

Linden Citizens Association
Minutes of Meeting
held Thursday 10th August 2014
at the Linden Rural Fire Service Station, Burke Road, Linden.
(Meeting rescheduled from 17th July due to the lack of a quorum)

Opened: 14:12 hours

Apologies: Greg North, Pat Hall, Ann Leather, Robbie Beale.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes were displayed in the noticeboard and on the LCA website www.lindencitizens.asn.au.

Minutes confirmed, moved **Phil Moss**, seconded **Kenvyn Davies**.

Business arising from minutes:

There was no business arising.

Correspondence Outwards:

- 10/06/14 BMCC** (Customer Service Request via website) – replacement of Keep Left sign at intersection of Dryandra Place and Dawes Avenue. Transaction Reference SR-13839.
- 10/06/14 RMS** (online feedback via website) – The Linden Citizens' Association suggests repair of the westbound kerbside lane of the Great Western Highway on the Sydney side of the Fruit House at Faulconbridge, between Bellevue Road Faulconbridge and Weemala Avenue Linden on the approach to the heavy vehicle parking and inspection area. The road surface contains a 200-300m long rut that channels water and is a safety concern.
- 10/06/14 BMCC** (Elizabeth Dudley-Bestow) Email – request for combined effort in erecting a new seat in a shaded area or a shade tree for new seat in Kings Cave park.
- 10/06/14 BMCC** (Monica Nugent) Email – closure of Linden Bushcare group.
- 15/06/14 Linden Residents** – Welcome new resident afternoon tea flier.

Correspondence Outwards endorsed, moved **Jon Rickard**, seconded **Margaret Smith**.

Business arising from Correspondence Outwards:

See under General Business.

Correspondence Inwards:

- 23/05/14 BMCC** (Elizabeth Dudley-Bestow) Email – work on park & fence considered complete.
- 11/06/14 BMCC** (Monica Nugent) Email – closure of Linden Bushcare group. Thanks to group and to the LCA.
- 11/06/14 BMCC** phone call – Keep Left sign at Dryandra Place scheduled for replacement.
- 16/06/14 RMS /Downer Mouchel** (Erik Sodergren) Email – Highway repairs request will be assessed.

Correspondence inwards received, moved **Margaret Smith**, seconded **Phil Moss**.

Business arising from Correspondence in:

See under General Business.

Reports

Treasurer:

Sydney Credit Union accounts:

S1 Premier Business account contains: \$1061.40

S8 Motivator Savings account contains: \$2610.74

Total: \$3672.14

The Treasurer also advised the following:

Cash on hand: \$40.00

Vine & Verse: \$100.00 advance has been provided to organisers.

Reimbursed Barbara Gow from S1 a/c for costs related to new resident welcome function: \$51.00

The Treasurer emphasised the need for the LCA to raise funds on an annual basis in order to maintain the LCA's financial position. Linden residents attending Vine & Verse on 30 August will be encouraged to renew their membership. Raffle tickets will be sold at Vine & Verse and up to the Christmas party – see under General Business for further details of the raffle.

Treasurer's report received, moved **Kenvyn Davies**, seconded **Jon Rickard**.

Linden Rural Fire Brigade: Jon Rickard

Jon gave a brief update, noting that, while a number of planned hazard reduction burns had been postponed over recent weeks for a variety of reasons (too windy, too smoky, same weekend as City to Surf Run etc), some minor hazard reduction burns had been completed (eg. around Leura/Katoomba).

Neighbourhood Watch: No report.

Linden Observatory: No report.

Moving Safely Around Linden: Jon Rickard

After recapping the history of this initiative, Jon proposed that the LCA write to Council and include the following points:

- Disappointment with the lack of BMCC support in this matter over the past 2.5 years.
- Disappointment that BMCC did **not** acknowledge that the request was based on a democratically organised survey of **all** Linden residents; (a strong majority seeking signage and a 40km/h speed limit).
- Disappointed that BMCC's **only** response was to erect additional signage ("SLOW" with "Pedestrians walking" images) to placate the RMS response.
- Disappointed and irate that BMCC confiscated the "Linden Residents Recommend 40" signs **without** comment.

(Only some weeks after the confiscation of the signs when LCA's President made enquiries of the BMCC, did the "Traffic Team" acknowledge its role in taking down the signs and give an explanation of its actions. The four reasons given were/are "subjective", possibly ambiguous and subject to interpretation).

- **Bemused** by the BMCC offer to attend LCA meeting to liaise on future Road Safety initiatives; having ignored LCA Road Safety initiatives for the past 2.5 years. (Such a hollow gesture !!)
- **The two recent accidents (a pedestrian hit by a car; a car roll over/crash involving injuries in various degrees of severity to 4 people) near the Martin Pl, Chapman Ave and Numantia Rd intersections, further reinforce/highlight concerns about Linden's Road Safety.**

Photographic evidence shows that the **well sited** "LINDEN RESIDENTS RECOMMEND 40" **if in position** in Martin Pl, could have prevented OR significantly reduced the injuries sustained in these unfortunate accidents.

