

Linden Citizens Association
Minutes of Meeting
held Thursday 26th May 2016 (rescheduled from 19th)
at the Linden Rural Fire Service Station, Burke Road, Linden.

Opened: 19.40 hours

Jeremy Leather as Acting President welcomed Councillors Chris Van der Kley and Romola Hollywood to the meeting along with the other LCA members, and also thanked Kenvyn Davies for standing in for Greg North as Acting Secretary.

Apologies: Greg North, Janet Fraser,

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

Minutes confirmed, moved **Marilyn Pride**, seconded **Christine Davies**. Carried.

Business arising from minutes: Nil.

Correspondence Outwards:

- 31/03/16 BMCC** (Cc ward councillors) Email – five letters: Highway-Martin Place intersection, road safety issues follow up, rubbish dumped, seat in the park in the shade follow up, inefficiencies in Council.
- 12/04/16 BMCC** online form – Community Directory update. No changes.
- 15/04/16 Linden Residents** flier & MailChimp email – Issues update.
- 25/04/16 BMCC** Email – following up on progress with various issues sent on 31/03/16.
- 25/04/16 Blue Mountains Bus Company** Email – upgrading and re-erection of timetables at bus stops in Linden.
- 25/04/16 BMCC Ward Councillors** Email – 40km/h speed limits in residential areas BMCC & LCA joint submission. Formulating a criteria. Suggested starting points.
- 19/04/16 Linden Resident** Email – a resident rabbit owner was queried but they were not missing a rabbit. They had hoped to come and capture the stray but didn't get the opportunity. Is the rabbit still around?
- 26/04/16 Linden Resident** Email – thanks for suggestion about local couples dining together. The idea will be discussed at the May meeting. You may like to speak to it during the meeting.
- 03/05/16 Linden Resident** – 'Avachat reminder.

Correspondence Outwards endorsed, moved **Jeremy Leather**, seconded **Marilyn Pride**. Carried.

Business arising from Correspondence Outwards: Nil

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- 31/03/16 Linden resident** Email – bonsai plant stolen from property in Glossop Road.
- 31/03/16 BMCC** (Judith Jones) Email – confirmation of receipt of five letters. Customer service request number: 225227. Please allow 15 days from the date of this letter before contacting Council.
- 02/04/16 Cllr Chris van der Kley** Email – Thanks for email on Linden issues. Will ask staff to keep the ward 2 councillors informed. Also look forward to see you all at the next meeting.
- 04/04/16 Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre** Email – e-newsletter.
- 12/04/16 BMCC** (Lisa McCarthy) Email – Community Directory update. Please confirm details.

- 17/04/16 Linden Resident** Email – suspected pet rabbit in Boronia Place.
- 17/04/16 Linden Resident** Email – also reported dumped rubbish after it had been there for two weeks and then again when the mattress arrived.
- 17/04/16 Linden RFS (Jenny Anlezark)** Email – lights left on by LCA members copying fliers and air conditioning left on following the last LCA meeting. Please take care when using the building to ensure everything is turned off.
- 17&20/04/16 Linden Resident** Email – a white and fawn rabbit that looked like a pet seen grazing around Boronia Place. Not seen again.
- 19/04/16 Linden Resident** Email – idea to bring linden citizens closer together. It is based on the TVS program, “Come Dine With Me”. The idea is that 3 couples who don’t know each other take turns to host dinner parties for the other two couples. There is a possibility that we could get sponsorship from a TV channel. What do you think?

Correspondence inwards received, moved **Jeremy Leather**, seconded **Christine Davies**. Carried.

Business arising from Correspondence in:

The LCA should invite the resident who submitted the “Come Dine With Me” idea, namely, **John de Fraine Felvus** to attend a forthcoming meeting in order to expand the idea to the members.

Reports

Councillor Chris Van der Kley:

Chris thanked the chair for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Chris reported that he expected an answer regarding the 40kph issue, but was doubtful of receiving a positive response. He suggested that Jon Rickard, Romola Hollywood, and Annette and himself should get together to pursue this matter further.

