



## **DSRA Annual General Meeting**

**January 25, 10am**

**Swansea Courthouse, Noyes St**

Meeting opened: 10.05

Apologies: Chris McEwen, Laurie King, Mark Pooley, Craig Selkirk, Kate Shield

Present: Steve Barrett, Gary Stoward, Liz Sealy, Leigh Sealy, Sallee Allford, Danny Allford, Neville Stewart, Danae Stewart, Donna Button, Karen Bracher (guest), Dianne Smith, Barry Smith, Yon Kikkert, Alan Swan, Kaye Swan, Neil Wiseman, Hilary Cooper, Dave Cooper, David Swifte, Michael Tyquin, Rob Curran, Kerry Mitchell, Robyn Moore (minutes)

1. Minutes of previous AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the previous annual general meeting (March 2019) are accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Neville Stewart

Seconded: Donna Button

Carried

2. Minutes of General Meetings since the last AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the March 2019 and November 2019 general meetings are accepted as true and accurate records.

Moved: Neville Stewart

Seconded: Leigh Sealy

Carried

3. Business arising (none)

### **Reports**

4. President's report (see attached)

Thanks to Mal Innes for his successful lobbying to get the Swan River Rd boat ramp and jetty upgrade organised.

Gary Stoward: Fire trailer should be available for all residents. Association received a grant of \$1000 for upgrade a few years ago.

Steve Barrett: Fire trailer could be used for planting efforts.

Danny Allford: Upkeep is essential. Neville & Danny replaced the fuel tank. Some one needs to do maintenance.

David Swifte: Swan River Rd needs upgrading. Very narrow – problematic esp with number of caravans using road.

Robyn Moore mentioned Geoff Jones' comments from the November general meeting: Geoff Jones spoke to Liberal MP John Tucker about Swan River Rd. He received a letter from Glamorgan Spring Bay Council saying that in 2021 there will be enough money to upgrade Swan River Rd.

5. Secretary's report (see attached)

6. Treasurer's report

Bank balance as at Jan 25 is \$4787.83. This includes \$574.03 of crowdfunding funds and \$3508.20 of Meredith River pedestrian/cycling bridge funds.

We had two successful grant applications for 2019:

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal \$9 900

Great Oyster Bay Community News \$250

Adding fundraising (crowdfunding \$6 965, Meredith River bridge fundraising \$3 796.4) brings total fundraising for the year to \$20911.40.

We've also been notified of another successful grant application of \$12 000 from the Communities Environment Program \$12 000. We expect to receive these funds any day.

#### Working group reports

7. Meredith River pedestrian/cycling bridge group

Yon Kikkert reported that the group is at the stage of developing a business plan to accompany a planning application. The focus of the business case is to demonstrate the long-term maintenance and depreciation costs as Council is concerned about taking on an asset with high yearly maintenance costs. The group is aiming for a design with low maintenance. As well as working on the business plan, we're laying the groundwork for the planning application for the bridge.

8. Bushfire prevention

Steve Barrett gave an update on the group's progress since this time last year when we were trying to get smaller grants to assist members to clear defensible spaces around their dwellings and access ways. We were unsuccessful with these grant applications but got a much larger grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal instead.

Approximately 50 properties were involved in the mulching effort, with 150 tonnes of green waste mulched. The mulch was given to fire-affected properties. Thanks to everyone who helped. Mick (from KAG enterprises) did a great job, working more than 8 hours per day.

Steve also contacted Council about getting good markers and signage on accesses to beach which could be important in emergencies especially for people who don't know the area well – a uniform system of poles may be helpful. Steve has spoken to Council several times about it but it'll need to go through PWS and have engineering certificates for the posts.

The *Living at Nine Mile Beach* booklet has been updated (electronic copy). Steve hopes it's being sent out to new property owners, particularly for those who rent out accommodation so that information can be passed onto guests. [Robyn: We're still waiting on Council signing off our updates.]

Fires have affected the area in last 12 months. The experience of the April one led us to try to bring the Dolphin Sands Emergency Management Plan to Council for immediate attention. Steve hopes our suggested improvements to the plan will be followed.

Gary Stoward noted that TFS did a fuel-reduction burn in July near the beginning of DS Rd.

Motion: That the information reports are accepted.

Moved: Danae Stewart

Seconded: Gary Stoward

Carried.

### **Election of committee members**

4 nominations received:

President: Dave Cooper

Vice-president: Neville Stewart

Secretary & Treasurer: Robyn Moore

Committee member: Donna Button

No more nominations from floor

Dave Cooper explained that at the DSRA's face-to-face meeting with Council, we noted the number of properties in DS and the amount of rates raised annually, suggesting that we weren't getting 'bang for our buck'. Council's response was that we benefit from lots of other services. Our aim was to bring the road spend etc forward, but it seems as if this strategy was unsuccessful at this point. It's disappointing that we're not getting any traction.

Danae Stewart stated that there were 380 block of land here who are all ratepayers. There are lots of visitors to the area, but they end up having to walk on the road because roadside verges aren't mowed until after Christmas. Danae would like the verges mowed twice a year.

Barry Smith said that mowing at Cambria Drive had been done twice since winter, but not DS Rd.

Alan Swan asked about the association's ongoing activities with regard to the Cambria proposal, eg is there a working group?

Robyn Moore stated that there's nothing on the table at the moment (eg planning or development applications) to respond to or work towards.

Dave Cooper explained the history of the association's approach to the Cambria proposal. Firstly, the community were asked if they wanted the association's response to be based on an electronic survey completed by members or prepared by a working group. The community voted for a survey and were then asked the topics/questions that the survey should cover. These questions were developed into an electronic survey. After the survey was complete, the results were presented to Council on behalf of the DSRA. Dave explained that DSRA doesn't have a particular position on the proposal but represents the community by collating and putting forward community sentiment. When things progress with the Cambria proposal, we'll come to the community for input again.

Meeting closed: 10.50