

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF VALLA BEACH
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024
AT THE VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY HALL**

Meeting opened: 7pm

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: VBCA NVC representative Counsellor Susan Jenvey

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

PRESENT: 19 members (as per attendance sheets)

Presentation: NVC'S Keegan Noble (NVC Environmental Project Officer) was to give a short presentation on grant funding for various maintenance and replacement jobs in and around Valla Beach - unable to attend - any questions or queries, contact Keegan directly via email keegan.noble@nambucca.nsw.gov.au

APOLOGIES:	Mayor Rhonda Hoban OAM, David Banwell NVC Assets Engineer, Keegan Noble (NVC Environmental Project Officer), Alison Seccombe, Julie Collins, Vanessa Wells, Molly Bence, Maggie Bevan, Lori Warren, Richard Wrobel, Chris and Lynette Gwilliam
PREVIOUS GENERAL MINUTES:	Minutes of the last VBCA General Meeting held on 4 March 2024 were tabled as read. Moved Peter Sobey and seconded Kerri Mergan that those Minutes be accepted. To be noted that March Minutes referred to our AGM for this Meeting. Moved to 4 November.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (BAFM) 04.03.24:

Pending "Wish List" Projects:

1. **DA** relating to Part Lot 8, 22 Valla Beach Road - DA lapses July 2025
2. **Hall refurbishment** - ongoing work scheduled during 2024 - new floor tiles in outside toilet; sand and re-polish Hall floor - when time and funding allows
3. **Painting/mural artwork** on telegraph poles/water tank - when time and funding allows
4. **Traffic mitigation** Valla Beach Road near shops - ongoing issue

1. **Anderson Park** - Lori GB
2. **Footbridge update** - Peter GB
3. **Permanent Stage** - Peter GB
4. **CRT** - Pat GB
5. **Defib** - Pat to read GB
6. **Pedestrian Sign** at the end of Cockburn St - sign has been moved for clearer driver vision
7. **Dogs on beaches** - NPWS notice in August Valla Views
8. **Rule 72 TfNSW** - Update in GB
9. **Valla Beach Family Christmas** - Kerri Mergan GB
10. **DA & Community Land** - GB

Correspondence In (letter or email):

