



**Lake Glenmaggie Community Representative  
Group Inc.**

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**Meeting Date:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Time:** 1.00 pm

**Place:** Coongulla Hall

**Attendees:** Shelley Corkell, Kelly Savage, Kate Erickson, Carol King, Glen Eddington, Mal Foot, Leon Bannister, Christian Barrett, Marissa Barrett, Wendy Blanch, Lynne Boskma, Neil Boskma, Andrew Corkell, Katrina Cuskelly, Vicki Fenton, Kylie Fraser, Laine Harvey, Brian Hirst, Daniel Hogbin, Becky Hogbin-Sullivan, Glenn Johnstone, Ryan Johnstone, Martin Kool, Geoff Lynch, Roger Malouf, Tom McCrohan, Ben McCrohan, Adrian Noonan, Sue Noonan, Lynne Patten-Malouf, Mark Potter, Di Robertson, Bill Savage, Barry Steffen, David Sullivan, Vickie Sullivan, Susie Vanderplight, Mick Vanderplight, David Villiers, Glynis Villiers, Ted Turnbull.

**President:** Shelley Corkell

**1. Welcome:**

Shelley Corkell welcomed everyone to the 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting of the newly elected Lake Glenmaggie CRG and introduced Geoff Lynch and Mark Potter from the CFA, and Colin McQuillan from SRW. Jane Oakley was unable to attend, her apologies will be read later in the meeting.

The new committee was introduced and a short address followed thanking the community for its patience while we 'found our feet'. Since the AGM there have been 2 committee meetings, which have been necessary for developing our roles and making contact with various stakeholders. We have been working on various projects that were commenced earlier in the year and are near completion, e.g. the Notice boards and petition items.

**2. Apologies:** Jenny McLaughlin, John Gwyther, Margaret Gwyther, Carmel Longshaw, Ian Penberthy, Kath Teychenne, Daniel Clark, Amy Clark, Wendy Ryan, Peter Ryan and Jane Oakley

**3. Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting:**

David Sullivan objected asking what minutes of what meeting we were confirming. Shelley Corkell replied that it was in fact the minutes of the previous committee meeting that all the members were sent. The minutes were accepted as follows;

**Moved:** Suzie Vanderplight

**Seconded:** Andrew Corkell

#### **4. Business arising from previous meeting:**

- **Community Boards – update**

Carol King has been working solidly to complete the information for the boards, i.e. maps, things to do, events and photos which will be placed on the rear of the boards, the fronts, which will be locked, are to be used for notice of meetings, and upcoming activities. Advertising by businesses may attract a small administration fee.

- **Post Office Boxes**

Australia Post is proposing to cease mail delivery and supply community locked mail boxes. Notices have been sent to residents for consideration. Community input is required. The LGCRG was asked to present the idea to the residents. At this stage Glenmaggie is not affected as the mail contract is not due for renewal for approx 3 years, whereas Coongulla is in July 2010. A survey has been suggested and Australia Post will be contacted regarding this.

- **Community Representation**

The committee decided that we required more input from the broader community and are seeking representation and have contacted Glenmaggie Hall President and Heyfield CRG President and Glenmaggie CFA. Representation will also be sought from Sandy Point and local traders.

- **Tennis Court quotes**

Line marking has been completed. Two quotes have been obtained and forwarded to Tim Rowe of Wellington Shire Council for approval. David Sullivan queried why the LGCRG was involved. David Sullivan requested further clarification. Shelley Corkell replied that it can be further discussed in general business if he wishes.

- **SRW – swimming zone, signs, water quality**

Colin McQuillan from Southern Rural Water addressed the meeting – a copy of his talk is attached to the minutes.

- **Survey results – clarification of boating/fishing improvements**

The survey results were compiled by Helen Montague the CRG facilitator at Wellington Shire. The survey was sent out early in 2009 and the results that LGCRG were given to work with is a result of that survey. David Sullivan objected to the way the survey results were constructed. The LGCRG wanted clarification on what the community meant by 'boating/fishing improvements'. Shelley Corkell highlighted that the newly elected LGCRG are seeking community input regarding boating and fishing improvements around the lake and would like the communities to

contact us with any ideas they have. One suggestion is to clear the boat ramps of excessive sand.

- **Kids Logo Competition**

A competition is proposed for kids to design a logo to be used in conjunction with the CRG logo on letterhead and notices. There will be various age groups and prizes for the winner. The CRG will source donations for the prizes, and the competition winner will be announced on the Australia Day weekend.

