

**BAWLEY POINT/KIOLOA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL GENERAL & GENERAL MEETING

Kioloa Community Hall, 20 August 2012, 7.30pm

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mariah Beckett	President
Roger Lucas	Vice President
Nina Rogan	Secretary
Claire Stephenson	Treasurer
Cettina Borg-Musin	Committee Member
Graham Lester	Committee Member
Sharon Adlam	Committee Member

PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mariah Beckett, Nina Rogan, Claire Stephenson, Cettina Borg- Musin, Graham Lester, Sharon Adlam.

APOLOGIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Roger Lucas.

APOLOGIES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Councillor Amanda Findlay, Jocelyn Sussman, Helen Nelson, Don Davidson, Bill Powell, Pip James, Barbara Oom.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Opened at 7.46pm

1. Mariah opened the meeting and gave the Presidents Report. See Attachment 1

Motion: that the Presidents Report be accepted

Proposed: Sybille Davidson Seconded: Claire Stephenson

Carried.

2. Minutes from Annual General Meeting of 15 August 2011. See Attachment 2

Motion: That the minutes be accepted

Proposed: Mariah Beckett Seconded: Cettina Borg-Musin

Carried.

3. Treasurers Report. See Attachment 3

Motion: That the Treasurers' report be accepted

Proposed: Sharon Adlam Seconded: Renee Anderson

4. Association Name Change

Sharon Adlam discussed the idea that the name "Progress Association" be changed to "Community Association". This will be discussed and voted on at the next general meeting and an email will be

sent to the membership regarding the proposed name change. Chris Reynolds offered to look at the Constitution and help with rewriting / updating it if necessary.

Motion: That we agree in principle to change the association name from Bawley Point & Kioloa Progress Association to Bawley Point & Kioloa Community Association.

Proposed: Ewen Sussman

Seconded: Carrie Smith

Carried

5. Nomination of Committee 2012/13

The President declared all Committee positions vacant.

A scrutineer was not required as no voting was necessary to elect the new Committee.

(a) Written Nominations

The Chairperson advised that written nominations received were:

- Nominee: Mariah Beckett for the position of President
Proposed: Sharon Adlam Seconded: Graham Lester
- Nominee: Sharon Adlam for the position of Vice President
Proposed: Mariah Beckett Seconded: Cettina Borg-Musin
- Nominee: Renee Anderson for the position of Secretary
Proposed: Mariah Beckett Seconded: Sharon Adlam
- Nominee: Claire Stephenson for the position of Treasurer
Proposed: Mariah Beckett Seconded: Cettina Borg-Musin
- Nominee: Cettina Borg-Musin for the position of Committee Member
Proposed: Graham Lester Seconded: Mariah Beckett
- Nominee: Graham Lester for the position of Committee Member
Proposed: Cettina Borg-Musin Seconded: Sharon Adlam
- Nominee: Roger Lucas for the position of Committee Member
Proposed: Mariah Beckett Seconded: Sharon Adlam
- Nominee: Rob Jansma for the position of Committee Member
Proposed: Claire Stephenson Seconded: Carrie Smith
- Nominee: John Nelson for the position of Committee Member
Proposed: Sharon Adlam Seconded: Claire Stephenson

As no further written nominations were received, these people were declared duly elected.

6. CLOSE of Annual General Meeting and OPEN of General Meeting

7. Col Mason – President of the Bawley Point Kioloa Men’s Shed

Col thanked the PA for kicking the idea off and raising interest via the newsletter. The idea was raised by Gary McConnell and Peter White at a PA meeting a year ago. A couple of very successful meetings

and enjoyable visits to other established Men's Sheds in the region have taken place. The Men's Shed is an avenue for men to get together to talk to each other, learn new skills and participate if they choose. The group is insured, incorporated and has become a member of the Australian Men's Shed Organisation. The next step is to have land allocated for a shed to be erected.