05.03.24 to 22.07.2024

- 02.03.24 NVC David Banwell re stage electrical work
 18.03.24 NVC Teresa Boorer re successful application for S356 Donation Program to go towards electrical work for the stage
 04.04.24 NVC Bede Spannagle re Max Graham Drive/Anderson Park entry - job included in NVC's forward works program
 29.04.24 NVC Keegan Noble re meeting with VBCA reps regarding funding for various projects
 30.04.24 Resident Mel Hilson re Rule 72 intersection - verbal advice from Michael Kemp MP's Office that the give way sign and dotted lines will be taken away by the end of May
 01.05.24 Christine Murray TfNSW re VBCA reps meeting
 09.05.24 NVC Teresa Boorer re application for additional waste services for Markets and Carols
 16.05.24 Resident Christine Sunley re Anglicare Disaster Recovery Kit for VBCA
 21.05.24 NVC Matt Leibrandt re old footbridge timber for residents to re-use - too dangerous
 21.05.24 NVC David Banwell re electrical quotes for the stage
 23.05.24 Sheralee Hardaker regarding storage of Anglicare Disaster Recovery Kit
 05.06.24 Resident Karen Woodwell re National Parks hazard reduction burn areas
 12.06.24 Christine Murray TfNSW re proposed Traffic Committee Meeting did not go ahead on Tues 4 June - she will get back to me with update on the next Meeting
 13.06.24 NVC Rochelle McMurray with Committees of Management Meet and Greet with Council staff - 25.06.24
 14.06.23 NVC Mayor regarding Rule 73 and not Rule 72 regarding the slip lanes
 19.06.24 NVC Teresa Boorer re successful applications for additional waste services for Markets and Carols
 21.06.24 NVC Rochelle McMurray with Mayor's Question with Notice to be brought up at the next Council Meeting to be approved
 21.06.24 NVC David Banwell with electrical quotes for the stage
 25.06.24 NVC Rochelle McMurray re addressing Councillors at Council Meeting held on 27.06.24
 28.06.24 Christine Murray TfNSW next local Traffic Committee Meeting Tuesday 6th August
 04.07.24 NVC Teresa Boorer re VBCA committed share of \$34,350 towards the stage
 05.07.24 NVC Michael Grieve re new volunteer form
 12.07.24 ShoreTrack with Bio for inclusion in the VV
 14.07.24 Resident Kaz Selbie with various topics & comments - GB - Map of proposed pathway
 16.07.24 NVC Michael Grieve with updated registered volunteer list for VBCA
 16.07.24 Christine Murray TfNSW with Community Update Notice regarding Rule 73 - copies to be dropped into every resident of Valla Beach - she will supply extra copies if needed
 17.07.24 Nambucca Anglicans - with updated contact list and address for Disaster Recovery Kits
 18.07.24 Resident Georgette Allen with motion regarding Part Lot 8, 22 Valla Beach Road and Part Lot 45 Ocean View Drive
 18.07.24 NVC David Moloney confirming receipt of Community Update from TfNSW
 19.07.24 NVC Matt Leibrandt re awaiting design issues for the footbridge - hope to have it sorted in a fortnight and then update construction schedule
 19.07.24 Nambucca Anglicare with updated Disaster Recovery Kit Reps and Map
 19.07.24 Resident Melissa Hilson re TfNSW and Rule 73 - opting out
 22.07.24 NVC Keegan Noble re inability to attend Meeting
 22.07.24 NVC David Banwell re stage electricity options
 22.07.24 Resident Angie Smith re Concert To Save The Forest Mylestom Hall 2 pm Sunday 28 July

(From 05.03.24 to present - many emails regarding VV, Markets and funding possibilities)

Moved Carole Andersen seconded Peter Sobey that the above inward correspondence be tabled as

Correspondence Out (letter or email):**05.03.24 to 22.07.24**

- 05.03.24 NVC re Sec356 Donation Program auspice application for Valla Village Residents Group
- 07.03.24 NVC with copy of VBCA General Minutes 04.03.24
- 19.03.24 NVC with concerns re Introduction of Rule 72
- 21.03.24 Resident Clancy Barnard (Nature Conservation Council) logging concerns - article for VV
- 20.03.24 Resident Cath Starr re spear fishing dangers in Deep Creek and use of old footbridge timber
- 04.04.24 NVC re improvements to road access to Anderson Park from Max Graham Dr and new NVC Director Engineering Services, David Moloney - to be included in forward works program
- 04.04.24 Residents Chris and Lynette Gwilliam re above response from NVC
- 05.04.24 NVC Michael Grieve re Plan B for Market
- 08.04.24 Residents Brian and Helen Waters re Rule 72 Petition
- 23.04.24 Resident Melissa Hilson re Rule 72 and Intersection
- 25.04.24 NVC Keegan Noble re onsite meeting with Peter Sobey and Carole Andersen regarding funding for various projects in and around Valla Beach
- 02.05.24 Christine Murray (TfNSW) re statement from Michael Kemp MP
- 10.05.24 NVC Application for Additional Waste collection for Markets and Carols
- 17.05.24 Sheralee Hardaker (Anglicare) re Disaster Recovery Kit for VBCA
- 17.05.24 NVC Matt Leibrandt re footbridge update
- 21.05.24 NVC Matt Leibrandt re use of old footbridge timbers by locals
- 23.05.24 Sheralee Hardaker (Anglicare) re positioning of Disaster Recovery Kit for VBCA
- 30.05.24 NVC re upcoming Nambucca Valley Traffic Committee Meeting Tuesday 4 June
- 06.06.24 Resident Danny Fleming re National Park hazard reduction burns
- 24.06.24 NVC re Rule 72 Question with Notice from Mayor Hoban
- 27.06.24 Resident Mel Hilson re Rule 72 and VBCA address to Council on 27.06.24
- 01.07.24 NVC Mayor Hoban, Bede Spannagle, Councillor Susan Jenvey, Keegan Noble with Invitation to our VBCA Meeting Monday 22nd July
- 08.07.24 NVC Matt Leibrandt re footbridge project
- 16.07.24 Kaz Selbie re various topics and comments
- 17.07.24 NVC Mayor Hoban, Bede Spannagle, Councillor Susan Jenvey and Keith Williams with copy of email from Christine Murray (TfNSW) with Community Update July 2024 - copies being delivered to all residents of Valla Beach

