



BAWLEY POINT, KIOLOA AND TERMEIL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
General Meeting – 4pm Sunday 5th December 2021
Minutes

1. **Welcome** –Vice President Moira Heath opened the meeting at 4pm with Acknowledgement of Country and a welcome to all.
2. **Attendance:** 69 people attended. Attendance sheets held with our records
Apologies: Roger Lucas, Karin Lucas, Virginia Woodland, James Ackland, Janice Ackland, Nina Bass, Noel Barwick, Jenny Gage Traill, Michele Wearing Smith, Dieter Franke, Kay Franke
3. **Minutes last General Meeting:** 11th July 2021, tabled for acceptance
Moved: John Marlay
Seconded: Renee Skwarko
Carried: Unanimously
4. **Bawley Reserve Playground upgrade.** Moira outlined meetings with Council & the community & the agreement from Council on the need for an upgrade of the playground equipment. A brief has been prepared, a copy of which was on display at the meeting for examination & comment. The brief had also been sent to members of the Association & to the Council. A \$25000 grant has also been received to assist in the funding for the upgrade of the playground. Overall feedback was positive with some concerns about parking, which will be discussed with Council. Further updates & informal meetings will continue to be held with Council & the community on the playground upgrade including design options.
5. **Kioloa Playground and Amenities upgrade.** Moira outlined that meetings had been held with Council & the community about the need for a replacement of the playground. Council has agreed that the playground equipment is beyond it's cycle for replacement. The amenities also need upgrading. A brief has been prepared for Council re the playground & amenities upgrade. This also was on display for comment & feedback & has also been sent to members of the Association. Informal meetings will continue to be held with the community to discuss progress & gain ideas on design. A number of suggestions have already been made by the community, including the type of equipment, shade over the playground, a BBQ facility, etc. Discussions will also continue with Council.
6. **Governance, Administration and Management**
 - 6a) **Presidents Report** – not delivered
 - 6b) **Finance Report** – Lurlene Eve. A copy of the financial report covering the last 6 months was distributed to everyone. Lurlene explained that a grant of \$7000 was received from FRRR (Funding For Rural and Regional Renewal). This grant was made available to south coast communities to use for websites, accounting etc. The Community Connect account was moved to our management for more efficient accounting. A point of clarification was made that Sport & Rec had never had management of Community Connect accounts.
Motion: "To accept the report as presented"
Moved: Lurlene Eve

Seconded: Beverley Saunders

Carried: unanimously

6c) Public Officer. – Karin Lucas has taken on the role for the association. The Public Officer is the official holder of the membership list

6d) Constitution An Extraordinary Meeting had been held at 3.30pm prior to the General Meeting. It was agreed at that meeting that a sub committee be formed to examine the constitution & advise any changes.

Sub committee members:

Rob Jansma – association committee member

Tony Sattler – association committee member

John Meyer

Chris Ronalds

Peter Longstaff

Thanks to everyone for volunteering your time and expertise. Work on the review will commence shortly

6e) Secretary – the current secretary is away next year from 1 April 2022 for 7 months. We are looking for a volunteer to take up the position preferably commencing at the Exec Meeting on 5 January 2022 to allow time to receive assistance in the takeover process. Volunteers were called for.

7. Sub Committee Reports

7a) Community Connect – Owen McTavish was introduced as the new chair of this Project Sub Committee. The Sub Committee is being refreshed & volunteers were asked to register their interest at the meeting. Things are moving again on this project with Stage 2 design being finalised & a tender has been advertised by Council. Stage 2 is a more difficult design however if volunteers are needed to assist in this section of the path, the Sub Committee will advise the community. The Sub Committee will be working on what could be done after Stage 2 & will be seeking appropriate grant opportunities as well as advising the community when they will need support for preparations & pours. Barrie Ellis was acknowledged as being the main driving force for many years on Community Connect. His dedication has been invaluable & the project has benefitted from his guidance & hard work. Thank you Barrie. The following members of the Community have volunteered to join the sub committee

Owen McTavish – chair

Nina Bass

Claire Stephenson

Colin Bailie

Deb Potts

Gerard Sloane

Thanks to everyone for volunteering your time and expertise. Owen will make contact to arrange a meeting schedule

7b) Recreation Hub. Michael Skwarko as the chair of the sub committee, advised that we are still waiting for the results of the Council survey, which is expected to be released in early 2022. Council will inform the community when the results are known. Carly McTavish, secretary of the subcommittee, encouraged everyone to make contact with the subcommittee, if they had anything to discuss.

