

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF VALLA BEACH
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 4 MARCH 2024
AT THE VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY HALL**

Meeting opened: 7.03pm

Acknowledgement to Country: Peter Sobey

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 here.

Welcome Guests: NVC Community Development Officer Michael Grieve (arrived later)

Welcome to all in attendance - please sign the attendance sheet at the Hall entrance

PRESENT: 18 members (as per attendance sheets)

Presentation: NVC Michael Grieve introduced himself to the Meeting and gave a short presentation in relation to his position as the new Community Development Officer - community access through NVC, working with the older community, tourism and advertising in the Valley. Current Tourist Plan ended in 2023. The state of service centre roundabouts was mentioned - further discussion in GB

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Rhonda Hoban OAM, Counsellor Susan Jenvey, David Banwell NVC Assets Engineer, Vanessa Wells, Lori Warren, Michelle Spratt, Julie Collins and Cathy Welsford

PREVIOUS GENERAL MINUTES:

Minutes of the last VBCA General Meeting held on 6 November 2023 were tabled as read. Moved Graham Jones and seconded Carole Andersen that those Minutes be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (BAFM) 06.11.23:

- 1. DA - Report** from Peter Sobey - when the current projects of the stage and footbridge are complete, our sub-committee will look into the design and be prepared to act on any grant funding possibilities.
- 2. Hall refurbishment** - remaining jobs of the replacement of the floor tiles in the outside toilet and the hall floor to be re-sanded and estapoled to be addressed.
- 3. Valla Beach Family Christmas** - Fri 8th December - Kerri Mergan to report - night went well - all enjoyed the night especially the kids. Relaxed atmosphere. As our December Market this year falls on the first Saturday of December, the Christmas celebrations will be fall on Friday 13 December.
- 4. Local News Shared (LNS) Project** - Carole Andersen update - project now complete - acquittal current being completed. Successful collaboration, exchanging of ideas, computer training, ShoreTrack re youth bios, etc between the Valley's newsletter publishers. Tallwood Steiner School bios this year.
- 5. Anderson Park** - to be discussed in GB
- 6. Permanent stage** - Peter Sobey to report in GB
- 7. CRT report** - Pat Greenwood gave her report - she has been appointed as Chairperson of the Nambucca Valley Community Network - made up of all emergency services in the Valley looking to improve and activate services in particular areas in the Shire. All Tourist Park's residents now have a whistle for emergency use.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (BAFM) 06.11.23:	<p>8. Defib and Valla Expressions reports - in the absence of Julie Collins, Carole read out her reports.</p> <p>9. Pedestrian Sign - Resident Chris Robinson - request for 'Shared Zone' sign at end of Cockburn St - Carole to report in GB</p> <p>10. Traffic mitigation along Valla Beach Road - ongoing issue; grants being sought</p> <p>11. Painting/mural artwork on telegraph poles - Carole Andersen - no time at present</p>
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**Correspondence In (letter or email):
07.11.23 to 04.03.24**

- 10.11.23 through to 01.12.23: NVC Rochelle McMurray re Work Health Safety Training for our Volunteers
- 23.11.23 Resident Clancy Barnard (Nature Conservation Council) re article for VVs
- 30.11.23 NVC Keith Williams with query about speed and what part of East West Road
- 01.12.23 NVC Jodie Jeffery re request for pedestrian signage at end of Cockburn St
- 05.12.23 NVC Daniel Walsh re targeted patrols re dogs and 4WDs on beaches
- 07.12.23 NVC Caroline Szary re Anderson Park drainage work
- 10.12.23 Resident Clancy Barnard regarding article for VVs
- 13.12.23 NVC Michael Grieve with festive season wishes for our volunteers
- 04.01.24 through to present: NVC Michael Grieve regarding VBCA volunteer applications
- 04.01.24 NVC Keith Williams re erection of pedestrian sign going towards Robert Lowden Park
- 10.10.23 NVC Keith Williams re with advice that "Shared zones are reserved for busy shopping precincts where Traffic calming or suitable treatments must be provided to reduce speeds within the zone."
- 20.01.24 NVC Matt Leibrandt re onsite Public Meeting regarding new footbridge
- 29.01.24 Brett Willer (Taylors Arm Cricket Club) re use of Anderson Park
- 30.01.24 NVC Damian Leahy re cleaning/re-stocking of Anderson Park toilets; cleaned 3 times weekly
- 01.02.24 NVC Rhiannon Treasure-Brand re old records regarding blueberry farms
- 02.02.24 NVC Matthew Leibrandt re footbridge plans
- 02.02.24 NVC Michael Grieve re VBCA Volunteer Register and Applications
- 07.02.24 NVC Teresa Boorer re current S356 Donation Program - closes 1st March
- 07.02.24 Ben Whittaker - Valla resident - varying issues for discussion at this meeting
- 26.02.24 NVC Keith Williams re Sullivans Road speed and Transport NSW
- 29.02.24 NVC Michael Grieve with 2023 AGM Minutes and financials
- 01.03.24 NVC David Bamwell with development details for stage and electrical work needed
- 01.03.24 Therese King, Valla Beach Social Group re S356 Donation Program for memorial
- 03.03.24 Therese King, Valla Beach Social Group, re auspiced by VBCA for Donation Program and support of their application
- 04.03.24 NVC Michael Grieve re NVC public liability insurance for users of the new stage
- 04.03.24 Resident Vanessa Cain re concern for Beach Stone Curlews (critically endangered in NSW). There are signs about this species nesting at Middles and they're also on the bird sign at Lions Park. Vanessa would like to be kept updated with any new strategies or plans re dogs.
- 04.03.24 Resident Georgette Allen re Anderson Park and vehicle access.

