

**Linden Citizens Association**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**held Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013**  
**at the Linden Rural Fire Service Station, Burke Road, Linden.**

**Opened:** 19:40 hours.

**Apologies:** Barbara Gow, Jeremy Leather, Charles Leonard, Warwick hall, Phil Moss, Jackie Clarke.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes were displayed in the noticeboard and on the LCA website [www.lindencitizens.asn.au](http://www.lindencitizens.asn.au).

Minutes confirmed, moved Greg North, seconded Bob Young.

**Business arising from minutes:** nil.

**Correspondence Outwards:**

- 17/10/13 Linden Residents** – Bushcare open day and welcome new residents afternoon.
- 01/11/13 Linden Residents** Mailchimp email – A Heads Up regarding unlicensed tree loppers, Christmas Party, next meeting and raffle results.
- 20/11/13 Linden Residents** – November Newsletter and Mailchimp email reminder.
- 20/11/13 The Clown Company** Email – booking enquiry for LCA Christmas party.
- 27/11/13 The Clown Company** Email/web – booking for LCA Christmas party.
- 21/11/13 BMCC (Jeff Allwood)** Email – park use and waiver forms request for Christmas party.

Correspondence Outwards endorsed, moved Greg North, seconded Bob Young.

**Business arising from Correspondence Outwards:** nil.

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- 29/09/13 Mid Mountains Community Centre (Laurie Strathdee)** Email – invitation to AGM 3pm Wednesday 16 October and to join the board.
- 16/10/13 Hazelbrook Association (Greg Birtles)** Email x2 – report on graffiti removal and fliers for Carols in Gloria Park Saturday 7 December. Bbq 5pm, carols 7pm.
- 04/11/13 Hy-Tec Industries (NSW)(Darryl Thiedeke)** Email – extension of operations of Austen quarry, Jenolan Caves Road via Hartley. Invitation to provide feedback by 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013.
- 05/11/13 Hazelbrook Association (Greg Birtles)** Email – Carols in Gloria Park fliers.
- 26/11/13 The Clown Company** Email – booking information for LCA Christmas party.
- 20/11/13 Charles Leonard** Email – apologies for meeting and Linden Award nomination support.

Correspondence inwards received, moved Greg North, seconded Bob Young.

**Business arising from Correspondence in:**

**Linden Award:** Greg to contact Lewis Morley about creating the award.

## Reports

### Treasurer:

Sydney Credit Union accounts:

S4 Premier Business account contains: \$2,120.25

S8 Motivator Savings account contains: \$2,559.94

Treasurer's report received, moved Greg North, seconded Jon Rickard.

**Linden Rural Fire Brigade:** Colin Anlezark reported that the brigade attended the first Winmalee fire in September. The open day in September was quite successful with income slightly down on last year, but a worthwhile day.

The brigade was involved with the State Mine fire, the Mount York fire and the Linksvie Road (Winmalee – Yellow Rock) fires, being operational 24 hours a day for 10 days. Fire fighters and support crew worked wonderfully. Some other brigades weren't able to provide personnel for all shifts, but Linden was fully operational throughout. Several donations were received and the money has been spent on a new map wall, fittings, radios and a rear-vision camera for the tanker. A debrief was held and some areas identified for future improvements.

Recent rain does not mean the the fire season is over – it is only just beginning.

President Robbie expressed her appreciation to the RFS brigade during the emergency where a powerline came down over Glossop Road in front of her house. The brigade's traffic management and official presence helped demonstrate the seriousness of the situation and prevent further problems. The road was blocked for about an hour and Robbie was most grateful for the brigade's assistance.

Jon Rickard and others commented on the community efforts and cohesion during the recent fire events. Some residents were very concerned but in a better position to make decisions after getting advice at the fire shed. Many people helped out with donations of money and/or food despite their concerns. Special mention was made of child Audrey Ellem who made and sold perfume to raise \$30 for the brigade.

Bob Young reported that the support crew all tried their best to help out and do the right thing even though many of them also had concerns about the situation. Special thanks go to Judy Pinn, Jane Grundy, Ken & Christine Davies, Tony Richardson, Warwick Hall (best sandwich maker), Tony Lennon, Wendy Bugeja (from Hazelbrook), Mid-Mountains Community Centre and Norman Lindsay Gallery. The support crew saw the competence and confidence of the fire crews and drew strength and comfort from them. The fire shed provided a supportive environment for fire crews and locals. **Thank you to the Linden community for all they did and for showing great community spirit.**

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Jane Grundy reported that a copper earth cable was stolen from a power pole near Hepburn Road and has since been replaced. Moore Lane continues to be a rubbish dumping site and Council removes the rubbish when notified.

**Moving Safely Around Linden:** Jon Rickard reported that Jeremy Leather and Phil Moss met with state MP Roza Sage and it was determined that the issue wouldn't get any further with the minister. RMS and Council are both worried about precedents being set. It has been suggested that the LCA erect our own signs reading: Linden Residents Recommend 40. The signs are approximately 600 x 300 mm and cost \$360 for six signs. The signs would be marked on the reverse side as property of the LCA or an initiative of LCA or similar to prevent loss in the event of removal by Council.

President Robbie asked that the sub-committee prepare a plan for the LCA executive of where the signs would be erected, their mounting height and a risk assessment with regards to obstruction of vision, safety concerns for motorists, cyclist and pedestrians and any other relevant concerns.

**Bushcare Group:** Greg North reported that the group has moved to working near the parking area of Linden Station. Members are still needed to ensure the continuation of the group. Robbie pointed out that it would help if twelve residents offered just one day per year of three hours effort. This would help maintain the group.

Jane Grundy suggested speaking with John Mclellan regarding participation by scouts.

Bushcare continues to meet on the third Sunday of each month from 1:30 – 4:30 pm. December 15 is the next one. All welcome.

**New residents event and raffle draw:** Robbie reported

- ◆ Dinner for two at the Rooster restaurant was won by Pip of Katoomba
- ◆ \$100 voucher at Thomas Landscapes was won by Kim of Penrith
- ◆ 2 bottles of Two Furlongs wines were won by Emma of Linden.

Thank you to our raffle donors and all those who bought and sold tickets. We raised around \$700.

Thanks to RFS for allowing LCA to sell tickets during their open day. Thanks to Margaret Smith for selling a whole book of tickets and to Phil Moss for organising the excellent first two prizes.

Two new residents from Glossop Road attended the new residents function despite the fire threat at the time and were given a new residents kit.

**Christmas Party:** Treasurer Phil has delivered money to Olive Young for lollies. Clowns and Santa have been booked. Jackie Clarke has offered to provide tea and coffee requirements. Colin Anlezark offered RFS support with Santa's arrival, chairs, tables and sun shelters. The Richardsons need to be asked about providing electricity. Jane Grundy will organise cordial. A flier will be sent out showing a 3 pm start with Santa arriving at 5 pm, bring a plate of food to share, chair, blanket etc. Set up to begin at 2 pm.

**General Business:**

After president Robbie's plea, Jon Rickard moved that the LCA spend \$50 on a card and flowers for Diane Taylor and her mother following the loss of Diane's parents' home during the Winmalee fire and the later death of Diane's father. Seconded by Colin Anlezark. Carried.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 20/03/14 at Fire Station.

**Meeting closed:** 20:50 hours.