7c) Micro Grid in Roger Lucas's absence we were informed that the architecture for the infrastructure is ongoing. When Endeavour Energy have completed the engineering there will be community consultation.

8. Other Reports

8a) Kioloa Report – John Meyer provided a written report which he spoke to. The report is attached.

8b) Termeil Report - Michelle Wearing Smith was unable to make the meeting but has advised that she would keep us informed of issues in the Termeil village.

8c) Bawley Point Report – Moira Heath did not have a written report, but mentioned that we were hoping to get temporary flashing signs before you enter the 50 zone at Shearwater Crescent. Concerns were raised at the meeting about speed limits in general as well as more signage. The CA agreed to look at options & discuss with Council & Services NSW.

9. Current Projects

- 9a) **Fish Cleaning Facilities** - Adam Martin addressed the meeting stating that there are no facilities at Bawley Point & those at Kioloa needed upgrading. Adam advised that it is illegal to clean fish on the rocks adjacent to boat ramps. Adam advised that grants are available & the preferred option would be to get one grant for the two locations enabling a bigger budget & better scope for designs. Adam agreed to attend the next meeting of the CA to discuss a way forward including community consultation on design & location. The meeting accepted this direction.
- 9b) **Bus Stops and shelters** - Jamilla Wood advised that there had been concerns about safety, signage and drainage for some of the bus stops - Northwood & Glasford at Kioloa, Forster & Murramarang, Malibu & Murramarang as well as Thrush & Murramarang at Bawley Point. Council has been advised of the problems & we are still waiting for a response. Jamilla will continue to follow up with Council. Jamilla's document detailing bus stop information is attached.
- 9c) **Defibrillators.** Lurlene Eve advised that there are AEDs at both Bawley & Kioloa RFSs, which are accessible to the public. The CA is trying to install AEDs at Bawley shops outside the Pharmacy & at Merry Beach shops near the take away. We see this as an essential asset in our community. Lurlene is looking into appropriate AEDs & Luci Somers, on behalf of the CA, is looking at a GoFundMe page to raise money to fund these new AEDs & to assist with ongoing maintenance. It was noted that whilst this equipment is an incredible tool for emergency situations, the best way to deal with heart failure is by using CPR. An AED is only useful if the hear has a rhythm. It cannot "bring someone back to life". Russ Clifton is looking into an education package for interested community members to attend. Rob Jansma advised that there is an AED located at 45 Malibu Drive for use by everyone & there is also an App that you can download to see where the closest AEDs are. We will ensure that when any AEDs are installed they are put on the App.
- 9d) **Bawley Reserve BBQ Upgrade** – Kerry Callaghan advised that there is a delay in the installation of the new BBQ & table until February/March. The equipment is ready & the Council will be doing a letterbox drop in the area to advise of the new BBQ facilities. Kerry spoke about the history of the new facilities & the discussions that had occurred over the last 3 years at General & Executive Meetings. The overall feedback has been positive, however, there have been concerns about the number of projects earmarked for Bawley Reserve, such as the playground upgrade, the new BBQ facility & the Murramarang Coastal Walk. Some of the community were concerned about the impact on parking. Council will be advised of these parking concerns.

In regard to facilities, a point was made that if we don't provide facilities for people they will make their own. An example that occurs regularly is people camping illegally in carparks, building illegal fires & using the bush as a toilet. It was noted that it would be preferable to provide facilities so that people could camp legally, use designated BBQs & toilets. There needs to be consideration about where we put additional amenities but there is a definite need for them. A good master plan feeding into the Council's Strategic Plan was recommended.

- 9e) **Gannet Beach Viewing Platform** – Kerry Callaghan reports we are still waiting for funding for environmental studies.
- 9f) **Willinga Lake Water Quality** – Owen McTavish is looking into having the water in the lake tested more often particularly after heavy rain. At the moment it is tested twice a year. He has asked for signage to warn people to swim at their risk, or similar. Council will not allocate any further funds for this water testing. We asked about getting our own water testing kit and they are happy for us to do that but will not provide funds towards it. Approximate cost is \$5,000. Currently there is a group that do their own water testing at Lake Tabourie. They may allow us to use their equipment. They received a grant through WaterWatch to purchase their testing equipment. WaterWatch will provide information and assistance to help us if we can get this project going. We are looking for an interested member of the community to take this project over as Owen has taken on Community Connect and cannot give time to both projects.
- 9g) **Murramarang Coastal Walk** – Beverley Saunders showed an information flyer from Shoalhaven City Council about all of the walking trails they are working on called "New and Improved Walking Trails and Accessibility Upgrades" which falls under Council Sustainable Tourism Infrastructure Projects. There was

mention of the Murramarang Coastal Walk re directional signage and minor track works. This document was sent to all on our mailing recently.

