

Minutes of meeting of the Lake Glenmaggie Community Representative Group held Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May commencing at 7.30pm at the Glenmaggie Mechanics Institute.

1. Housekeeping

- a) Roles: chairman Darren Randle, minute-taker John Gwyther.
- b) Attendees: the following names were recorded on the attendance sheets: Leon & Elaine Bannister, Lynne Boskma, Linda & Danny Clark, Pam Coffee, Glen Coles, Andrew & Shelley Corkell, Glen Eddington, Kate Erickson, John Gwyther, Brian & Sue Hirst, Daniel Hogbin, Wayne Kenish, Daryll and Fiona Knight, Willie Koehler, M & D Kool, Gail & Peter Lopez, Tom McCrohan, Helen Montague, Paula & Robert Moss, Ian Penberthy, Darren Randle, Di & David Roberston, Chris & Birgit Sarsfield, Lorraine Shears, John & Barb Spinner, Barry Steffen, David & Merryn Stevenson, David Sullivan, Becky Sullivan, Kathleen Teychenne, Raymond & Sandra Thorp.
- c) Welcome: Merryn Stevenson, President of the Glenmaggie Mechanics Institute welcomed all to the meeting.
- d) Apologies: Carol King, Cr Malcolm Hole, Susie Vanderplight, Heather Kelly.
- e) Minutes of last meeting: not discussed.

2. Role of a CRG

- a) Darren Randle outlined the history of the CRG program in WSC. Key points:
  - WSC's program and the incorporation of CRG community plan priorities into Council planning processes have won Federal Government recognition. Last year, 131 of some 380 Community Plan initiatives were included in the Council's plans.
  - The current program is being wound back and so, from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009, groups will be more autonomous and there will only be one liaison officer for the whole program. Council will still support CRGs with incorporation costs, public liability insurance costs and hall hire costs.
  - The recent issues the group has been having were not unique and can be worked through and resolved.
- b) Darren Randle further addressed the role of a CRG. Key points:
  - However a CRG is constituted, for it to be recognized as such by WSC, the group must be able to represent the views of the community, not just its members. Conducting a regular survey of all residents and ratepayers would satisfy that requirement.
  - He flagged that the Council did walk away from two CRGs which were unwilling or unable to provide a process for surveying the priorities of the broader community.

3. Community Survey Results

- a) Helen Montague outlined the process the Council followed for the survey. Results were collated and coded by the Council and respondent details removed before the results were passed to the CRG.
- b) She presented some initial analysis of the results. However, a coding error has come to light which will need repairing before more detailed results can be analyzed and presented.

- c) After discussion about some who felt they had not had enough time, the deadline for the survey was extended to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
- d) A more detailed analysis will be prepared for distribution after that date.
- e) Glen Coles requested that future surveys be sent out around 30<sup>th</sup> June as that is when he invoices his 200 caravan park tenants and it would make it easier to reach them so that their views are included.

#### 4. Incorporation

- a) Darren Randle outlined the Council's view on CRGs being incorporated. Key points:
  - It sees the Incorporated Associations model as well-proven and well supported by the Act.
  - It will encourage CRGs to be incorporated as it limits the liability of the members to the funds owned and allows CRGs to apply for and manage grants in their own right.
- b) A discussion ensued about incorporation issues, the key points being:
  - Fees: some felt that the costs should be borne fully by the Council and that residents should not have to pay. Darren Randle pointed out Consumer Affairs does require Incorporated Associations to charge an annual fee to ensure they can pay for the statutory obligations imposed by the Act (eg audit fees, Government charge, etc). There is no obligation to have a Joining Fee.
  - Transparency: An issue was raised about how to guarantee transparency and proper process. John Gwyther pointed out that the Model Rules are well-proven and provide the means for aggrieved members to call Special General meetings to raise concerns and to call in a mediator in the event of an unresolved dispute. Members also get to vote officers in or out each year.
  - Ensuring equality of representation: The issue of whether we need to guarantee equal numbers from Glenmaggie and Coongulla was discussed but not resolved.
- c) An extended discussion followed on whether the community should have a joint CRG or separate ones for Coongulla and Glenmaggie. In the end, a request from the floor for a show of hands had near unanimous support for a joint group.
- d) A suggestion from the floor was to aim for a more friendly time than 7.30pm on a Friday, such as a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.
- e) The meeting agreed that the way forward was to:
  - Meet again at 2pm on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> in Coongulla (during school holidays).
  - Vote on a resolution that the Constitution (already supplied with the 22/5 agenda) be adopted as one suitable for a Lake Glenmaggie CRG.
  - If that resolution was passed, appoint a Public Officer who has a temporary and statutory obligation to oversee the elections and establishment of the incorporated association.
  - If that resolution was lost, then presumably either community could attempt to establish their own CRG in whatever form.

5. Leon Bannister

- a) Leon asked for leave to read a statement which he then read out. In it, he said he would not seek to be part of a future CRG but not because he doesn't believe in the model and the need for it. He had served three years and that was enough. He did point out that the community needs to pay attention to how it works together if it is to be effective. The Chairman thanked him for his contribution.

6. Youth Survey

- a) A prize draw was held from Glenmaggie Youth Survey respondents' survey forms. Prize winners were Jessica Phillips & Laura Johnson who will be notified of their prize.

7. Next Meeting

- a) 2pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at the Coongulla Hall.
- b) The meeting closed at approximately 9.45 pm

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