

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 30 JUNE 2025 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: NVC Mayor Gary Lee

Welcome to all in attendance to this General Meeting.

PRESENT: 19 members (as per attendance sheets)

APOLOGIES:	Patricia Greenwood, Lori Warren, Dave Halverson, Councillor Sue Jenvey, Lynette Gwilliam, NVC David Maloney
PREVIOUS GENERAL MINUTES:	Minutes of the last VBCA General Meeting held on 03.03.25 were tabled as read. Moved Peter Sobey seconded John Windmill that those Minutes be accepted.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES (BAFM) 03.03.25:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TfNSW Rule 73 and Giinagay Way intersection - GB 2. DA & Community Land - possible Hall extension - update GB 3. Dogs & 4WDs - Councillor Susan Jenvey update in GB 4. VBCA's purchase of Carol Easton footbridge photo - for the Hall 5. Footbridge - safety audit - Mayor Gary Lee - audit not yet done - sound issue lessened - new signs to be installed shortly

Correspondence In (letter or email):

03.03.25 to 30.06.25

- 10.03.25 NVC Jocelyn Box re Seniors Week events
- 26.03.25 NVC Teresa Boorer re successful S356 Donation Program Application for contribution towards costs of servicing 7 x community defibrillators
- 03.04.25 TfNSW Christine Murray with Media Release re intersection changes to all residents
- 03.04.25 NVC Bede Spannagle re intersection changes and involvement from the Mayor and Michael Kemp MP
- 14.04.25 NVC Teresa Boorer re Additional Waste Services Application due
- 15.04.25 NVC Jocelyn Box re Strategic Plan Workshop
- 15.04.25 Emma Broomfield (Locale Consulting) re Strategic Plan Workshop
- 23.04.25 NVC Jocelyn Box requesting updated Volunteer List
- 28.04.25 NVC Wayne O'Neill re Hall gutter repairs
- 01.05.25 Todd Davis with quote and invoice for gutter repairs and roof inspection
- 02.05.25 NVC Jocelyn Box re Volunteer Luncheon Invite 24.05.25
- 12.05.25 NVC Jocelyn Box re Market Application for 2 years to 30.06.27
- 19.05.25 NVC Jocelyn Box with list of Sec 355 Committees and NVC delegates
- 22.05.25 NVC Jocelyn Box postponement of Volunteer Luncheon re floods
- 31.05.25 NVC Damian Leahy re damage to power board on Reserve toilet block
- 05.06.25 NVC Jocelyn Box with Market Application for 2 years to 30.06.27
- 10.06.25 NVC Gary Lee re attending this meeting and having updates
- 17.06.25 TfNSW Christine Murray re not receiving Media Release
- 17.06.25 TfNSW David Bancroft re Media Release
- 19.06.25 NVC Teresa Boorer re annual approval of Additional Waste for Markets and Carols 2025

Correspondence In (cont)

- 25.06.25 TfNSW Christine Murray re intersection, media releases not being delivered, vandalism of one of the illuminated signs, thrown into bush, company owner took down the second one. TfNSW hired a different company to re-install the signs.
- 26.06.25 Michael Kemp MP re speaking with Minister - rep Centre for Road Safety attended the intersection this week - all options are back on the table. Increased Police presence - AI powered camera from 01.07.25 for one month.
- 30.06.25 TfNSW Christine Murray re installation of road safety camera at intersection

Correspondence Out (letter or email):