8. Community Noticeboard

The back of the bus stop on Forster Drive is being looked at as a possible location for a community noticeboard. Sharon is in the process of writing to Council to request approval in principal. Col Mason and Leon Bower from the Men's Shed suggested that the Men's Shed could be bought on board to build the noticeboard. Sections to be included on this board would be: a community noticeboard, community group & organisation directory, white/blackboard and a locality map.

9. Venue For Future Meetings

Cettina Borg-Musin suggested that due to the overwhelming number of Bawley residents attending meetings that future meetings could be held at the Bawley Point Fire Shed. It was also commented on that there has been problems with key availability for the Kioloa Community Centre and that the PA has had to wait on a number of occasions for prior hall users to vacate before having access thus delaying the start of the General Meeting. Cecila states that she thought that we should continue to use the KCC and ask for a better arrangement with the keys. The committee will debate this issue and come back to the membership with a decision at the next General Meeting.

10. Community Directory

A Community Directory is being developed as part of the new and updated website. The aim is to update the website weekly with items from the paper, local events, groups etc. Also featured will be a business and services directory. The listings in the Business Directory will be free to PA Members. The PA Committee is also keen to help local businesses to learn how to use social media to promote their business and will assist people to build a website. There will be a Tapas and Technology Evening at the Bawley Beach Café on 10/9/12 – people need to RSVP. The session is free and Tapas will be on sale at the Café. Tara Beckett also offered to speak to the members, particularly parents and grandparents, about Cyber safety at a future date to be arranged by the committee.

11. Gail Wild

Local Greens candidate standing in the Shoalhaven City Council elections addressed the meeting.

12. Alan Baptist

Local Independent candidate standing with Team Gash in the Shoalhaven City Council elections addressed the meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm

**Bawley Point/Kioloa Progress Association Inc.
Annual General Meeting 20 August 2012
President's Report**

Welcome. First I would like to extend my thanks to those people on and off the committee who gave of themselves to help with making our community and local environment a better place.

The Progress Association acts as a conduit, it facilitates action. It is not overtly political. I know I am doing my job when people with differing opinions on an issue are able to talk to the PA about it in an open way.

Men's Shed

At the closing minutes of the AGM last year Peter White and Gary McConnell muttered something along the lines that it would be nice if we had a Men's Shed in the area. Having successfully facilitated the start-up of the now very successful Murramarang Community Garden we thought we might give this idea an airing. Graham Lester put his hand up to see what he could do. The rest is history. We now have the Murramarang Men's Shed . This is Community in action.

Footpath

John Ross and his band of Merry Men, have managed to start the Kioloa section of the Shared Pathway. This was a big undertaking, considering every time Gary Wallington was about to prepare the ground it poured with rain. Councils are now recognising the importance of these footpaths to community and are making their continued funding a priority. We are not the only community to be doing the build ourselves. By doing it this way we are able to get more path and have a much greater input into where they go than if council bowled in and dumped a small amount of concrete in the wrong place.

Technology

PA members have been talking with council about the need for better communications networks into the area. With the roll out of the NBN, 4G and other technologies coming available it is increasingly difficult for anyone to come up with a perfect solution. You will notice that there is now considerably better mobile coverage. Talks are continuing about improving this still further without the need for a tower on the foreshore or one that may emit radiation and cause cancer worries to those within close proximity. We remain optimistic that by this time next year there will be yet more improvements.

In the meantime, we have been focussing on using the technology we do have. Smartphones, laptops, ADSL. We have become teenagers again. Using WiFi and the coverage we have we have been introducing people to such things as personal websites, viber (free mobile phone calls) facebook, and QR codes to promote local business.

Roads update, safety

We had a successful meeting with the General Manager of Council Mr Russ Pigg. This allowed us to actually show him the reasons behind our letters about road signs, the boat ramp,(that was not a problem in the end) Why Murramarang beach really does need a bin. We extracted a promise for better BBQ covers at Bawley Point Reserve. We could explain why mowing the grass along the pathway during summer was especially important. He also got to hear about the Men's Shed and the problems with the Bawley Point Fire shed flood.