- 9h) Community Asset Management** – Renee Skwarko advised that a general maintenance list was commenced a few months ago. This list, including photos, was sent to Council, who allocated a merit number & put each item on their maintenance list. No advice is given by Council when the work is completed, however, the merit number enables you to follow up the item with Council. The list had a variety of items on it, such as tree lopping, toilet roof cleaning, bush trimming, clearing of paths, etc. We are working on a system of how to get input from the community including the possibility of an online form. Most of the issues raised on the list have been attended too, which highlights that there is a need to advise Council what needs maintenance to ensure it gets done. Adam Martin advised that we should also ask federal & state members for funding opportunities that could be allocated Council for expenditure on our community.
- 9i) Bawley Point RFS** – Luci Somers highlighted a drive for non active members (Non fire fighting) who can support the brigade in other ways e.g. lawn mowing, shed cleaning, social media etc. When the fire fighters come in off the truck there is a lot to be done and they are often exhausted. Luci cites the brigades experience during the Currawan fires where members of the community came together to help and she feels that it would be a great way to support the local RFS. Many people have different skill sets and they may be looking for a way to get involved in the community. Luci handed out a brochure “Bawley Point RFS Non Member Drive” to interested people.
- 9j) Potholes** – Moira Heath. Moira explained that if you see potholes it is best to contact Council directly as the response is very quick. Either phone or email. A flyer was sent to everyone on our mailing list a few days ago advising contact details. Advice will also be in the next Messenger.
- 9k) Facebook – Owen McTavish.** We have a new FB page. A link on the old page takes you directly to the new page. There has been some confusion as the old page is not monitored anymore. There is advice at the top of the old page but can sometimes be overlooked. The old page required approval to be a member and then you could post which meant that the page had to be monitored every day. The new page does not require approval for membership. If you “like” the page you will receive all the updates.

10. Other Business

- 10a) Memorial Seat for Ray and Shirley McDonagh.** Beverley Saunders advised that Lindy Wilson is keen to have a seat erected with a memorial plaque dedicating it to her parents. Ray & Shirley both played an active role in the community and had abiding love of the area. They resided in Kioloa village. Ray was a past president of Sport & Rec. The seat has the approval of council. Lindy is prepared to pay for the seat which is normal procedure for this type of action. The community had no objection to the seat but could offer no ideas as to where the seat should be placed. It was recommended that we refer to a long time friend of Ray & Shirley for recommendation on placement. Once the seat is erected it becomes a Council asset and they will be responsible for the upkeep
- 10b) More policing over Christmas** – requesting more police patrols over the Christmas period.
- 10c) Gantry Historical Walk** – Allan Baptist has been the driving force behind this project. The council is keen and they are applying for grants for funding. Marg Hamon has been consulted as the local expert on our history and the walk will highlight some of the most interesting aspects which started with logging in the area. It is an active project, we are waiting for funding.
- 10d) Bushcare** – There is an active group in both Bawley and Kioloa who devote their time to trying to keep the bush as natural as possible. A reminder to people to be aware of how they dispose of garden clippings and pruning waste. A lot of our domestic garden waste is invasive and can easily take over the natural bush which we all enjoy. If there is anyone interested in volunteering please contact the association and we will pass on your details to the groups.
- 10e) Highway upgrade between Burrill and Batemans Bay** – Liza Butler advises that there is a meeting at the Dunn & Lewis Centre on Thursday 9 December 2021 at 7pm. There is a lot of focus on Burrill at the moment but we need to stay active and informed about the section passing Tabourie and Termeil.
- 10e) Claire Stephenson** – Claire spoke about her disappointment hearing about the division between Kioloa village Bawley Point village. Claire has been involved in the community association for many years. At the moment Claire is not a member of the association executive but she attends most meetings as she is keen to stay informed and help where she can. Claire believes that the only way to stay united is to be

involved. You need to put your name forward. Claire noted that this year was the first time she has seen more applicants to be a committee member than there were places. Turn up to the meetings, you are made welcome, and learn about what's happening in the community. Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at the hall at 6pm though that may change in the near future. You will be advised of the new timetable when it occurs.

11. Next General Meeting: 4.00pm Sunday 23 January 2022

Moirá thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting Closed at 6pm