03.03.25 to 30.06.25

- 03.03.25 Michael Kemp MP re intersection situation
- 05.03.25 Therese King (Village Social Group) re S356 Donation Program Application for prizes
- 06.03.25 NVC Mayor and Councillors with copy of our General Meeting Minutes held on 03.03.25
- 11.03.25 Therese King (Village Social Group) re their S356 Donation Program Application
- 12.03.25 NVC with LOS for Village Social Group's Application
- 07.04.25 NVC Teresa Boorer re successful Village Social Group's Application
- 23.04.25 NVC Wayne O'Neil re Hall gutter repairs needed
- 23.04.25 Plumber Todd Davis re Hall gutter repairs quote
- 29.04.25 NVC Teresa Boorer Additional Waste Application Markets for 2 years and Carols 2025
- 03.05.25 NVC Jocelyn Box with updated VBCA Volunteer List
- 07.05.25 MAWAW requesting updated TGS plans for Markets and Carols
- 10.05.25 NVC Market Application to 30.06.27
- 22.05.25 NVC Jocelyn Box re postponement of Volunteer Day due to floods
- 06.06.25 Therese King (Village Social Group) re receipt for goods S356 Donation Program
- 10.06.25 NVC Mayor and Councillors with invitation to General Meeting 30.06.25
- 10.06.25 NVC Teresa Boorer with Acquittal Form for Village Social Group S356 Donation Program
- 15.06.25 NVC Teresa Boorer with Acquittal Form for VBCA S356 Donation Program
- 16.06.25 TfNSW Christine Murray re any updates to report to our General Meeting 30.06.25
- 18.06.25 TfNSW Christine Murray re bad accident 17.06.25
- 24.06.25 TfNSW Christine Murray re intersection woes and possible solution
- 24.06.25 Michael Kemp MP intersection woes and re-installation of illuminated "60" signs
- 26.06.25 TfNSW Christine Murray re non delivery of media releases and thanks for new illuminated signs - seeking a solution

(From 03.03.25 to present - many emails regarding VV, Markets and TfNSW Rule 73) Moved Carole Andersen seconded Peter Sobey that the all inward and outward correspondence be tabled as read.

PRESIDENT /TREASURER'S REPORT: This report and financials were made available to all members present at this General Meeting. Peter Sobey spoke to these reports. It was moved Peter Sobey and seconded Georgette Allen that this President & Treasurer's report be accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. TfNSW and Valla Beach Road and Giinagay Way intersection: Copies of the most recent TfNSW Media Releases available to meeting. Two received the morning of the latest bad accident on 17.06.25. Mayor Gary Lee reported that he had spoken to Michael Kemp MP this afternoon – remaining vigilant with Ministers about community involvement. Road Safety Incident Investigation Team – has become involved, hence the AI camera installation. Road safety paramount in our Valley. Mayor Gary Lee sent a scathing report to the Minister after our March Meeting. TfNSW changed the Giinagay Way without community input. VBCA to contact Gary Lee and Michael Kemp MP re any future meetings with this RSITeam. We need our thoughts taken into. Round-about discussed. 100 kph not good. Lowering of speed changes needed. Mention of vandalism of illuminated speed zone signs. TfNSW sourced new signs. Lighting at the intersection not good.

GENERAL BUSINESS (cont):

2. DA & Community Land - possible Hall extension project: Report from Peter Sobey - VBCA Sub-Committee for the possible extension to our Hall; VBCA exec plus Georgette Allen and John Windmill.

Local architect Jono Ware asked to prepare draft plan – discussions needed with NVC Daniel Walsh – Peter spoke to preschool – residents' suggestion boxes at Cafes, Real Estate and Pharmacy. Hall extension would encompass higher ceilings and larger square metreage; sound acoustics installation suggested.

Mayor Gary Lee reported that from 01.07.25 new Strategic Plan will be in place – review on all community halls, community assets, grant criteria – Jocelyn Box re funding avenues – CSP actual plan for Valla Beach – budgets have been set – VBCA should write to NVC Jocelyn Box with our thoughts and plans and how to do that. Dollar for dollar grants.

3. Dogs on beaches:

Verbal report from Councillor Susan Jenvey to Peter Sobey – Council has 2 rangers 13 out of 14 days – 2 ranger inspections at least every day. Gary Cattnach never seen any evidence of ranger patrols – many people doing the wrong thing – Peter le Gras said that the NVC website has notes about any people digressing – difficulty with being confrontational – people letting their dogs chase birds away from their nesting areas. Recent wilful damage to 'no dog' sign.