Nippers

Nina Rogan has continued tirelessly to get this project off the ground. It has not been easy. Lack of support out of the region. A certain amount of apathy within, at the start. However if the show and enthusiasm exhibited the other week is anything to go by we are almost up and running.

Improving Safety on Beaches

We are still looking at better ways of informing non residents about rips and general beach safety.

Tree Planting

Sybille and others are working on getting trees planted in the area. A new tree has been planted at the Forester drive bus stop.

Tourism

We actively took part in a tourism review conducted by council.

LEP (Draft Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan) A submission was emailed on behalf of the Community. It can be read on the Progress Association website: www.bawleykioloa.org.au

Signs

Seems to be the year for signs. Removal of and erection of. The PA has commented about the removal of memorial signs from the big tree and those that caused businesses to suffer.

Bawley Point and Kioloa Village Signs The PA was consulted about the village entrance signs for Bawley Point and Kioloa.

Off Season Use by Local Residents of Commercial Recreational Facilities Within Caravan Parks. Merry Beach Holiday Resort has indicated that they would be willing to have locals visit the park out of season PROVIDED they follow park rules and children are always accompanied by a responsible adult – no charges apply.

We did a lot more not listed here.

Thanks

Mariah Beckett

President

BAWLEY POINT/KIOLOA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Minutes

Held at Kioloa Community Hall on 15 August 2011

13. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mariah Beckett	President
Jane Harris	Vice President
Nina Rogan	Secretary
Gary McConnell	Treasurer
Cettina Borg-Musin	Committee Member
Rae Riley	Committee Member / Public Officer
Toni Simms	Committee Member
Claire Stephenson	Committee Member

PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mariah, Gary, Claire, Toni, Nina

APOLOGIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jane Harris, Cettina Borg-Musin, Rae Riley

APOLOGIES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Councillor Amanda Findlay, Margaret Hamon, Maggie Mance, Lea and Nick Grant, Garth and Meg Nicholson, Shirley Greening, Russell and Kathy Clifton

There was an attendance of approximately 10 local residents and ratepayers

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Commenced at 7.30pm

14. Minutes from Annual General Meeting of 16 August 2010

Motion: That the minutes be accepted

Proposed: Toni Simms Seconded: Claire Stephenson

Carried.

15. Reports

a) President's Report

The President read a report. See *Attachment A*

Motion: that the Presidents Report be accepted

Proposed: Peter White
Carried.

Seconded: Toni Simms

b) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer read a report. See *Attachment B*

Motion: That the Treasurers' report be accepted

Proposed: Claire Stephenson

Seconded: Mariah Beckett

Carried.

16. Election of Committee 2011/12

The President declared all Committee positions vacant.

Gary McConnell chaired the meeting.

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(b) Written Nominations

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- Nominee: Toni Simms for the position of Vice President
Proposed: Claire Stephenson Seconded: Nina Rogan
- Nominee: Nina Rogan for the position of Secretary
Proposed: Mariah Beckett Seconded: Jane Harris
- Nominee: Claire Stephenson for the position of Treasurer
Proposed: Jane Harris Seconded: Mariah Beckett
- Nominee: Cettina Borg-Musin for the position of Committee Member
Proposed: Claire Stephenson Seconded: Mariah Beckett
- Nominee: Graham Lester for the position of Committee Member
Proposed: Claire Stephenson Seconded: Jane Harris
- Nominee: Jane Harris for the position of Committee Member
Proposed: Nina Rogan Seconded: Gary McConnell

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(c) Public Officer

The President decided that the position of Public Officer would be decided at the meeting scheduled for 19 September, 2011.

17. CLOSE of Annual General Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Bawley Point/Kioloa Progress Association Inc.
Annual General Meeting 15 August 2011
President's Report

My year started with a very hot issue on the agenda, the proposed Telecommunications Tower. Whilst the community rejected the proposed location and size of the tower most people still want better communications within the area. To this end a subcommittee was formed to see what could be done. This is ongoing and providers are being understandably cagey because everyone is waiting to see what impact the roll out of the NBN and new technology for mobiles will have on the need for towers.