Moved: Tom McCrohan  
Seconded Neil Boskma

- **Rubbish Bins around Lake**

The bins around the lake are not emptied on a regular basis during busy periods. SRW confirmed that they do not own the bins. Shelley Corkell will follow up with Wellington Shire.

- **Lakeside boards re: rubbish**, health and safety communciation

This was covered in the talk from Colin McQuillan

## **5. Treasurer's Report – Carol King**

- Wellington Shire has reimbursed Incorporation set up costs = \$56.80
- Wellington Shire has paid Annual Operating Fees = \$100.00

### **Cost of Mail outs**

\$1.20 minimum per mail out to individual members.

(55c stamp, 5c envelope, Ink paper and printing - 20c per sheet x Minimum 3 sheets = 60c)

40 members = \$48 per Issue of LGCRG minutes.

***Recommendation to members is to supply email address to keep this cost to a minimum.***

## **6. Secretary's Report – Kate Erickson**

### **Incoming Mail**

1. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 09 received two membership forms and payment from Geoff & Terri Page
2. 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 09 received letter from David Sullivan –  
Subject: Request Membership List – Incorporations Act 1981, Schedule 4, Regulation 18, Model Rules, Item 5 Register of Members.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> request for Member register as what was supplied was not in supplied in the required format.
3. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 09 received letter from David Sullivan –  
Subject: Request Special General Meeting – Rule Number 10 Model Rules  
Mr Sullivan has requested this meeting in order to discuss changes to the LGCRG Constitution in “an open and transparent manner”

### **Outgoing Mail**

1. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 09 reply to David Sullivan re Request for Membership Register  
Reply stated that as soon as confirmation of members’ rights was established the member register would be available for inspection.

As a result of the correspondence report several members from the floor objected to David Sullivan’s request for the members register, a heated exchange ensued. This subject was then put into General Business for further discussion.

**Due to the mood of the meeting after the above two reports were tabled, neither the Treasurer’s or Secretary’s reports were moved or seconded.**

### **7. Telstra Country Wide representative – discussing mobile communications.**

Jane Oakley sent her apologies for the meeting, with this message:

“The plans Telstra have to move forward with the Mobile Tower have been put on hold. An objection is currently going through mediation, which has delayed the roll out of the tower. Telstra is looking forward to a positive outcome from VCAT, and when this occurs will be happy to come and talk to the community about timelines and what it will look like.

The state government has appointed Telstra to provide emergency messaging system in the high fire risk areas.”

### **8. Colin McQuillan (SRW) general update on the lake.**

This was covered previously as Colin had another engagement to attend.

### **9. General Business**

- **Basketball Ring**  
The basketball ring is to be supplied by WSC and will be installed before Christmas.
- **CFA – Geoff Lynch and Mark Potter**  
Fire restrictions come into force on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009.  
There will be a group exercise in the area next weekend.

The Coongulla missed out on the tanker, but will apply again in 2010.

There will be autumn burns in the area in 2010.

Everyone should have their survival plan in place.

There is no designated "Safe Place" in Coongulla.

Warnings on Mobile Phones may not be received unless your billing address is Coongulla. Ensure that your phone has the latest sim card to ensure you receive the warnings.

Suggest a Community Fire Guard Group be formed to ensure that everyone knows about fire warnings.

CFA website has information regarding the fire season and what to do.

Coongulla was on the at risk list along with 169 others, however the list was to only include 52 at risk towns.

Meeting thanked Geoff Lynch for his ongoing support as Fire Captain of Coongulla, and also thanked Mark Potter for his input to the meeting.

- **Tennis Courts – continue discussion at David Sullivan's request**

David Sullivan wanted clarification on why Shelley was involved.

Shelley Corkell explained that she took it upon herself December 2008 to organize the petition by gathering signatures over a 4 month period regarding improvements and maintenance to the Coongulla Park and boat ramp areas. The petition was then sent to Darren McCubbin, Mayor of Wellington Shire, who presented it before council and was then approved. Darren Randle contacted the LGCRG and the Coongulla Hall Committee requesting a meeting with both parties, the petition organizer (Shelley Corkell) and council representatives to discuss the petition which happened late October 2009. Shelley Corkell stated that because this petition was organized way before the AGM in September she is in fact wearing two hats at this point in time.