(From 06.11.23 to present - many emails regarding VV, Markets, LNS and funding possibilities)

Moved Carole Andersen seconded John Windmill that the above inward correspondence be tabled as read.

Correspondence Out (letter or email):**07.11.23 to 04.03.24**

- 10.11.23 to 01.12.23: NVC Rochelle McMurray re Work Health & Safety training for volunteers
 24.11.23 NVC Bede Spannagle with request for up-to-date Code of Conduct documents
 30.11.23 NVC Bede Spannagle re speed along East West Road, implement radar units
 10.12.23 Resident Clancy Barnard re logging and fire risk article in Valla Views
 17.12.23 NVC Rochelle McMurray re current VBCA Executive numbers
 01.01.24 to present: NVC Michael Grieve with volunteer applications for approval
 04.01.24 NVC Bede Spannagle re pedestrian sign on hill going down to Robert Lowden Park
 22.01.24 Resident Clancy Barnard (Nature Conservation Council) re article for VVs
 20.01.24 NVC Matthew Sykes and Matthew Leibrandt re Public Meeting for new footbridge
 29.01.24 NVC Tim Woodward re Taylors Arm Cricket Club's use of Anderson Park
 30.01.24 NVC Damian Leahy re Cricket Club match and toilet cleaning and re-stocking
 01.02.24 NVC Rhiannon Treasure-Brand re old records about blueberry farming
 02.02.24 NVC Matt Leibrandt re information sheets for the new footbridge
 08.02.24 NVC Mayor, Bede Spannagle, Councillor Susan Jenvey and all Councillors with invitation to this General Meeting
 16.02.24 NVC Matthew Leibrandt re photos and details re footbridge for this Meeting
 17.02.24 Resident Chris Robinson re pedestrian sign in Cockburn St
 27.02.24 NVC Bede Spannagle, Matthew Sykes and Keith Williams re traffic speed issues East West Road and other issues from resident Ben Whittaker
 29.02.24 NVC Michael Grieve attaching 2023 AGM and financials
 01.03.24 NVC Michael Grieve re Council's public liability insurance cover for the new stage and cover for musicians and performers
 01.03.24 Therese King, Valla Beach Social Group re S356 Donation Program for memorial
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Moved Carole Andersen seconded Kerri Mergan that the above outward correspondence be tabled as read.

PRESIDENT /TREASURER'S REPORT: This report and financials were made available to members present at this General Meeting. Peter Sobey spoke to these reports in detail.

VBCA continue to operate with a healthy surplus - this will all change in the next few months with our commitment to the stage project of \$34,350 and also with the electrical work that VBCA is seeking to help make our Markets easier for set up and take down - we are waiting on a final quote for this. Peter mentioned that our VBCA account should have approximately \$28,000 left once the stage is complete.

Peter spoke about the different smaller areas that VBCA work on and details were given in his Report in relation to these projects and how the actual funding for those projects is made up ie Hall Hire, Markets, Valla Views, Christmas Family Evening and Valla Expressions Art Show. Peter thanked all of those volunteers involved in each of those events.

It was moved Peter Sobey and seconded John Windmill that these Financial and President's reports be accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Approved DA relating to Part Lot 8, 22 Valla Beach Road: The current DA will lapse July 2025. VBCA's sub committee is researching this issue - options to build with VBCA becoming incorporated - this would involve membership fees, etc but then VBCA could not be a Management Committee of NVC - more grants available as separate incorporated body. Possibility of using this DA approval under the banner of 'Alithia Learning' as they are incorporated. When the current projects of the stage and footbridge are complete, our sub-committee will look into the DA design and be prepared to act on any grant funding possibilities.

