

Lake Glenmaggie Community Representative Group
Committee Meeting Agenda
7.30pm 20th February 2009
Coongulla Hall

1. Welcome, attendance & apologies (2 mins)
 - Welcome
 - Select minute-taker
 - Collect attendee names & details
 - Apologies

2. Confirmation of Agenda (2 mins)
 - Any late items
 - Confirm order of agenda
 - Confirm targeted finishing time of 9.30pm or extend by agreement

3. Minutes Of Last Meeting (10 mins)
 - Confirm minutes are correct
 - Review action items assigned in last meeting
 - Business arising: any significant updates not covered elsewhere?

4. 2009 Priorities (45 mins)
 - Review our priorities for this year
 - Assign portfolio responsibilities
 - *See attached item A*

5. Incorporation (15 mins)
 - *See attached item B*

6. LGCRG Reports (30 mins)
 - Any updates on priority issues: Sewerage, water quality, communications, recreational management, Emergency Planning Group, etc
 - Any other relevant issues for the community- eg. Lakeside, Youth Issues

7. WSC Business (Helen Montague) (10 mins)
 - *See attached item C*

8. Other Business (15 mins)
 - Lakeside News – target date for next edition
 - Lake access, toilets, rubbish, camping (*see attached item D*)
 - Display of Agenda and Meeting dates (*Andrew Corkell*)
 - Petition – progress so far (*Andrew Corkell*)
 - Boating (*Andrew Corkell*)
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9. Next Meeting (2 mins)
 - Set date, time, minute taker and location

Background Material

A 2009 Priorities: an initial list:

1. Participation: how to get greater participation so we can get things done?
2. Reaching the community: improving how we communicate more quickly and effectively with the community and gather feedback from them. How do we ensure that people's views are based on fact not rumour? NB we get 1-2 emails a week from the website asking about water levels and quality for impending visits by people. People are also starting to sue the website to raise issues.
3. Noticeboards: how do we get this project started and done?
4. Survey community: it's been 3 years since the last one so a fresh view of their needs and wants is probably warranted.
5. Boating use: I keep getting people saying we out to ban boats and, just as persistently, keep telling them "no, read the website". I expect a few people to attend this meeting on this issue and have asked them to define the agenda item.
6. Sewerage system: surprisingly, I haven't heard any reaction from people to the Lakeside News article, in particular, the expected \$12,000 cost per block.
7. Incorporation: see other agenda item.
8. Emergency plan: this might take on new urgency after Black Saturday but it might also need to wait and see what the Royal Commission recommends. Review comments people have on this plan.
9. Walking Track: needs work to define the task and gather community support.
10. Lake management plan: an outgrowth of the boat noise and caravan park issue.
11. What else should we be doing? See www.glenmaggie.vic.au for Community Plan issues.

B Incorporation

Issue: should we be an incorporated body?

Background: as an informal body without a constitution, we are not able to operate bank accounts or receive funds from grant bodies and others. To date, WSC has stepped in as the "auspicing body" for such applications and would control and manage any funds. The committee feels that we should incorporate so as to control any funds available and apply them as we see fit.

Incorporation is handled under Consumer Affairs Victoria (www.consumer.vic.gov.au) and they have a full set of useful information [here](#). They also have a set of [model rules](#) that would be suitable and the administration does not appear onerous.

Current Thinking:

- WSC has said it will pay incorporation costs (under \$150)
- How do we determine who is eligible to be a member (since the rules talk a lot about rights of members)? This question did vex us a bit when the group commenced but we side-stepped it by saying 'anyone interested could attend'. Clearly, ratepayers would be the primary type of member, given our purpose. We need to decide whether we make a geographic limit to this. In other words, do we care if WSC ratepayers from (say) Yarram) can join and get a vote or not? Then we need to consider bodies like SRW, DSE, WGCMA, GW, etc who have an interest in the lake. Non-ratepayer visitors may also need a mechanism to participate on certain issues.

Recommended Action: open discussion on pros and cons for incorporation ahead of a decision downstream on whether to incorporate or not.

C WSC

- Seaspray holiday bus service was successful, Heyfield route well supported.

- SP Ausnet Community Development Fund – \$15,000 across Wellington Shire, applications due by 27th Feb. 2009 – tabled. FRRR Grant scheme currently open, closes 30th March, up to \$5000 for not for profit organisations.
- “Financial Literacy for Not-for-Profit Organisations Workshop” – Thursday 23rd April 10-3pm at WSC – First twelve acceptances will get free entrance, otherwise \$40 per head. Catering provided.
- Information session on ‘Working with Children” to be held at WSC on 25th March, two sessions – Further information later
- Ten CRG’s across the Shire have now presented their Community Plans to Council, the latest being Boisdale & District, Tinamba and McLoughlin’s Beach. Available on Shire’s website, follow prompts to community groups.
- The Tinamba Community Emergency Plan was also presented to the community, CFA & SES at the same time. Copy tabled.
- Recommended funding for Coongulla Hall Outside Shelter under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program through the Federal Gov’t. Yet to be confirmed.
- Removal of fourteen public payphones across Wellington Shire, letter tabled, encouraging CRG’s to support neighbouring communities.

D Lake access, toilets, rubbish, camping

From: David Stephenson [<mailto:nenya@westnet.com.au>]
 Sent: Thursday, 5 February 2009 12:09
 To: Leon Bannister
 Cc: Noreen Holmes; Jean Westaway; Rod Randall
 Subject: Public Picnic Area on Lake

Hi Leon,

I have an issue for you to raise at the consultative group. It came out of a conversation that I had with a person who has been holidaying here in Glenmaggie each year since 1965.

There are few places around the lake where people can enjoy the water/fish. The caravan park (I am told) discourages day trippers from accessing the water through their park. There is Sandy Point of course but I'm not sure how good it is for fishing around there.

Where a lot of people end up is - as you know - either in front of my property or at the end of the point; where there are no facilities. This trend has been compounded with the closing off of the boat club area to the general public. Tourists tend to be drawn to the area near the bridge which is understandable given the picturesque nature of the site and the usefulness of the bridge structure for attracting fish.

The few areas left to the general public are being overused and strewn with rubbish. There is no bin at the location in front of my property and there used to be one. Some people assume that they can leave rubbish - even as much as a half a garbage bag - neatly tucked under a tree and someone will clean up after them; others just drop it anywhere. There is an unsanitary issue also as often people fish on the banks of the lake all day, some even camp overnight although this is clearly signposted as prohibited. This means that faecal matter is often sitting on top of the ground.

A toilet block is desperately needed and a picnic area should be set up somewhere near the bridge. I suggest the grassy roped off area in front of the hall - however I guess this is out of the question due to boat club ownership? In the Hall grounds?

We are having a hall meeting soon I think, so I'll bring this up there too but could you see what the consultative group has to say?

Thanks,
 Merryn