He further reported that a D.A. has been submitted for an RFS Station at Woodford, and that both he and Councillor Hollywood would again be standing for re-election to Council at the next council election.

Treasurer:

Sydney Credit Union accounts:

S1 Premier Business account contains: \$2,077.30

S8 Motivator Savings account contains: \$2,741.36

Treasurer's report received, moved **Christine Davies**, seconded **Marilyn Pride**. Carried

Councillor Romola Hollywood:

Romola thanked the chair for the opportunity to attend the meeting, and reported on a number of items:-

Seat in the park. BMCC have advised Budget limitations preclude the installation of a 3rd. seat. However, the Council could consider the relocation of one of the seats, and that trees will be purchased and planted at the end of Winter. **Phil Moss** moved that the LCA should offer a contribution to BMCC of \$500.00 being approximately half the cost of installation of a new seat. Seconded by **Jon Rickard**. Carried.

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Dumped Rubbish. The offending material has finally been removed.

Highway Speed Camera. The issue with the Highway/Martin Place is being progressed by Trish Doyle and an on site meeting was suggested in order to investigate the problems associated with this dangerous road junction.

Woodford Special area and Paradise Pool.

A resident of Caley Lane, spoke at length about the problems associated with the above, and a copy of his report is to be found below.

Hi Romola,

Thanks for attending the Linden Citz meeting tonight.

Regarding signage erected by BMCC on & near the fire trail behind the houses on Caley Lane and Glossop Road on 25 May 2016, I'm not sure why Council are directing people to Paradise Pool. It's been unlawful to swim in it since 1991.

Paradise Pool is part of the Woodford Special Area, a Water NSW Schedule 1 preservation area, where entry to the water itself is prohibited.

PROTECTED AND SPECIAL AREAS

<http://www.waternsw.com.au/water-quality/catchment/manage/special-areas>

Map of the Woodford Special Area: www.waternsw.com.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/.../Woodford-Special-Area-map.pdf

This signage is (or was) posted on the trails which lead from Woodford to the Woodford Dam, which includes Paradise Pool: This sign is based upon the 2009 Woodford Special Area map:

From 1991-2009, the area inside the black line was restricted due to use of the Woodford Dam as a drinking water catchment. The restriction was lifted in 2009 to allow recreational access up to the red outlined Schedule 1 (No Entry) catchment area, which remains in force to the present day.

The new BMCC signage installed at the top of Caley's Repulse on 25 May 2016 directs visitors to Paradise Pool:

Worse, the BMCC signage gives directions to Caley's Repulse, which is in effect directing visitors to park their cars on Caley Lane. This is inappropriate and unsafe given Caley Lane is a 1 lane road with a steep, blind approach ramp where it connects to Glossop Rd. Visitors end up parking on the soft shoulders of Caley Lane which are perilously close to a 5 metre cliff, in the cul-de-sac at the end of the lane and worse, in my front yard. I have frequent confrontations every summer with inconsiderate visitors who insist it is their legal right to park on my lawn!

The area the signage is identifying as 'Railway Pde Carpark' isn't a carpark at all- it's a patch of sandy ground that belongs to the State Transit Authority as part of their power line easement.

BMCC have erected two of these signposts along the trail:

This sign indicates that it's OK to walk dogs on leash in this area. Yes- where this sign is erected is Dawes Park, which is under BMCC control- BMCC can specify pet access. However, the areas immediately adjoining Dawes Park are National Park land, under control of the NPWS. This includes the surrounds of Paradise Pool and the entry to the fire trail from Railway Parade. Dogs are not permitted in National Park lands. BMCC are setting up dog walkers to be fined, since there's no demarcations where Dawes Park ends and Blue Mountains National Park lands begin.

More concerning to residents of Caley Lane is the 'NO UNAUTHORISED VEHICLES PERMITTED' warning.

While I'm sure Council intends this to address recreational 4WD & trail motorbike users, it's as easily applied to the residents of Caley Lane & even numbered houses on Glossop Road, who have used this trail for more than 35 years to gain access to the back gates of our properties. Do Council intend to close the trail to access by the residents, or are the residents deemed to be operators of 'authorised vehicles'? Occasional vehicular access to this trail is very important to Caley Lane & Glossop Rd

residents. In my case, I would not be able to continue veg gardening without being able to take occasional delivery of soil, compost, woodchips & the like. Many other residents rely on access for delivery of firewood or for storing their utility trailers and whatnot on the backs of their lots, which as said previously, is an existing use, which all residents have had for the last 35 years or so.