It is somewhat a conundrum the BMCC Councillors are democratically elected to represent constituents (while having the responsibility to ensure that BMCC business is conducted correctly and ethically) has shown little if any support for Linden Citizens' Association (democratically elected to represent Linden residents); acting as a lower/fourth level in our democratic chain/system.

BMCC seems very selective as to the Representation /Responsibility evident.

It was agreed that a letter be written to Council covering these points. Moved **Margaret Smith**, seconded **David Ford**.

Action: Jon/Secretary

Linden Residents Recommend 40 should be mentioned in some way in every issue of the newsletter.

Action: President

Jon suggested that Linden Residents Recommend 40 stickers might be effective attached to car rear windows or letter-boxes. Residents could perhaps purchase the stickers from the LCA.

It was agreed that the design and cost of such a sticker be investigated. Moved **Jose Obbens**, seconded **Phil Moss**.

Action: Jon

Jon developed a pro forma letter which was circulated to all residents, suggesting that they write to Council in relation to reducing the speed limit in Linden. Jon advised that his own letter and those sent by a number of other residents have been acknowledged by the Mayor. The LCA encourages other residents to make use of the pro forma letter.

Bushcare Group:

The Bushcare Group has closed because it could not attract sufficient participants to make it viable. We thank the BMCC for the support it provided to the group and those Linden residents who participated in the working afternoons which were conducted.

Linden Award: (Jim & Meera Jarvis at Vine & Verse Saturday 30th August)

There was some discussion of the award to be made to Jim and Meera Davis at Vine & Verse.

Action: Barbara to check with Lewis Morley that the award will be ready in time.

General Business:

Additional Executive Officers

In relation to the election of two additional Executive Officers, it was noted that this could be arranged at a later date.

Action: President/Secretary

Road safety issues

Follow-up to RMS /Downer Mouchel (Erik Sodergren) required in relation to repair of highway close to Fruit House.

Action: Secretary

Jon suggested that we should write to the RMS to request data in relation to crashes which have occurred close to the intersection of the Great Western Highway and Martin Place over the last 5 years. Reference should be made to the two recent accidents. Phil advised that vegetation can

obstruct the view of motorists exiting Martin Place. The curvature of the highway is also an issue. If the data provided by the RMS supports our belief that there are serious issues, we should write to them again requesting that they provide a solution.

Action: Jon/Secretary

Phil advised that two accidents have occurred in Linden in recent weeks. One involved a pedestrian from Chapman Avenue being hit by a car in Martin Place. The other involved three young people being seriously injured after their car crashed and rolled early in the morning at the intersection of Martin Place and Chapman Avenue after hitting an embankment. Phil emailed the Mayor and Ward Councillors in relation to the first accident, but only the Mayor acknowledged his email, indicating that he would be investigating. In relation to the second accident, Phil emailed the BM Gazette and the Mayor, with the Mayor again acknowledging his email and indicating that he would be investigating. Jon also wrote to the Council as an individual in relation to the second accident.

Kings Cave Park

Follow up to BMCC (Elizabeth Dudley-Bestow) required in relation to the park. While we welcome the planting of additional trees, we do not see this as a satisfactory solution in relation to our request to have a bench in a shaded position as trees will take some time to grow. We request that BMCC install an additional bench in a shaded position and also tighten the fence wires.

Action: Secretary

Raffle

It was noted that last year's raffle had raised a significant amount of money and it was agreed that we should run another raffle this year. It was noted that the success of last year's raffle had been because the prizes were quite substantial, the cost of a ticket had been \$2, many members of the Committee had been active in selling tickets and because a large number of tickets had been sold at Vine & Verse and the RFS Open Day. Phil to organise raffle prizes in time for Vine & Verse on 30 August with possible prizes being a voucher from Thomas Landscaping and a restaurant voucher. There may also be some bottles of wine available as a prize, following wine sales at Vine & Verse. Barbara to organise purchase and stamping of raffle tickets.

Action: Phil/Barbara

Litter and dog excrement

Disappointment was expressed at the extent to which litter and dog excrement have become a problem in Linden. Jeremy referred to the success Mosman Council had had with getting park users to pledge not to leave rubbish behind and wondered whether something like this could work in Linden. It was agreed that we should try to do something about these issues and not give up until we have seen a significant improvement.

Action: Jeremy (litter) and Jose (dog excrement) to write items for September newsletter.

Vine & Verse

This function is being organised by Christine and Kenvyn Davies and will take place on 30 August. Arrangements are well in hand. Christine has designed a flyer and she and Kenvyn will print and distribute the flyers a week or so in advance.

Acting President

Jeremy agreed to be Acting President until the position of President is filled.

September newsletter

Barbara Gow to assist Vice-President Jeremy with the September newsletter. The following items to be included: membership renewal, raffle, Linden Residents Recommend 40, litter, dog excrement.

Action: Barbara/Jeremy

Next meeting: Thursday 18/09/14 at Fire Station.

Meeting closed: 15:22 hours