

MACMASTERS BEACH & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting Minutes 7:30 PM Monday 27 February, 2023 Progress Hall

- **Welcome to country** given by Paula Paananen. Darkinjung Country
- **Attendees:** Helen Waterhouse, Barbara Wills, Tess McCullough, Craig Roberts, Karen McCaffery, Paula Paananen, Jim Balderstone, Natasha Barfield, Phil Barfield, Lesley Adamski, John McLennan. Ken Garratt.
- **Apologies:** Emma McCulloch, Ian Paananen.
- **Minutes of the last AGM Meeting:** held on 23th May 2022 due to covid read and accepted.
- **Presidents Report:** Read and accepted.

Covid restrictions may be over, however it is important to remember that there are still very vulnerable people in the community and we should all be mindful and respectful of that.

I visited council headquarters which are now in Wyong and spoke to Mr Rick Hart (CCC administrator).

Book sale was held in January which raised over \$900 however it has not been formally decided where these funds should go – this shall be decided in the general meeting tonight.

This year again there has been no rentals of the hall due to covid and we are still paying rent and insurance – of which the progress membership fees are not covering costs.

5 Lands Walk was held in June 2022 and continues to be a great event.

MacMasters sea wall – there has been very little community consultation and there has not been any updates or communication to the Progress Association.

James Norton – there has been little tree-felling activity reported in last 12 months – the turning point appears to be due to the James Maddock law (working pro bono for the association) speaking to the official owners of the property who reportedly do not wish for more tree felling and are keen to avoid further angst from the neighbours and community.

CCC's new LEP has been ongoing for 4 years, there is a new planning director however nothing has yet been advertised. There is still opportunity to comment on this when it is advertised.

MacMasters Town Sign – ownership with the RFS, unfortunately no acceptable design has been forthcoming.

Rabbits – ongoing problem.

Defibs – new defibs installed at Loo Loo's Coffee, the surf club and the RFS station. The Progress Association has paid money to have the progress hall defib moved to the streetside where it is more visible however council has not been able to approve this so we are awaiting a refund.

- **Treasurer's report:** Honorary Auditor John Evans has retired and is no longer available to audit our financials. Treasurer has proposed that we approach 'Community Audit Service Inc, who also audit the Macs Rural Fire Brigade financials. - Motion-Carried. Bank statements were available at the front of the room for viewing in absence of an auditor for transparency.

- **Election of office bearers:**

All positions declared vacated with the following persons elected:

President Barbara Wills nominated by Helen Waterhouse, S/Karen McCaffery

Vice Presidents Craig Roberts (Nominated by Paula Paananen S/ Helen Waterhouse) and

Helen Waterhouse (Nominated by Barbara Wills S/Tess McCullough)

Secretary Tess McCulloch (nominated by Craig Roberts S/Helen Waterhouse)

Treasurer: Karen McCaffery (nominated by Barbara Wills S/Tess McCullough)

Hall Manager: Paula Paananen (nominated Barbara Wills S/ Tess McCullough)

Public Officer: Barbara Wills (Nominated by Lesley Adamski S/ Karen McCaffery)

Patron: Robert Bell former Mayor of Gosford Council. Moved by Barbara Wills S/

All positions elected by unanimous vote.

Meeting Closed: 8:20 pm for General Meeting