

NORWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held at Don Pyatt Hall, Norwood on Wednesday, July 29th, 2020

The meeting commenced at 7:35pm.

WELCOME

Outgoing President, Christine Francis, welcomed everyone attending and outlined the structure of the meeting including the COVID-19 requirements.

ANNUAL FEES

A motion was included in the agenda re annual fees. The proposal was to simplify the levels to \$10/person and \$20/household. The motion was voted on and carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's report for 2019/20 was delivered (see Appendix A for the full report).

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Rowena Dunk, supplied the annual financial report. This is included here as Appendix B. The Association has a current funds balance of \$1008.91. The Association changed its bank from the Peoples Choice Credit Union to Bendigo Bank during the year. It was moved by Ian Radbone, seconded by Tom Smith to accept the report, voted on and carried.

ELECTIONS

Sue Whittington presided over the election of office bearers and committee members. Before that she thanked the NRA for its work over the last year, particularly in the area of heritage preservation.

President – Ian Radbone was nominated by Christine Francis, seconded by Alison Wood and there being no other nominations, was duly elected.

Secretary – Tom Smith was nominated by Ian Radbone, seconded by Christine Francis and there being no other nominations, was duly elected.

Treasurer – Rowena Dunk was nominated by Ian Radbone, seconded by Peter Etheridge and there being no other nominations, was duly elected.

Committee members – Christine Francis was nominated by Tom Smith, seconded by Rowena Dunk. Alison Wood was nominated by Christine Francis, seconded by Jim Dunk. Both were duly elected.

PRESENTATIONS

The following invited speakers gave presentations on the theme of 'Managing Our Streets'.

Carlos Buzzetti (General Manager, Urban Planning and the Environment, NPSP Council):
Verge management, policies and future plans

Fay Patterson (NP&SP Councillor):
Water retention/management

David Baker and Kate Eatts (Kent Town Residents Association):
Kent Town tree database and management.

These were followed by a question and answer session.

CLOSING

Gifts were presented to all the speakers after which supper was served.

APPENDIX A: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – July 29, 2020

This past year has still been busy, DESPITE the Covid-19 lockdown.

A strong focus on proposed crucial changes in relation to the new Planning & Development Code and Heritage, prompted a host of written submissions, letters, meetings and petition signings.

Every action taken has endeavoured to make our politicians aware of the imminent losses that we feel our community faces. New regulations under the Code will permit such things as 6 storey high rise on school sites, non-complying development in residential areas and watered down controls within our historic conservation zones.....and these are just a TASTE of major implications for our streetscapes, amenity, heritage protection and residential rights.

Throughout the questionable 'consultation' process, our soon to be dis-enfranchised Council has willingly provided urban planning expertise to help local residents' groups drill down into the detail to pinpoint or clearly articulate problems. Without their input, comprehending the potential fall-out and complexities of the new planning system would have been so much harder.....if not impossible, in the short response time frames allowed.

Is our government listening?? The jury is still out on that one but this issue is HUGE and the fight MUST go on!!

Shadow Ministers are heeding our concerns, and with more lobbying we trust Minister Knoll's current replacement, Deputy Premier, Vickie Chapman, will NOT support the State Planning Commission and DPTI pressing ahead with implementing a widely unpopular and clearly flawed system. Serious re-working of the Code and the software underpinning it is needed. Yet at this point, Phase 2 (for rural areas) is due to begin in the next few days and Phase 3 (urban areas) sometime in September.

The Magill/Portrush road intersection upgrade was and still is, another sensitive matter. It has been a devastating ordeal for a number of directly affected people, faced with either losing their precious homes or businesses and in some cases having to fight hard just to get a fair deal. NOT AT ALL a good look for DPTI.

Sadly numerous representations in any form by anyone have fallen on deaf ears as the government pursues its 'jobs' agenda, seemingly at the expense of local amenity. Demolitions have begun and the whole project, to quote Mayor Bria, was clearly 'a fait accompli dressed up as consultation'.

