

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 29 JUNE 2026 AT THE VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY HALL

Meeting opened 7pm

Chair: President 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 here.

Welcome to our Guests: Mayor Gary Lee and Deputy Mayor Susan Jenvey

PRESENT:	21 members as per Attendance Sheets
APOLOGIES:	Peter le Gras, Kerri Patterson, Corinne Veitch, Julie Collins, Lyndall Townend and Teena Pitman
PREVIOUS GENERAL MINUTES:	Minutes of the last VBCA General Meeting held on 02.03.26 were tabled as read. Moved Peter Sobey seconded John Windmill that those Minutes be accepted. To be noted that in General Business Item 4 re the Water Reservoir Mural that Jo Shaw pointed out that at our March Meeting, there was a majority of attendees who were not in favour of a Mural.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES (BAFM):	All business arising from the March Meeting to be discussed in General Business
PRESIDENT AND TREASURER'S REPORT:	Peter Sobey read out his Report and financials - copies were made available to those members in attendance. Peter spoke to the Report and financials. VBCA organising a Term Deposit with some of the monies. VBCA's long term aim to build a bigger hall – easier than extending our existing hall. Discussion and questions – next step to work with NVC to allocate funds in the 2027-2028 budget year. Mayor Gary Lee spoke re many halls in our Valley needing major renovations. It was moved by Peter and seconded by Mac Wilson that this President & Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Correspondence In (letter or email):

02.03.26 to 29.06.26

- 11.03.26 NVC Jocelyn Box re increase to Hall hire fees and charges
- 18.03.25 Lifestyle Gloria Hand re printing for VBCA sponsorship
- 22.03.26 Woollies Nambucca with \$125 voucher for Easter Egg Hunt at our Market
- 23.03.26 NVC Rhys Jones re speeding and parking issues Ocean View Drive and Reserve Road, Parking along the Reserve Rd and parking and turning area in Tuna St
- 23.03.26 NVC Brett Corven re water reservoir mural
- 25.03.26 NVC Jocelyn Box re increase of fees for market stalls
- 06.04.26 Resident Sarah Cook re gathering at Anderson Park Sunday 12.04.26
- 13.04.26 NVC Teresa Boorer re additional waste application
- 13.04.26 NVC Jocelyn Box re Active Regional funding package
- 20.04.26 The Nationals electorate office re EOI Community Building Partnership grants
- 23.04.26 Resident Michael Stuyt re traffic calming devices along VB Rd down to Middle Valla

Correspondence In (letter or email) cont:

02.03.26 to 29.06.26

24.04.26 Midcoast Trucks with new address for Carols' sponsorship
 28.04.26 NVC Teresa Boorer acknowledgement of S356 Donation Application and query
 04.05.26 NVC Jocelyn Box with volunteer luncheon invitation 22.05.26
 06.05.26 NVC Frances Garnett re BAS return due 12.06.26
 27.05.26 Chris Hewgill re donation of wave photo for the stage banner and attend our June Market
 28.05.26 John Elliott re donation of labour and work for the stage banner & non attendance June
 28.05.26 NVC Teresa Boorer re S356 Donation Program for stage banner approval
 01.06.26 New resident Danny Molinaro re local volunteer work
 03.06.26 NVC Teresa Boorer re additional waste services approval for Markets and Carols
 03.06.26 NVC Tim Woodward re provision of paint for entrance signs
 10.06.26 Resident Greg Meyers re no news as yet re Langsford Way
 17.06.26 Valla Preschool regarding water leak under the kitchen in the main building
 22.06.26 Resident Danny Molinaro re volunteering with VBCA
 23.06.26 Resident Corinne Veitch re speed along East West Road and at the Valla Beach bus stop there is no lighting when the buses arrive at night
 24.06.26 Resident Ian Moule re Water Reservoir Mural
 29.06.26 TfNSW Christine Murray re lowering of speed limits in Valla Beach and surrounding areas; this email sent to Carole Andersen in answer to her personal email to TfNSW - Peter Sobey read out the letter - discussion followed; Mayor and Deputy Mayor asked that a copy of that email/letter be sent to them. Suggested VBCA send an email/letter to NVC's General Manager, Traffic Committee and Keith Williams about the need for speed cushioning to be introduced near the Nourish Café; especially to provide a safe area to cross over Valla Beach Road. This project is not included in NVC's 2026/2027 budget. VBCA also needs to enquire re what grants are available for a S355 Committee.

Correspondence Out (letter or email):

02.03.26 to 29.06.26

06.03.26 Resident Carol Easton re VBCA decision on Footbridge Photo
 13.03.26 Michael Kemp MP and TfNSW with thanks regarding the roundabout
 13.03.26 NVC Mayor, GM & Susan Jenvey with thanks for their and Council's help re roundabout
 13.03.26 NVC Mayor, GM and Susan Jenvey re speeding and parking issues around Valla Beach
 15.03.26 Woolies Nambucca and Ritchie's IGA re any donation towards our Easter Egg Hunt
 18.03.26 Lifestyle Gloria Hand re possible printing sponsorship for VBCA
 23.03.26 Woolies Nambucca with thanks for donation
 31.03.26 TfNSW Christine Murray re speed lowering along Valla Beach Road
 13.04.26 NVC Jocelyn Box re Community Building Partnership Package
 18.04.26 NVC re Additional Waste Application
 23.04.26 Resident Michael Stuyt re presentation at our June Meeting re speed cushions
 20.05.26 NVC Tim Woodward re intersection gardens 'Valla Beach' signs and paint donation
 27.05.26 Chris Hewgill and John Elliott re presentation of the stage banner at June Market
 03.06.26 Resident Michael Stuyt re presentation at June Meeting re speed cushions
 04.06.26 New resident Danny Molinaro and Elizabeth Cascone re local volunteer work
 09.06.26 Resident Greg Meyers and Teena Pitman re any news for June Meeting
 10.06.26 NVC Mayor, GM, Susan Jenvey and Councillors invitation to our June Meeting
 11.06.26 NVC Teresa Boorer re successful S356 Donation Program for stage banner
 12.06.26 NVC Jocelyn Box attaching 2 new Volunteer Applications
 22.06.26 Resident Danny Molinaro re volunteering with VBCA

