

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUFFOLK PARK PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

October 22nd, 2024, 4pm

Attendees: Donald Maughan, Christine Guinand, Margaret Wiles, Patsy Brosnan, James Norton, Helena Maughan, Tony Christy, Lynne Richardson, Geoff Meers, Steve Greenhalgh, Peter Wegner, Noelene Plummer, Helen Revis, Alison and Chris Miller, Simon Millichamp, Michelle Wallace, Anthony D'Orsogna, Hamish Kennedy, Jane Moyle Luz Landers, Margaret van Kleef, Nick Walker, Ryan O'Hehir, Eva Holmquist, Lorraine Cannell, Anna Middleton, Richard Mordaunt

Apologies: Annabelle Sinclair, Rebekah O'Flaherty, Peter Brosnan

Welcome to country

Minutes of the 2023 AGM - approved

Treasurer's report presented by Christine Guinand - approved

Opening balance 1/10/2023	\$2,618.29
Income from memberships	\$ 175.00
Expenses	\$ 314.64
Closing balance 30/9/2024	\$2,477.65

President's report presented by Donald Maughan

Welcome to the 65th annual general meeting of the Suffolk Park Progress Association.

This past year has been a somewhat quiet one for the SPPA regarding our community engagement and interaction.

Our small committee have had bouts of ill health issues, absences due to travel and I suppose lack of energy due to the fact that we are all getting older. That's not meant as an excuse, just stating the facts.

However, we have had ongoing engagement with the Council and their staff relating to the following issues :

- The ongoing development of Linda Vidler Park
- We have been continuing with ongoing attempts to reinvigorate and clean up the Baywood Chase lake
- We have presented submissions relating to protection of vegetation and access in the Suffolk village laneways
- We have written to Council expressing our concerns relating to electric bike operation and their danger to pedestrians
- We are still pushing for a marked safe pedestrian crossing on the Broken Head Rd
- And we've had meetings with the Red Cross Community Resilience Teams who are attempting to develop residential groups to act in case of emergencies

While the SPPA continue to raise these issues with the relevant authorities, I point out that without more community support and involvement, it's very much like one-hand clapping. No one can hear us. We need more actual community engagement and support to build more pressure if we are to have positive outcomes ,

Putting these frustrations aside and on a positive note:

How many of you have been down to the park near Baz'n Shaz? The pump track, the tennis courts, the community garden, the sports field and new change rooms with their canteen facilities, the skatepark and playground and around to the lake area. It's all looking amazingly good, and we are seeing a great deal of family and community activity, particularly in the afternoons. These facilities and their ongoing development is something that our community can be very proud of.

In the coming year I hope that the SPPA can have another serious crack at the following issues :

- A safe pedestrian crossing on Broken Head Rd that links both sides of our village, and for some form of resolution relating to the Clifford St / Broken Head Rd intersection

- I also am keen to support some community action relating to improving the water quality of the Baywood Chase lake
- I would like to suggest the creation of two sub committees to address and act on these projects. For these sub committees to be effective we will need greater community involvement, not just the same 3 or 4 committee members.

It has been a long, challenging and at times frustrating year, and I must acknowledge and thank our committee, namely Christine Guinand, Margaret Wiles, Philippe Soria, Matt Cotter, James Norton and Karin Kolbe.

Matt Cotter will not be available to stand on the committee again this coming year; thank you Matt for your support and advice over the past few years.

Finally, it has been a great privilege to be president of our SPPA team for the past years.

New committee nominations

Donald Maughan	president
Christine Guinand	secretary and treasurer
Margaret Wiles	member
Philippe Soria	member
Lynne Richardson	member
Tony Christy	member
Ryan O'Hehir	member

Other business

- Patsy Brosnan put forward a Notice of Motion regarding \$50,000 which are earmarked for a SPPA project, which were obtained from Telstra paying back rental on their antenna in 2013. These funds should go towards construction of a shelter/shade pavilion in Linda Vidler park. The motion was carried. SPPA will write to Council.
- Linda Vidler park - a concrete pathway linking Pepperbush to the laneway between the carpark and the tennis courts, skatepark and playground is

much needed

- A new pedestrian crossing on Clifford St near the daycare was suggested
- It was suggested that someone join the Council advisory committee on ICOLLs, and specifically relating to Tallow Creek
- What can we as citizens do about people who light fires on the beach and around the Tea Tree lake? Report it to NPWS
- Concern was raised regarding the Clifford St shops and potential redevelopment
- Safety issues were raised regarding the lack of footpaths mainly in Beachside. The speed limit is currently 50. We should group together with other associations in the Shire to lobby or petition for safer streets and lower speed limits in residential areas.
Also regarding safety, the walking path around the Baywood Chase lake is not very safe for elderly citizens, there are many trip hazards, and it should be improved for all abilities access.
- The Dunecare group meets on the 4th Sunday of each month at 8am in the caravan park. All are welcome to participate

If you are interested in joining any of the subcommittees, please manifest your interest to sppa.secretary@gmail.com or call Donald Maughan on 0417406978