Another major concern is the Peregrine Helipad and the final decision on this is pending. We can only hope that this community's strongly expressed opposition at public meetings and in letters, along with the Environment Protection Authority's report identifying unacceptable noise levels will cut through. Perhaps the recent Broome helicopter disaster, highlighting our residents' top priority...community safety...could help seal its rejection.

While all of these highly political issues have generated varying degrees of angst and negativity, at least the government's backflip on bus changes has been well received.

Bad situations though are not ALL BAD and one GOOD thing resulting from all this chaos, is the formation of strategic alliances with other similarly affected groups. For a start, our umbrella organisation, Community Alliance of South Australia (CASA), has provided much needed guidance, unity and strength of voice across a broader platform. On radio, in print and via numerous forums, CASA has fearlessly tackled those driving the Code head on, to make them clearly explain and justify the drastic changes they propose for our built environment.

Meetings with the associated Protect Our Heritage Alliance cohort, also provided an effective catalyst for our vigorous NRA heritage campaign. We ran several petition signing events on The Parade which helped POHA gather over 14,500 signatures officially presented to Parliament. People also signed up for Rowena's guided heritage bus tours, which highlighted places of historical significance and unique architectural features....or else took a delightful walk into Norwood's yesteryear escorted by local historian, Denise Schumann.

Closer associations have developed with Kensington, Kent Town & St Peters Residents' Associations this past year, allowing us to share insights and resources, adopt unified positions in our interactions with MPs and bureaucrats and explore common interests, such as tonight's 'Managing our Streets' presentation.

In order to keep abreast of local issues, the NRA has also attended Council and CAP Meetings and met informally with our Mayor. Emerging collaboration with Rotary too meant we utilised their catering services for our last AGM and in return helped manage stalls at their Christmas Fair.

Specifically for our MEMBERS, timely and professional communication of important matters remains a top priority. To this end we have:

- publicised events/issues on the Community noticeboard
- designed a fresh new logo and letterhead for official correspondence (show example)
AND
- regularly (and hopefully NOT intrusively) emailed information

Throughout the year we have consistently updated our Facebook and Website pages and are currently in the process of revamping the latter for better readability and appeal.

The launching of our newsletter, appropriately entitled 'Norwood Matters' is an exciting innovation. With the Messenger no longer freely available, this may well bridge a gap in local news and our editor, Ian Radbone, would welcome your input. Each edition will be kept in a repository on our website.

One final thing. Relaxed social functions, like last year's Christmas get-together at the Irish Pub, are definitely on our agenda as a means to build connections with others and exchange ideas. These have been somewhat curtailed by Covid-19, though with the steady easing of restrictions we can begin to explore workable possibilities.

As you can see, much has been accomplished, but none of this would have been possible without energetic, versatile and committed team members. I refer of course to our Secretary Tom Smith, Treasurer Rowena Dunk and committee members Ian Radbone and Alison Wood. All generously donate their time and wide-ranging professional and personal talents, be it high level IT, communication skills, local knowledge, care and consideration for people or just the ability to produce a mean pot of marmalade or lemon butter!

Little by little our NRA numbers are growing and we encourage you all to spread the word about the benefits of belonging to and in some way contributing to a community group such as ours. While the Committee *mostly* leads the way, it's US and ALL OF YOU who make up the Norwood Residents' Association....and TOGETHER we can make a difference!

Chris Francis

APPENDIX B: TREASURER'S REPORT

NORWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Financial Report 2019/2020

Bank Balance People's Choice a/c 2352306 at Jul 1, 2019	\$621:38
Petty Cash	<u>\$129:65</u>
TOTAL	\$751:03