2. Anderson Park

VBCA sent a letter to NVC 16.10.23 about a new permanent Parks Manager - NVC's Stephen Lloyd was given this position for the next few months. After the VBCA General Meeting on 06.11.23, NVC's Bede Spannagle will get Stephen Lloyd to make contact with our Lori Warren about what plans could be possible for Anderson Park in the future. Stephen Lloyd on leave at the moment.

Vehicle Access: Motion from Chris and Lynette Gwilliam re this topic - Chris spoke on this topic. General discussion followed.

Motion: We request that Valla Beach Community Association write to Nambucca Valley Council to enquire whether re-surfacing of Anderson Park's access road is included in Council's current works program. If not, can VBCA request that this job be included in Council's next works program, as a matter of urgency.

Further, we enquire whether the driveway is already part of the Anderson Park Plan. If not, would VBCA consider adding this to the Anderson Park Plan. Thank you. Chris and Lynette Gwilliam
Moved Chris Gwilliam Sec Mac Wilson unanimous

3. Permanent Stage at the Reserve: Peter Sobey did report on this in his President's/ Treasurers' Report. With some delays in the design work on the stage cover itself, the completion date has been put back to the end of April. VBCA hoping to have a 'grand opening' at our Market on 1st June. Question was asked whether NVC's public liability insurance would cover musicians/entertainers at Markets who do not have insurance - NVC Michael Grieve's stated that as those musicians/entertainers are being paid by VBCA, it is seen as a commercial business and therefore they need their own public liability insurance.

4. Robert Lowden Park: resident Chris Robinson's request (late 2023) for a sign to be erected at the top of the hill before going down to Robert Lowden Park - pedestrian sign has been erected by NVC but blocked by shrubs/trees - suggested to Chris to advise NVC through Antenno and follow up with this.

Suggestion from resident Leonie Hamilton regarding the 3 large covered areas in Robert Lowden Park and to be more useful, could NVC erect tables or some form of seating. Discussion. Many years ago, there was seating and tables there and they deteriorated and were removed.

Carole Andersen reported that the Park itself is in a poor state.

Motion: VBCA write to NVC re making sign more visible. And also about the state of the Park.

5. Dog signage for beaches and creek: More Ranger patrols - NVC's Daniel Walsh 05.12.23 - "Reference is made to your attached letter. Council is aware of the issues you refer to and will be undertaking targeted patrols in Valla Beach to curb the non-compliance you refer to."

An email and photos were recently received from resident Vanessa Cain re concern for Beach Stone Curlews (critically endangered in NSW). There are signs about this species nesting at Middles and they're also on the bird sign at Lions Park. Vanessa would like to be kept updated with any new strategies or plans re dogs.

NVC's Michael Grieve to look into roping off particular area

6. East West Road speed reduction - following on from our General Meeting on 06.11.23, a request letter sent to NVC 30.11.23 re NVC introducing mobile radar units. Question email from NVC's Keith Williams 30.11.23 re "Do you know if theres a section of East West Road where most incidents occur" Resident Zoie Byrne supplied a map showing the section of East West Road and a copy was sent to NVC on 10.12.23. Reply from NVC's Keith Williams 27.02.24: "Transport for NSW are carrying out a speed zone review of Sullivans Road, they're currently short on resources and will advise if the correct speed limit is in place when they're able. Council has carried out traffic counts and speed monitoring over the Christmas period, with results passed onto TfNSW to assist with the review
Results indicate a vast majority of vehicles are complying with the posted speed limit"
Discussion followed re recent Car club and sliders speeding Ocean View Drive and Valla Beach Road.

7. Resident Ben Whittaker's items re outdoor fires, dogs on beaches, Sullivans and East West Road issues - Ben not in attendance.

8. Service station roundabouts - terrible condition - for any visitors, not a great first impression to the Nambucca Valley - in a small car very hard to see cars in the roundabout, giving way, etc. - not NVC's responsibility to maintain.

Transport NSW's introduction of **Rule 72** early 2023 in regard to cars in 'slip lanes' (copies provided for the Meeting) - recent bad accident at the Valla Beach Road intersection with Giinagay Way involving 3 cars, extensive damage and one driver hospitalised.

Discussion followed. Was this introduced by Transport NSW with Police approval? Write to NVC Traffic Committee with the community's concerns and as we are a S355 Committee of Council, could VBCA write directly to Transport NSW with those concerns? As well as the dangers involved with the roundabouts' upkeep.

Whereto from here? Possible petition. Suggestion about writing to News of the Area publication re accidents happening due to this new Rule.

Residents Brian and Helen Waters will follow this up and be in contact with VBCA Secretary about any letter writing or help that is needed.

Chairperson Peter Sobey: Is there any other General Business to be discussed tonight? If not, I'll declare the meeting closed at 8.40pm - thank you all for your attendance.

Next Meeting will be our AGM followed by a General Meeting - **Monday 22 July 2024** commencing at 7pm