This particular BMCC signpost has been erected between a couple of trees at the end of a concrete driveway which connects to Tollgate Drive. It is intended to prevent vehicular entry to the trail from said concrete driveway. However, this driveway and the land going back to the fire trail are private property (albeit unimproved beyond the construction of the driveway at this time). BMCC's signpost has been erected on private property! Did BMCC obtain permission from the property owner?

No residents of Caley or Glossop are pleased with the use of the trail for recreational 4WD or trail bike use. A more appropriate way to cope with such nuisance traffic is placement of signage at the head of the trail where it connects to Railway Parade.

I am left with a number of questions;

- Why were residents of Caley Lane and Glossop Rd not consulted before this signage was erected?
- Why is Council encouraging access to Paradise Pool when swimming is prohibited by law?
- Why is Council encouraging access to Paradise Pool via Caley Lane, when there is no parking available on this one-lane street that is not either in my front yard, in the cul-de-sac at the end of the street or on the soft shoulders of Caley Lane which are only a couple of metres away from a 5 metre dropoff toward Glossop Rd?
- Why is Council encouraging use of a State Transit Authority power line easement on Railway Parade as a carpark?
- What is Council going to do about the tour bus operators who are bringing 22 passenger Toyota Coaster busloads of swimsuit-clad tourists to Caley Lane?

In the short term, the signage Council has just erected should be removed immediately. Council are encouraging people to visit a 'pool' where swimming is prohibited.

Consideration should be given to erecting signage at the intersection of Tollgate Dr & Glossop Rd and at the intersection of Tollgate Dr and at Caley's Repulse which informs visitors that swimming is prohibited by Water NSW in Paradise Pool.

'No 4WD/trail bike' signs should be erected at the head of the fire trail where it connects to Railway Parade.

'No Parking' signs should be erected at the cul-de-sac at the end of Caley Lane.

Regards

(a resident of Caley Lane)

It is suggested that the LCA together with Colin Anlezark and the author of the above letter write to the relevant authorities outlining their concerns.

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Linden Rural Fire Brigade: Colin Anlezark

Colin advised that whilst the Brigade is well served by Support Crew, the need to recruit new firefighters is vital for the continued efficiency of Linden RFS. He also reported that the Brigade had been involved with HR burns and that several members had travelled inter-state on active duty.

Neighbourhood Watch:

Residents of Glossop Road had a bonsai plant stolen 30/03/16. Has anyone else lost plants?

No further sightings of the rabbit to report.

Moving Safely Around Linden: Jon Rickard suggested that in view of the lack of street lighting, particularly in Bourke Road, residents should consider wearing light clothing when exercising their pets, especially at night time.

Catch-up & 'avachat Club: Jon Rickard gave a positive report about the eight or nine residents that attended the meeting that occurred recently at Springwood Sports club designed for residents who have some unstructured time. Another one to be scheduled, date t.b.a.. It is a friendly, social function that is separate from any LCA business. Jon is looking forward to it continuing, and suggested the venue for the next meeting could be at the Transit Café in Woodford.

Christmas Party: Review of Family Christmas Party for 2016

Held over to next meeting.

Vine & Verse:

To be held Saturday 17/9/16 at 2.00p.m.

Venue once again the home of Kenvyn & Christine Davies, 53 Glossop Road, Linden.

Hazelbrook Woodford Garden Festival: Phil Moss

There will be no involvement this year, but the gardens will be viewed in September for possible inclusion next year.

General Business:

Jon Rickard suggested that a "Trade Directory" of Linden residents could be created in order to provide support to local Tradies. Moved **Jon Rickard**, seconded **Phil Moss**, Carried.

Next Meeting: AGM Thursday 21/07/16 at Fire Station.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed: 21.22 hours.

Attached. Copy of Treasurers report.