(From 02.03.26 to present - many emails regarding VV, Markets, NVC matters, Langsford Way proposed development, TfNSW, topic updates for this meeting, etc.)

Moved Carole Andersen seconded Gary Suter that all inward and outward correspondence be tabled as read.

1. **Langsford Way land** - Greg Meyers has been keeping an eye on the NSW Portal and NVC's DA Tracking in case a DA is lodged. NVC has a "Community Participation Plan" which can be accessed through its website. Georgette Allen spoke – land has been sold fellow from Melbourne; 2.2 hectares 1.9M – 8 local people still meeting on a regular basis in relation to the possible outcome. Mayor Gary Lee's resolution put through before the auction requesting that the money from the sale be put towards the VUGA development was refused and was not considered by the state government. Some correspondence back and forth from the Govt to NVC – not leaving this alone for now. Mayor Gary Lee will let the community know when more answers are forthcoming. Deputy Mayor suggests that ecological values need to be saved within the development. Question asked how far away before residential land availability in VUGAville - \$27.5M needed before residential availability. Some 17 industrial sites have been sold and this will be put towards future residential sites.
2. **NVC Sec 356** Donation Program \$1,000 - successful for stage banner; acquittal has been sent.
3. **Speed mitigation:**

Valla Beach Road from the railway bridge to Kuta Ave: this was dealt with in 'correspondence'.

Down to Middle Valla: resident Michael Stuyt sent an email outlining where he thought speed cushions should be to slow traffic. Michael unable to attend this meeting.

Ocean View Drive down to the Reserve: query from our March Meeting; Sec read out reply from NVC's Rhys Jones dated 23.03.26 - speed limits governed by TfNSW - people who wish to research further can do so via a "Have your Say" TfNSW link.

Parking Reserve Road: there only seems to be parking issues in peak usage periods such as our Markets and special events - "further regulatory signage is not proposed at this time".

Parking issues Tuna St: it is an offence to block residential driveways and obstruct owners' access. Council continues to monitor parking behaviour in this area.

Speed along East West Road: resident Corinne Veitch - unable to attend this Meeting. Sec to send link re TfNSW "Have your Say".

Lighting: resident Corinne Veitch is also concerned about the lack of lighting at the Valla Beach bus stop. Sec to write to Busways in the first instance in relation to this.
4. **Reservoir Mural:** Sec read out reply from Brett Corven dated 23.03.26 - water tower would need pressure cleaning, repainting and sealing over the area of the Mural. VBCA would need to lodge a grant application in relation to this. Local artist and signwriter Ian Moule spoke regarding a possible Mural; he's been speaking with Chris Hewgill (photographer) about collaborating on this. Jo Shaw pointed out that at our March Meeting, there was a majority of attendees who were not in favour of a Mural. This needs to be noted. Pat Greenwood spoke regarding safety issues with drivers being distracted; people stopping to get a better view.
5. **Easier access** down to the creek on the **western side** near the new footbridge; to be looked into by our Mayor and Deputy Mayor to see what Improvements could be done and notify VBCA. **Easier access** down to the beach on the **eastern side** of the footbridge and down to the beach - letter from Tourist Park resident Kerri Patterson was read by Peter Sobey - Kerri not available for our Meeting - discussion followed. Lookout and the very narrow walkway is not maintained, very slippery and grass overgrowth - mixed with old fence and wire - currently with danger tape around it. Mayor and Deputy Mayor will look into this area, see what needs to be done and notify VBCA.
6. **Upcoming Bushwalk** - Graeme Pauley spoke regarding an upcoming bushwalk through part of the bush adjacent to Dolphin Place and Deep Creek being led by a local environmentalist and nature consultant on Saturday 18.07.26 - everyone welcome. Graeme also spoke about the land being zoned recreational land – diverse bushland – varied species of birdlife and other habitat – looking to the possibility of getting this land included in the VB Nature Reserve. General discussion followed in regard to recently preserved community land.

There being no further General Business, Chairperson Peter Sobey declared the Meeting **closed at 8.27pm** - thank you all for your attendance and input.

Peter spoke briefly about upcoming vacant positions and replacements at our November AGM; Sec Carole Andersen to be replaced by Tracey Suter; Hall Hire Vanessa Wells to be replaced by Honey Osborne; Anderson Park - Lori Warren has too many time constraints - perhaps approach residents from Max Graham Drive and nearby to form a sub-committee to speak on possible improvements.

Next Meeting will be our Annual General Meeting followed by a General Meeting **Monday 2nd November 2026** commencing at 7pm.