

Lake Macquarie Sustainable Neighbourhood Alliance Inc

Board meeting – MINUTES

Tuesday 20 October, 6-7pm

Via zoom



Present: Christine Aus, Gabrielle Clappison, Jean McGarry, Nico Marcar, Robyn Charlton, Samantha Doove, Steve Dewar

Apologies: Mark Howells, Amanda Herrald, Avril Lockton

Welcome from Chair, and acknowledgement of Country

Robyn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

We would like to acknowledge the Awabakal people who are the traditional custodians of the land and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We extend respects to other Aboriginal people present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. End of year celebration event

Seeking ideas for a celebration event in late Nov – early December

Public gathering limit will increase to 30 this Friday., <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules#outdoor-public-gatherings>.

Picnic in the park social event

Some venue options include: Rotunda at Speers Point; Barefoot bowls; Landcare Centre; Toronto Lions Park.

Somewhere with nice park, shelter, toilets, relatively central

Attendees to byo lunch (to assist with covid). Could also provide some covid-safe catering/extras.

BYO fold up chairs, picnic blankets

Focus on just a social event. Include some very short 'formalities' to celebrate our progress this year and reflect on challenges. Could encourage attendees to bring some informal activities eg bocce

Tentative date: Saturday 5 December, lunchtime-early arvo

Rachelle to go ahead and organise, along with covidsafe plan

2. AGM preparations

Seeking board member nominations – due Thursday 12 November.

AGM online, Tuesday 17 November, 6pm. **Attendees need to register beforehand,** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrceChrjgtE9M6ZSAgsCplyZKD3zPfqSa8>

Board members to encourage suitable local group contacts to nominate.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

3. September Treasurer's Report

Attached below.

Action pending to close the Comm Bank account (transfer \$127.30 to Greater account).

4. September Strategy update

Progress to 30 September was circulated to board members, and available to members on request.

5. Risk assessments

- **Rathmines Area SNG – monthly meetings**
Risk assessment for monthly meetings with consideration of covid. Circulated and approved via email.
- **Warners Bay Area SNG – monthly meetings**
Risk assessment for monthly meetings with consideration of covid. Circulated and approved via email.
- **Toronto Area SNG** – planning to for upcoming face to face meeting in November.

6. Reports

- **Waste to Art**
Preparations for exhibition to open from 28 October. About 40 artworks – a lot of great entries.
Media release and other promotions in progress. Encourage SN groups to promote visitors to the exhibition.
More info at <http://www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au/waste-to-art.html>.
- **School activities**
SN in schools brochure (digital + hard copy) is now available, www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au/school-sustainability.html
School Resources Register has been set up:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1T12A0f6htM9P8ou6wYOMuOdixcjet-wqJm-F1y_Siel/edit?usp=sharing SN members can add additional resources and contacts as we go.
One enquiry for assistance with garden at Glendale East. Rachelle is currently finding out more about what kind of help they are looking for.
May be additional interested volunteers through Lake Mac Grows and/or Lake Mac's Backyard Habitat Facebook groups.
- **ReLeaf Lake Mac**
Think Tank held 29 September with range of stakeholders to identify opportunities and challenges. Included reps from range of organisations including Council, Landcare, and interstate.
Currently planning project to apply for Environmental Trust Education Grant, up to \$60k, 2-3 years. Application is due 16 November.
Noted with interest the chart (draft) available that lists canopy cover percentage by suburb.
- **Coal Ash Dam parliamentary enquiry** – Steve attending 6 October at Council building, and circulated his submission.
Lyn Fraser from WBSNG and Steve presented their submissions, backed up by CNN and

Keep Lake Macquarie Clean, to the NSW Upper House Inquiry and the Alliance's verbal submission was based on our longer submission prepared by Lyn.

Steve emphasised the heavy metal leaching into the Lake, the threat posed by a collapse as happened in 2008 in USA, and the closure of Myuna Bay SRC. Steve answered a question about the inadequacy of just planting over the top of the present unsealed 2 ash dams, and the much better solution of reusing the ash in cement, road building and tile making. The Inquiry did an on-site inspection. More evidence is coming out about the dangers.

Well done to Lyn and Steve for their work on this project.

- **2020 Annual Report**

Need to confirm a couple of financial transactions before we can finalise and print the report.

- **Volunteer grants**

Christine completed a grant application for litter pickers and covid safe equipment. Announced 4 December.

- **Rachelle leave**

Rachelle will be on leave from 29 October - 22 November. Margo Smith will be available for urgent matters during that time.

7. Correspondence (15 September - 15 October 2020)

- Green burials and cemeteries – Meeting notes distributed to SN Key Contacts
- Copy of Boomerang Alliance submission to the Federal Recycling and Waste Bills 2020
- Minutes received from the August meeting of Council's Coastal Zone Management Committee
- Notice from the NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards that Alliance did not reach the finalist stage.
- Alliance media release distributed regarding the public hearings on the Coal Ash Inquiry.
- Alliance letter of support supplied to Landcare for NSW grant for Landcare Resource Centre upgrade
- Notice of Alliance AGM and request for board member nominations – sent to SN Key Contacts, and SN News list
- Sustainable Neighbourhoods Schools brochure distributed to SN Key Contacts
- Alliance media release promoting upcoming Waste to Art exhibition distributed

Meeting closed 6.44pm

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GENERAL MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

1 September t to 30 September, 2020.



Account 724181724 with Greater Bank, Charlestown Branch.

Balance **\$ 15,523.12 CR**

RECEIPTS

NIL \$ NIL

Total Income **\$ NIL**

EXPENDITURE

NIL

Total Expenditure **\$ NIL**

BALANCE **\$ 15,523.12 CR**

This is a true statement of accounts for the Lake Macquarie Sustainable Neighbourhoods Alliance for the period 1 September, to 30 September 2020.

Signed _____

Name Jean McGarry

Title Hon Treasurer

Date 17 October, 2020.

NOTE

Balance

CBA **127.30**

GrtrB **15,523.12**

Balance **\$ 15,650.42**