**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF**

**MERRYVILLE PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – DP 270008**

Held on Monday 25th November 2013 at the Murrumbateman Country Inn

**Meeting opened**: 7:30pm

**Attendees:**

Andrew Gorton (lot 11), Lisa Pluis (lot 12), David Manolas (lot 16), Sue Stanford (lot18), Marlies Muscat (lot 25), Andrew Muscat (lot 25), Mark Titley (lot 27), Leith Wintour (lot28), Bella Masters (lot29), .Jennifer Holland (lot 33), Ariel Moisis (lot 33), Judy Breen (lot 34), Val Long (lot 37), Richard Johnstone (lot 38), Petra Luke (lot 39), Marc Blackmore (lot 46), David Hogg (lot 50)

**Apologies:**

Simon Hill, Alyson Hill, Ron White, David Bray, Lesley Bray, Chris Webb, Felicity Webb, Peter Masters.

**Proxies:**

David and Lesley Bray (lot 14), Simon and Alyson Hill (lot 36),

Meeting opened at 7:30pm by Judy Breen.

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting from Monday 26th November 2012 were accepted by Mark Blackmore and seconded by David Manolas.

**Chairperson’s Report:**

Accepted by Leith Wintour and seconded by David Hogg.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

It was raised to allow extra budget of around $1,000 if we are to use the bore.

Also consider expenses if pipes begin to break from age as did the one near Lot 27.

Refer to handouts for specific details of financial position.

The Treasurer’s report was accepted by Marlies Muscat and seconded by Andrew Gorton.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Accepted by Marc Blackmore and seconded by Lisa Pluis.

**Levies:**

Accepted by Andrew Muscat and seconded by David Manolas.

**Budget:**

Accepted by Marc Blackmore and seconded by Sue Stanford.

Proposal 1)

5% increase in administrative levy.

Proposal 2)

Commit some earnings up to $10,000 to the sinking fund to cover any unexpected expenses.

Results for Proposal 1) Was unanimous in favour of.

Results for Proposal 2) Was unanimous in favour of.

**Election of Office Bearers:**

**Chairperson:**

Judy Breen nominated for position of Chairperson/Secretary by Petra Luke and seconded by David Manolas.

Position Accepted by Judy Breen.

**Secretary:**

Marlies Muscat was nominated for the position of Assistant Secretary by Mark Titley and was seconded by Andrew Muscat.

Position Accepted by Marlies Muscat.

**Treasurer:**

Richard Johnstone nominated for position of Treasurer by David Hogg and seconded by Sue Stanford.

Position Accepted by Richard Johnstone.

**Assistant Treasurer:**

Val Long nominated for position of Assistant Treasurer by Judy Breen and seconded by Richard Johnstone.

Position Accepted by Val Long.

**Committee Members:**

Ron White David Hogg

Andrew Gorton Peter Long

David Manolas Leith Wintour

Mark Blackmore Jennifer Holland

**General Business:**

* **Speeding Issues raised within the Estate** 
  + Petra mentioned that this impacts everyone and wanted to know who would manage this issue the Estate, RTA or Police?
  + David Manolas mentioned that the speed limit in the Estate should be similar to that in the town itself and suggested 50kms, others agreed with this suggestion.
  + Discussion was had on how this lower speed limit would be enforced. General consensus was that people were not for speed bumps in the Estate.
  + David Manolas mentioned that it took nine months to have the horse crossing sign to be put up near the front entrance.
  + Mark Titley suggested for safety to also wear high visibility clothing when being near the road.

**Action:** RTA letter to be drafted and sent to Roads Maritime Services (RMS) – David Manolas and Petra Luke agreed to action this.

* **Issue with the trees on the side of the roads** 
  + Judy suggested that we have a working bee to address the issue with the trees on the side of the roads that are hazardous within the Estate. Looking for volunteers with trailers and chainsaws to help out. There are also branches on the horse trail that are hazardous that will need to be marked and attend to.
    - David Hogg offered that the tree cuttings from the working bee could be put on his trailer and then piled up on his Bon Fire to dispose of.

**Action:** A date is to be set in the New Year 2014.

* **Street lighting** 
  + Andrew Muscat suggested the need for a street light on the intersection of McIntosh Circuit and Acacia Way.
  + Discussion gleaned that council had been approached about this previously and it was declined as we are in a rural area and that other intersections similar to this one are not lit.
  + Discussion went on to say that they were planning to put garden lamps at the front of the entrance and are looking at solar options or running electricity across from the bore.

**Action:** Andrew Muscat and Andrew Hogg agreed to investigate possible lighting options.

* **Intersections**
* Sue suggested that on the intersection of Acacia Way and Lakeview Drive that the coppers logs be painted white to similar to the front entrance.

**Action:** A date is to be set in the New Year 2014 as part of the working bee.

* **Correspondence via Email**
* Judy mentioned that an email had been received from Jane about motorbikes on dam 2 asking what could be done. There is nothing to cover this in the Merryville Park Estate Management Statement.
* The statement covers such things as equestrian, pedestrian, bicycles, dams, pumps, infrastructure and trees.
* In regards to law the Estate has no power.
* Suggested that if you know the people causing the issues, talk to them as communication is important.
* Where possible take down the number plate and contact the police and report the issue.
* **Weed Control**
* David Manolas mentioned that there was Pattison Curse appearing on the top of the main dam half way along.

**Action:** Judy agreed to have this looked at.

* **Private Property Signs**
* David Manolas mentioned more wooden Private Property signs were to be put up.
  + There was a trailer with several canoes that were seen to be using the main dam recently.
* People suggested it might have been the Scouts.

**Action:** David Manolas agreed to investigate where the wooden signs came from so that more could be made. It was suggested to check with Alan Walker.

* **Previous Meeting Minutes**
* Mark Blackmore asked about the previous meeting minutes and if they had already been sent out or not. Judy mentioned she thought she had but could send out again if needed.
* **Gratitude**
* David Manolas proposed an acknowledgement of thanks to Ron White for the great work that he had done on the gateway at Scrubby Lane.
* **Option to join local Email Distribution Lists**
* **Murrumbateman Progress Association (MPA)**
* MABPAnow known as MPA acts as the voice between the Murrumbateman community and the Council.
* MPA has asked if Merryville Park Estate residences wanted to be on their mailing list. A piece of paper was circulated for those interested and this would be given to the Secretary of MPA.
* **Farmers Market**
* Briony from the Farmers Market also popped over and asked if Merryville Park Estate residences wanted to be on their mailing list. A separate piece of paper was circulated for those interested and will be given to Briony.

Meeting Closed at 8:55pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 3rd February 2014, at 7:30pm at Murrumbateman Country Inn