(From 05.03.24 to present - many emails regarding VV, Markets, Transport for NSW Rule 72 and funding possibilities)

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. Our funds are a little depleted after missing 2 markets due to rain. Permanent stage - looking at the different options that we can afford for power. More details to come. Stage base is done – looks to be Nov for the shade sail unfortunately. Markets are our largest source of income and then Hall Hire. VV continues to have paid advertising and with the lesser amount of printing copies, the newsletter holds is own.

AGM in November, a new Secretary will be needed. Carole Andersen suggested that this job could be divided to make it a little easier - Carole also suggested having 'second in command' people appointed when our executive committee members are away ie Hall Hire.

It was moved Peter Sobey and seconded John Windmill that this President & Treasurer's report be accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Anderson Park** - Lori Warren quite unwell and nothing really to report - new NVC contact David Moloney (Director Engineering Services) difficult to contact - request re access road from Max Graham Dr to Anderson Park sent - Bede Spannagle replied 04.04.24 - job included in 'forward works program.'
2. **Footbridge update** - Peter Sobey - NVC's Matt Leibrandt (19.07.24) awaiting design issues for the footbridge - hope to have it sorted in a fortnight and then able to update construction schedule.
3. **Permanent Stage update** - Peter Sobey update in his President/Treasurer Report.
4. **CRT Report** - Pat Greenwood - recent Defib training course in the fire shed. Spending more time with the Nambucca Resilience Team and request for the bushfire simulator table; applying for a grant so hopefully the Nambucca Team could receive free maps and equipment. Valla Beach is the only area in the Nambucca Valley with a CRT team, flood risk plan and fire risk maps. There is a prepared recovery plan and we now need to think about what is done after any major event. The Anglicare Recovery Kits would come into play - ours to be stored in our VBCA Shed at the Reserve, the Valla Beach Evacuation Area. Need for paid firemen.
5. **Defib Report** - Julie Collins not in attendance - Pat spoke to this topic. Defib at Anderson Park was blown over by the recent strong winds. Thank you to the residents who advised Pat of this. Recent small amount of damage to Reserve Defib. These 2 Defibs will be up and working soon.
6. **Pedestrian Sign** Cockburn dealt with.
7. **Dogs on beaches** - NPWS/NVC Notice in August Valla Views - tabled at Meeting. Darren Squibb spoke passionately about the estuary and the number of rare shorebirds being chased by dogs. Wires trying to catch 4 pelicans recently entangled in fishing lines. Darren attended a damaged kangaroo in Birugan Way hit by a car – vet euthanised. NVC Councillor Susan Jenvey spoke re more paid rangers - need to have photo evidence sent to NVC and/or through Antenno App. NPWS re injured pelicans – Susan hoping for flow on with more NPWS employees and Wires. Turtle news near Middle Valla carpark 3-4 months ago – 2 reps from Dolphin Marine recorded evidence that 57-58 turtles had hatched.
8. **Rule 72/73 TfNSW update** - Carole Andersen report - Community Update from Transport for NSW tabled at the Meeting. TfNSW to deliver this Update to all residents of Valla Beach. Discussion followed. TfNSW do not seem to understand the community's issues. If slip lane rule is to stay, the speed of 90kph coming from the south and in particular from the north needs to be drastically reduced before a tragedy occurs. The next Nambucca Valley Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for 6 August 2024.
It was decided that VBCA write to NVC re-iterating our grave concerns once again and enquiring, if appropriate, to receive a copy of any response that NVC may receive in relation to their Question with Notice as referred to in NVC's Meeting on 27.06.24 (and from our VBCA address) from the Minister and/or our local member. Village rep Jan Sizer said 3 residents' cars have been written off at that intersection on separate occasions.
Councillor Susan Jenvey may be able to contact Jenny Aitchison, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, to seek assistance on our behalf in this matter.
It was decided that VBCA executive to see firstly what response we receive from NVC, hear from Councillor Jenvey and then work out our next steps.
9. **Valla Beach Family Christmas** - Fri 13 Dec - Coordinator Kerri Mergan - preparations August/September for initial meetings. Volunteers and any suggestions to improve are welcome. Georgie happy to seek sponsorship to help with the outgoings. Carole to send list of former donations.