- **Correspondence – continued from Secretary's report**

Katrina Cuskelly, Tom McCrohan, Neil Boskma, Lynne Boskma and others from the floor strongly objected to David Sullivan being able to access their details from the Member Register, and stated they did not give permission for him to have their details. Kate Erickson explained that under the current constitution he was able to request this information. David Sullivan was then asked why he wanted the Member Register, he gave no reply. David Sullivan went on to say that there may have been discrepancies in the proxy votes for the election of a new committee. Approximately 40 or so people who are now members of the LGCRG had not attended meetings prior to the AGM. The President asked how he knows this. No reply from David Sullivan.

Members from the floor then asked David why he wanted to call a Special General Meeting at this time to change the constitution. He stated that he was opening the way for changes to be made and they should be made sooner rather than later. He also stated that this was a requirement of the new committee and was discussed at the AGM. The President confirmed that this was not so and is not documented in the minutes of the AGM.

The discussion became very heated, and some attendee's walked out of the meeting.

#### **10. Close Meeting**

The meeting was closed by the President at 3.15pm

## LAKE GLENMAGGIE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING

Coongulla Hall 1 pm on Sunday 15 November 2009 –

### NOTES

- ✚ Introduction
  
- ✚ Brief background information into SRW responsibilities across the State
  
- ✚ Water level - Glenmaggie Dam – 92.75% - Capacity of 777,640 megalitres
  
- ✚ SRW now has a website and information can be easily obtained in a “user friendly” environment
  
- ✚ Other key players involved in the management of the dam includes Gippsland Water, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and Vic Police
  
- ✚ Our role is to work with Gippsland Water and West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority in an effort to protect and enhance “catchment to tap” water quality in the dam
  
- ✚ SRW employs 170 staff and operates across the bottom section of Victoria from the NSW boarder to the SA boarder and responsible for 11 dams and the licensing of ground and surface water
  
- ✚ SRW manages 7 major dams, namely Glenmaggie, Blue Rock, Cowwarr in the east and Melton, Pyke’s Creek, Rosslynne and Merrimu in the west of the State
  
- ✚ Answered the queries via email from Shelley namely - who owns the bins around the lake?  
[Answer](#) – SRW has no bins around the dam. About 3 years ago we changed our approach as it was costing a fortune and a small portion of the community was abusing the disposal of rubbish, including dumping their own personal rubbish in bins around the dam.  
We trialled the “carry in carry out” approach in the West in line with DSE and Parks Victoria. It worked over in the West so we implemented the strategy in the east and it seems to be working ok.

**Question from the floor** - Could we provide more signage around the dam about the rubbish –

**Response** – Agree that there is insufficient signs and we will arrange more signs to be installed.

It would be highly unlikely that SRW would change our strategy on rubbish around the dam

✚ Water quality in the lake – answered above

✚ Safe swimming area designated in the cove at Coongulla – SRW is prepared to consider each application and go through a process which would involve the community and Marine Safety Victoria understanding that we don't want a heap of safe swimming areas as they take some management as the dam subsides. If areas approved they would be gazetted in the normal manner. Usually Marine Safety rely on reports from SRW – **Concern from the floor** that if a safe swimming areas was located in the Cove that it would interfere with boat mooring facilities – **Response** - These are the matters that we would be looking into to find the best fix for all concerned

✚ Signage has already been covered

✚ SRW has implemented in the past 3 years a Surrounds Management Strategy and Plan for all our major reservoirs across the State. Glenmaggie's plan and strategy is still in draft format however I am happy to share some of the key issues to be addressed -

- Glenmaggie CRG is included in a list of stakeholders
- Issues to be addressed include, but not limited to – Siltation, Erosion, Land Ownership, Safe Drinking Water Legislation, Public Access to the Reservoir, boating, fisheries, social implications, fire preparedness, nutrient inflows, re-vegetation and harvestable timber, carbon sequestration, thermal impact – down stream releases, security at our reservoirs, safety to staff and the public, Community engagement, grants, water quality, flora and fauna, compliance with By-Laws and the sewage ponds near park 1 at the Caravan Park

✚ These actions could take up to ten years to complete, however there will be a focus on working through the issues with an emphasis on priorities for the dam and its surrounds

✚ Information from the Water Quality Monitoring Report September 2009 was provided to the meeting which touched on Blue Green Algae, turbidity, phosphorus etc - These reports are available to the public on our website [www.srw.com.au](http://www.srw.com.au)

✚ **Question from the floor** as to our preference for future attendance at meetings. – **Response** – I cannot guarantee that I will be attending however the group should contact Wayne Fleming our Supervisor for the area and decide on a way forward as to future representation by SRW. My preference is for a weekday.