Early in the year the committee decided to upgrade and improve how it communicates. We created a new website and have endeavoured to include on it topics of interest, topical news, like first whales or unusual marine visitors, community information eg, garden information, general meeting minutes and agendas. We have created links to emergency agencies. We have publicised the website on all our emails and communication with the membership.

www.bawleykioloa.org.au We intend to grow this website so that it becomes a really useful community tool and notice board – a hub. Anyone who wishes to contribute or who has ideas can contact us via the website.

Out of the website we have created a colourful newsletter that is put in a folder at various popular locations, Merry Beach General Store, Bawley Point Newsagency, Bawley Beach Cafe and the official notice boards in Bawley and Kioloa. The newsletter was emailed to the membership. An emergency information pack is in the pipeline.

Funding was approved and there is now a smart bench at the south end of Gannett Beach. A big event for all was the formation of the Murramarang Community Garden. This was a wonderful result for the PA. After initial financial assistance from the PA with incorporation and insurance costs, it is now a separate entity, self funding and fabulous. We will continue to support it with space on our website.

The PA was working with council to get new location map for the area. With the formation of the Tourism Group it was decided that it could be confusing for council if it was dealing with both organisations and sometimes with the same people only wearing different hats. Therefore, this project was handed over to the tourism group. The PA supports this group and we note all the hard work that has gone into setting it up.

Kioloa has now formed a footpath group. I attended a meeting with interested residents and the council about which section should be first. The PA supports this initiative and it is the will happily advertise working bees and contacts on our website if the group wishes it. Anyone who is interested in helping we can put in touch with the organisers.

We facilitated talks about waste minimisation, School bus safety and Power supply to the area. One of the major roles of the PA is to be the voice of local residents and ratepayers to Shoalhaven City council. To this end we have had communication about issues such as the road surface, vandalism, tourist usage. The big issue coming up will be the Local Environment Plan. The PA is looking at the document. We urge people who have any comments about it to write to council. There will be community meetings coming up in Ulladulla – we will keep you posted via the website.

Vote of thanks to Gary McConnell our retiring Treasurer. Gary has done an amazing job. He not only fulfilled the job as treasurer but he has been an all round committee member and a team player.

As the President of the PA I have been really trying to make the PA become a hub for the community; somewhere to bring ideas and to receive information about what is or is about to happen in the area.

My thanks to all the committee members and those who have helped us over the past 12 months and who give their time in this voluntary role.

Mariah Beckett, President.

BAWLEY POINT KIOLOA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
INC.

BALANCE SHEET 2010/2011

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions & Donations	265.50
Shoalhaven CC	400.00
Bank Interest	5.99
<u>Total</u>	<u>671.49</u>

PAYMENTS

Hall Hire	36.00
Internet Setup	45.00
Printing & Stationery	219.50
Fair Trading	48.00
Donations Community Garden	274.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>622.50</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Opening Balance 1 July 2010	2178.58
Plus Receipts	671.49
Less Payments	622.50
Bank Closing Balance 29 Jul 2011	2227.57
Petty Cash	60.50
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>2288.07</u>

**Bawley Point/Kioloa Progress Association Inc.
Treasurers Report**

Balance Sheet 2011/12

Financial Statement

B/F from 2010/2011 Annual Report \$2288.07

INCOME

Membership \$ 245.00

SCC Donation to CCB \$ 500.00

Interest \$ 11.03

TOTAL Income \$ **756.03**

EXPENDITURE

Hall Hire \$ 60.00

Stationary \$ 60.75

PO Box 12 month payment \$ 91.00

TOTAL Expenditure \$ **266.25**

BPKPA TOTAL FUNDS \$ **2777.85**

BPKPA Closing Balance to 27 July 2012

Petty Cash \$ 87.25

Westpac Account (Statement No 272) \$2690.60