Income

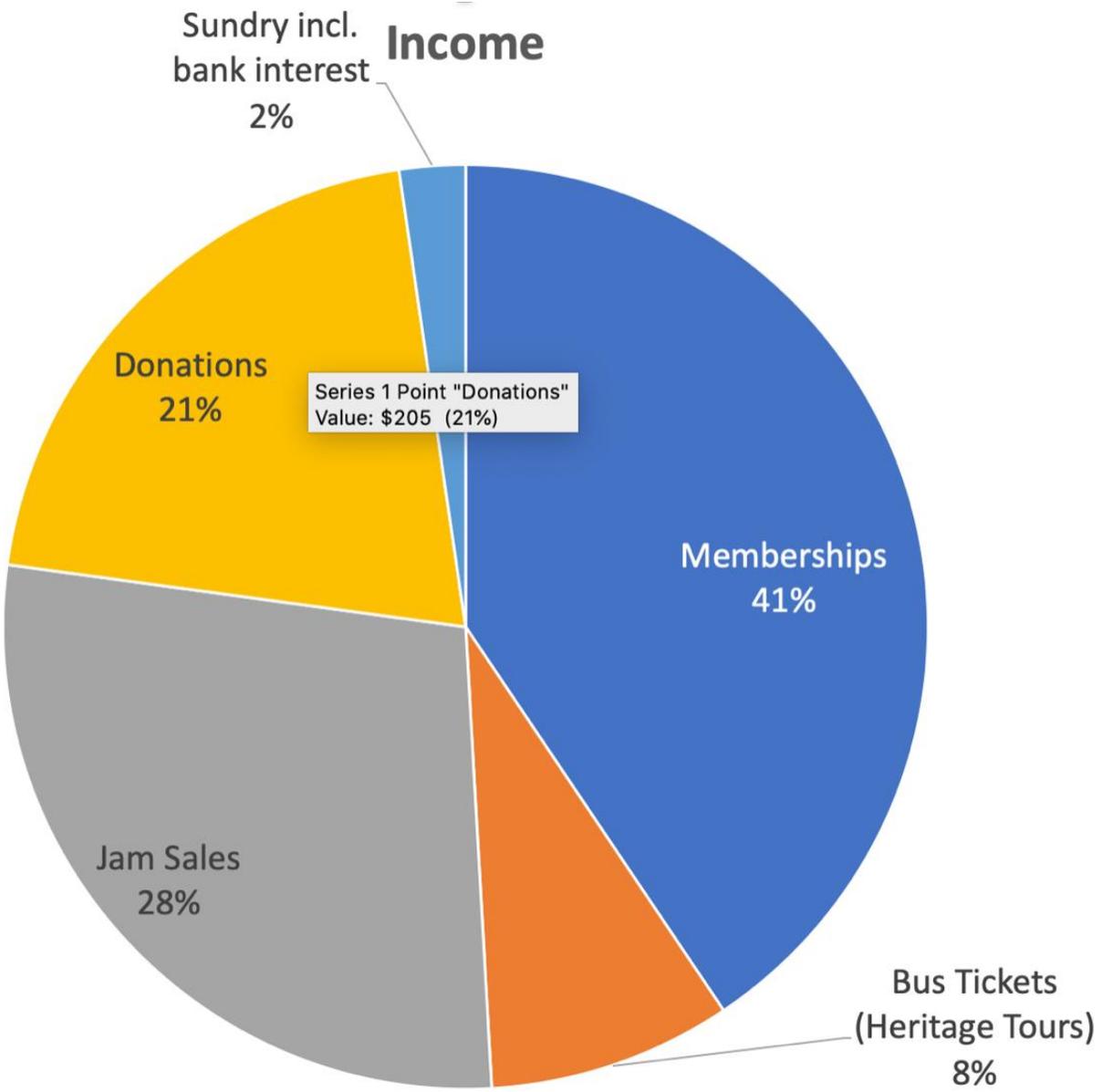
Memberships	\$405
Bus Tickets (Heritage Tours)	\$ 85:00
Jam Sales	\$280:00
Donations	\$205.00
Sundry incl Bank interest	\$22:63
TOTAL	\$1014:63

Expenditure

Hall Hire	\$31:00
Membership/ Subscription	\$224:00
Bank charges	\$13.3
Bus Hire	\$ 88:00
Christmas Happy Hour	\$250
Sundries	\$150:45
TOTAL	\$756.75

New account opened at Bendigo Bank in October 2019 and People's Choice Account closed when all transactions were finally completed. Cheque of closing amount at People's Choice deposited in Bendigo Bank account in June 2019.

Bendigo Bank a/c	\$884:76
Petty Cash	\$124:15
TOTAL	\$1008.91



Expenditure