4WDs on beaches:

Recent ABC News articles about damage to beaches from 4WDS – VBCA to investigate how to not allow 4WDs north to Oyster Creek – no 4WDs at Deep Creek for the estuary birds.

4WD permits obtained from the Beach Access Committee – they look at all aspects of allowances and cars – can VBCA be included in any community consultation on this subject? Discussion followed re limits on permits; blocking the access entirely. President Peter Sobey said it was an issue that keeps resurfacing and is causing community concern. Peter's suggestion was a closure of the beach to 4WD vehicles from Deep Creek to Oyster Creek. It was moved by Vanessa Wells and seconded Peter Sobey that VBCA investigate the banning of 4WDs on the beach area, north and south, by writing to the Minister for Transport. Mayor Gary Lee said that 4WD vehicles on the beach is not Council's responsibility as the beach was not controlled by Council. VBCA to write to the Minister about this issue. Mayor Gary Lee will also research this.

4. VBCA purchase of Carol Easton's footbridge photo:

Georgette Allen spoke on this - first suggested by Georgette at our March Meeting. Photo to be installed in our Hall - discussion re possible collage of footbridge at different stages. Georgette suggests that all future actions on this project be left to Carol Easton, when she returns, mid July. It was moved by Georgette Allen and seconded Kerri Mergan that VBCA allocates \$450 to purchase three images: 1st of the long-gone rickety bridge, 2nd of Carol's artwork (the bridge recently superseded) and 3rd (which hopefully Carol would create for us) an image of the current new bridge; and further, that the gate takings from the August market be allocated towards funding this project for our Valla Beach community. All in favour.

5. Anderson Park update: VBCA Lori Warren - report from NVC Matt Leibrandt

The skate park has recently been ground and sealed, providing a better and safer surface for skaters.

They are building a mini ramp for low entry level skaters, as a minor upgrade to the skate park. This is close to finished with the last concrete pour scheduled for 30 June and then final finish and touch-ups in a couple of weeks.

They have noted some minor drainage issues on the southern side of the sandstone walls of the netball courts, which they will look at repairing when possible.

Matt is keen to look at revisiting the proposed park plans back from 2020. He will look at getting new quotes and getting the survey completed (that was meant to happen in 2020) to help determine community preferences and needs. Having this information readily available would help if any grant options arise.

Council are getting a new communications officer on board which should also help with some of this.

GENERAL BUSINESS (cont):

6. CRT and Defib Report Julie Collins:

Sufficient monies are now secured for new batteries for the 7 machines in 2026 – great fundraising; There was a meeting at the Nambucca Heads RSL on 01.06.25 about its evacuation centre for recent weather events. Under resourced and under prepared and brought everything that is needed to a head - talk about what resources are needed - working on storage of some resources at the VB Fire Shed. CRT team also working on information welcome packs for newcomers and/or visitors.

7. NVC S356 Donation Program:

Mayor Gary Lee spoke on this subject - there could possibly be an increase in relation to this Scheme from \$500 to capped at \$5,000 - NVC Jocelyn Box and Teresa Boorer are looking into this and the new Program would start in Oct/Nov of this year.

Mayor Gary Lee spoke about the current Lions Club BBQs at the Don Macrae shelter at the Valla Reserve perhaps being a recipient of this funding. One BBQ is not working at all - very expensive to replace. VBCA Peter Sobey has been liaising with Lions Club Charlie Higgins working towards an electrical upgrade for the Lions' shelter, the BBQs and also electricity to the VBCA Shed - currently waiting on a quote from Jamie Pennington Electrician. Looking to co-operation between the Lions Club, VBCA and NVC to have this area rectified.

There being no further General Business, Chairperson Peter Sobey declared the Meeting **closed at 8.20pm** - thank you all for your attendance and input.

Next Meeting will be our AGM followed by a General Meeting
Monday 17th November 2025 commencing at 7pm