



Minutes of meeting held 5.15pm Tuesday 6 December 2022 at Redhead Library

1. **Welcome** and acknowledgement of country by Alison Cleary (Chairperson).

2. **In attendance** were: Alison Cleary, Lindsay Black, Paul Hubbard, Lidija Terzic, Deborah Arthurs and Bec Heath.

3. **Who said they couldn't come:** Tim Woicek, Colin Mondy, Brit

4. **Financial Report**

The Treasurer will update and report to the next meeting.

5. **The RSN Newsletter in 2023**

A warm welcome was offered by all to the new editor, Bec Heath. Bec arrived with some wonderful suggestions and themes for 2023. Here ideas resonated well with the other members present, including basing each of our 4 issues around a seasonal theme for the upcoming season. Hence the first issue we are aiming for is an 'autumn themed' February 2023 edition. As part of this edition, it was suggested we cover: Events/special days – Neighbourhood Day ideas, Clean Up Australia Day

- a) A look at a Local Business – suggestions included Wellness + Earth and coffee cart
- b) A Community Member Spotlight – Lawson Rankin (with 400,000 donations made to raise funds to bring the teen home after a Bali accident and some \$228,000 raised)
- c) Youth contribution – Kings Cans
- d) Library Book Review
- e) Recipe
- f) Events list on back page
- g) Energy Wave Results.

Action: While RSN normally meets every second month, it was agreed to have the next meeting on **17 January 2023 at 5.15 at the Library** to further progress the February issue.

6. **Distributors for Newsletter**

Action: Paul Hubbard to speak with 2 people in Brown Street who may be interested in taking over this role and if they agree will arrange a handover with Jan and Kate.

7. **"Where Family Meets Community and the Forest Meets the Sea" – update on Deb Arthurs proposal**

Deb Arthurs updated the meeting on her new project idea for a Community Forest. While she is still liaising with Rachelle at the Council and investigating under whose auspices this would best sit – eg. The SN Alliance, Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood (RSN) or Landcare – Deborah showed the meeting the logo design

for the proposed new initiative. Other aspects also being investigated are who exactly owns which parcels of land; a link to National Tree Day; and addressing children's mental health resilience, aligned with Acting Locally/ Thinking Globally.

Action: Deborah will continue to seek input from subject matter experts, Hunter Wetlands and other authorities who would need consulting on the practicalities. The group is looking forward to hearing her updates in 2023.

8. Other Business

a. Interest in Social Media support

A community member who is a social media professional has contacted Alison to offer support to RSN. **Action:** As she didn't make it to the meeting, Alison will follow up with the potential new member/supporter in the New Year.

b. Clean Up Australia Day – 5 March 2023

Paul Hubbard will not be available and hence an official 'administrator' was needed for the Redhead action and liaison with the wider Clean Up organisation. **Action:** Paul and Lindsay to discuss further and liaise with Dave Doggett as a possible replacement for 2023.

c. Feedback to Council re their dogs on beach action plan

Lindsay provided feedback on RSN's behalf about compliance and regulation not being great in the past. It was suggested that a regular survey – at least once a year – continue to be undertaken and that the council needs to be prepared to put money towards successful implementation of their plan.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.15pm.

Next meeting is 5.15pm at the Library on Tuesday 17 January 2023.