10. DA relating to Part Lot 8, 22 Valla Beach Road, and community use and appreciation of the Community Land in Ocean View Drive

Motion from Georgette Allen:

"I propose that VBCA contact Nambucca Valley Council to request a meeting of community members with Andrea Baillie, Property Officer on Council's staff, to discuss ideas for installation of minor infrastructure on the lands contained within Part Lot 8, 22 Valla Beach Road (with a view to keeping the approved DA 'active'), and Part Lot 45, Ocean View Drive, Valla Beach (with a view to demonstrating community use and appreciation of our Community Land). Details of such minor infrastructure to be discussed at such meeting with Council."

Discussion followed. With the **Alithia Learning DA** for a hall, it has been recommended that VBCA need to be 'shovel ready' for any possible funding. Hall infrastructure – if no plan, the land will be reallocated in July 2025. Need further discussion with Andrea/NVC about any modifications to the current DA more suitable for the VBCA. Resident Dave Watt, building inspector, advised that we might need footings or something more substantial to get started to keep the DA current. VBCA should meet with Daniel Walsh and get in writing what is needed.

With the **Community Land** in Ocean View Drive, what sort of structure should we consider so as to show our community use and appreciation. To be remembered that this is a wildlife corridor. Picnic table or bench was discussed.

Motion was moved by Georgette Allen and seconded Mac Wilson that VBCA seek discussions with Council in relation to these 2 areas in Valla Beach.

11. Community Strategic Plan: NVC seeking community input about what they want to see in their area – online survey available now. Councillor Susan Jenvey advised that it is a 10 year document for all areas in the Valley – it will be put in place after the September Council election – what is important to residents – net zero target – best recycling – best outcomes for the future – tree preservation order – increase 4WD permit costs to reduce the 4WD on our beaches. It is advertised in our August Valla Views - very important to have your say - NVC website survey or Antenna App.

12. Resident **Kaz Selbie** sent an email to VBCA about various topics and comments - most topics have been dealt with or are being dealt with. Kaz also supplied a map of a proposed pathway/cycleway – from north Valla Beach to south through bush - VBCA to write to Kaz about using the Antenna App for this suggestion.

13. Resident **Darren Squibb** – amazing volunteer for our environment through recycling cans and more - residents can drop off in his trailer 74 Seaforth Drive - trying to keep cans out of landfill - donated \$400 recently to purchase surveillance cameras for Forest Ecology Alliance – logging areas and Great Koala National Park.

14. Resident **Cathy Welsford** - Concert for State Forests Sunday 28 July at Mylestom Hall – local musicians – all proceeds to go to Forest Ecology Alliance.

15. Resident **Jan Sizer** advised that NVC has approved fireworks for one of the 3 upcoming car enthusiasts' events - keep your animals safe.

Chairperson Peter Sobey declared the Meeting closed at 9pm - thank you for your attendance.

Next Meeting will be our AGM followed by a General Meeting - **Monday 4 November 2024** commencing at 7pm