up to 31.10.22. Moved Peter and seconded Marja that these Reports be accepted.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**1. Re-classification of community land: Lot 45, 99 and 101 Ocean View Drive** - decision by NVC was overturned by Planning Minister - celebration onsite Wed 16 November - Georgie spoke in relation to her work with evidence of trees, kangaroos, etc. If NVC want to proceed again, community's opinion will have to be taken into consideration.

**Part Lot 8, 22 Valla Beach Road** - land set aside for Alithia Learning west of the carpark area - Nikola McWilliam spoke in relation to Alithia operating an illegal child minding centre - Nikola spoke in relation to whether this land should still be set aside for Alithia.

Alithia is now closed for the next 4 weeks. Alithia has now decided to work within the Department of Education guidelines - this would give Alithia better access to more funding.

VBCA to write to Council re clarification about the current process and status of this Lot being re-classified to be operational land - whether it can be reversed or put on hold for now. Once operational, it can be sold by Council. Georgie to try to find the Council Minutes pertaining to this. Moved Mac Wilson and seconded Peter Sobey for VBCA to write to NVC seeking a rescission of this re-classification - Sec to draft letter and send to Mac and Peter for approval before sending.

**2. CRT update** - Pat Greenwood and her team have raised \$26,000 for 7 AEDs for Valla Beach - Les Archibald will install - once delivered they will be stored in the RFS shed - official launch Sun 12 February in Valla Community Hall - training sessions will be available. Pat will attend the December Market Office Marquee with information for Market patrons.

**3. Hall Refurbishment:** VBCA is organising the painting of the Hall prior to Christmas \$2,000 (with NVC to pay for the paint) and toilet improvements.

**4. Anderson Park Report:** Lori Warren reported that NVC is undergoing major infrastructure and employment position changes. A table and shade cover could be constructed near the netball/basketball and skatepark in the near future. Funding may be available for extra netball/basketball court. Lori to ascertain where that funding will come from and what is happening with the NVC survey for residents and when that will be put into action.

- 5. Permanent Stage at Valla Reserve:** Peter reported that he is awaiting a report from Damien Leahy (NVC) re contractors' quotes etc for the concrete stage.
- 6. "Local News Shared" (LNS) project:** Carole reported that this has been a worthwhile project in relation to the meeting and the sharing of information from the Scotts Head Wave, the Bowraville Technology Centre mail out and the Nambucca Community News. The project has stalled over the past couple of months due to protocols having to be put into place for the invoicing from the grant monies held with Council. The LNS group have an upcoming meeting on Monday 28 November to get things underway once again.
- 7. Community Carols:** Friday 9 December 5.30-9pm -10th anniversary - kids dancing 5.30pm followed by Santa's Super Circus Elves 6-7pm - Carols commence 7pm - Bowraville Theatre Singers and Nambucca District Band - 2NVR audio and live streaming the event - Fire Twirlers Show approximately 8pm. Food: Lions Club BBQ, Pizza from Valla Hinterland Catering, coffee and tea van.
- 8. Traffic mitigation Valla Beach Road:** Carole reported about VBCA committee members Pat and Carole having a meeting with NVC's engineer Caroline Szary and Margie from Valla Real Estate in late September to discuss what could be done to beautify this particular area, slow drivers and provide a safe crossing for pedestrians. A concept diagram prepared by Caroline was shown to the meeting. Different stages were discussed. A grant would need to be applied for. First stage would be the removal of the existing concrete blisters - NVC cannot control the timing of this as it relies on outside contractors.
- 9. Speed banner and signs:** Carole reporting looking into various different signs that perhaps VBCA could pay for but gain NVC approval beforehand eg "Drive safely in Valla Beach". Carole seeking quotes from NVC's sign contractor, Barrier Signs. Carole also spoke regarding the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation's banner "It's Holiday Time, Slow Down, Kids Around" which could be placed on the Preschool fence during school holidays. Cost of this banner \$300 3600mm x 1200mm; Carole to seek quote from John Elliott.
- 10. Shores Close beach access pathway:** Trevor and Elizabeth Mulligan approached Carole about their damage concerns for the public walkway which joins Shores Close to the bush path which then runs from Kuta Avenue to Robert Lowden Park. The Mulligans wrote to NVC late September with no reply. Moved Pat seconded Marja that VBCA write to NVC.
- 11. Water Tower Mural:** Before leaving NVC, Robert Hunt advised that VBCA would need to get Council approval for this particular project. Moved Peter and seconded Pat that a letter of request be sent to NVC.
- 12. Preschool extensions:** VBCA members met onsite recently with Phillipa from the Preschool about their plans for a small addition on the north side of their existing office - this is due to an influx of children in their care. This addition would encroach slightly on VBCA's community land - VBCA happy for the Preschool to go ahead with this plan.
- 13. AGM and General Meeting:** Nomination forms available - these need to be sent to Council asap so that nominees can be approved by NVC prior to our AGM. Carole to find out if they are needed for sub committees as well as the Executive.
- LNV address:** Georgie Allen spoke in relation to the Lock Nambucca Valley group. It is a local group, established a decade ago when our Valley came under direct threat from a mining company seeking to establish mining operations in our area. LNV's voluntary work is to protect our community from inappropriate mining. LNV will have a stall at VBCA's December Market and entrance table takings from our Feb Market will go to LNV towards its fundraising.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**NEXT MEETING: AGM & General Meeting** Monday 20 March 2023