

Lynbrook Residents Association

AGM minutes

25th Nov 2015

Attendance			
Agius, Victor	Agius, Vicki	Arnott, Michael	Arnott, Suzanne
Bothamley, Corey	Bothamley, Vicky	Brewer, Jim	D'Couto, Wilfred
Dzedins, Robin	Goree, Kristian	Graham, Paul	Ihle, Michael
McGrath, Melissa	Morgan, Christopher	Morgan, Sandy	Paine, Christene
Paine, Viv	Pereira, Denver	Pereira, Sulali	Richard, Tobin
Sehgal, Jasmeet	Singh, Vinaypreet	Vaz, Carlton	Watson, Scott
Watson, Vanessa	Weidemann, Miles	Wood, Jason	Wood, Naomi
Proxies			
Arnott, Suzanne for Arnott, William		Brewer, Jim for Brewer, Alison	
Graham, Paul for Bury, Kathy		Morgan, Christopher for Duncan, Cassandra	
Dzedins, Robin for Dzedins, Arnis		Morgan, Christopher for Flechsig, Michael	
Morgan, Christopher for Flechsig, Suzy		Wood, Naomi for Gleeson, Andrew	
Morgan, Christopher for Howard, Nora		Ihle, Michael for Ihle, Kathryn	
Morgan, Christopher for Kershaw, Lee		Morgan, Christopher for Kershaw, Lotti	
Morgan, Christopher for Palling, Jon		Morgan, Christopher for Pollard, Natalie	
Morgan, Sandy for Pullen, Kim		Morgan, Christopher for Raghavendar rao, Kondapally	
Richard, Tobin for Richard, Alice		Morgan, Christopher for Saouma, Tony	
Morgan, Christopher for Singh, Bhanu		Morgan, Christopher for Spalding, Rod	
Morgan, Christopher for Talo, Ellen			
Guests			
Wood, Rebecca	Naidn, Lakshman	Smith, Wayne	Rosario, Damien

Welcome

Meeting opened at 7:39pm

Apologies

- None

Introductions

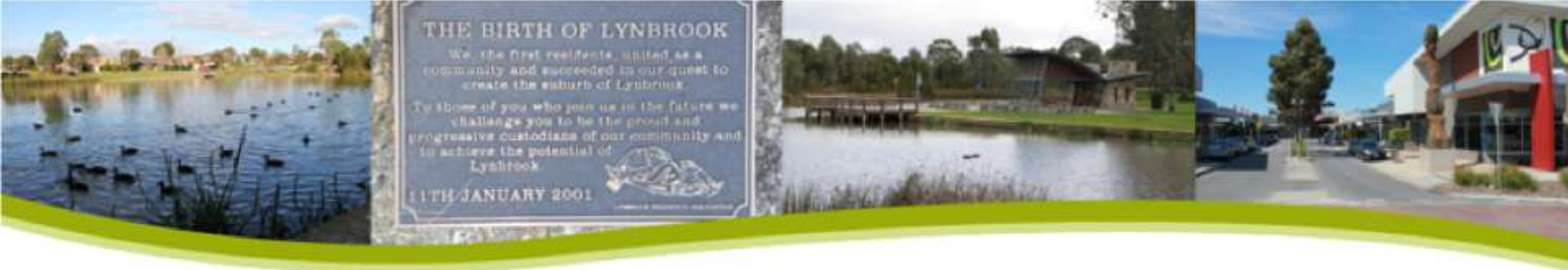
- Damien Rosario – River Gum Ward Councillor, Planning Committee Chair
- Mike Tyler – City of Casey CEO
- Wayne Smith – River Gum Ward Councillor, Deputy Mayor

Confirmation of previous AGM Minutes

- Robin Dzedins proposed the minutes of the 2015 AGM be accepted. Seconded by Kristian Goree. Passed unanimously. Copies of the Constitution were handed out to attendees.

President's Report

Christopher Morgan thanked Casey Council for the new Community Centre where the AGM was being held for the first time. Thanked previous Presidents and the local community, and Mike Tyler and all the workers at Casey Council for being so good to work with once again during the year.



He then listed the achievements of the LRA over the year:

- ALS Ice Bucket Challenge with Hampton Park CFA
- Nomination for Event of the Year by Casey Council
- Reference Committee for the Community Centre
- Persuading Casey Council to reverse its position on Northey Road closure
- Introduction of a new Constitution in line with Victorian Govt best practice
- Assisting with the official opening of the Community Centre
- Working with many organisations, including: the CFA, Lions Club, both Lynbrook Primary Schools, Livvi's Place, Local Businesses, Hampton Park CRG
- Co-operating with Lynbrook Primary School to share equipment for each other's events
- Keeping the Community informed about the things the LRA have done via the <http://lynbrook.org.au> website, Facebook Group, Posters and Emails
- Advocating on behalf of the community to various organisations, with special mention and thanks, regarding the great relations the LRA have with Casey Council
- Petitions to Council raised by the LRA (in particular Suz Arnott) have been successful, and will result in new facilities in Banjo Paterson Park
- LRA advocacy over the years has resulted in a grant for playground equipment in Kingsfield Reserve
- Attempts to resolve issues with funds previously pledged to the Community
- Obtained an agreement with the Council that the LRA can store equipment in a special area in the Community Centre. We are very grateful for this
- Liaison with Anthony Byrne, our local Federal MP, regarding the LRA's existence, and discussions regarding Funding awareness

Christopher then listed the events the LRA had organised and run during the year:

- Moonlight Cinema
- Lantern Festival (with an estimated attendance of 5000 people)
- Christmas movie and Carol evening
- Clean up Australia Day
- Holi Festival
- Pancakes in the Park
- Inaugural Winter Talent Showcase at the Community Centre (with ~\$1000 in prizes donated by local businesses)

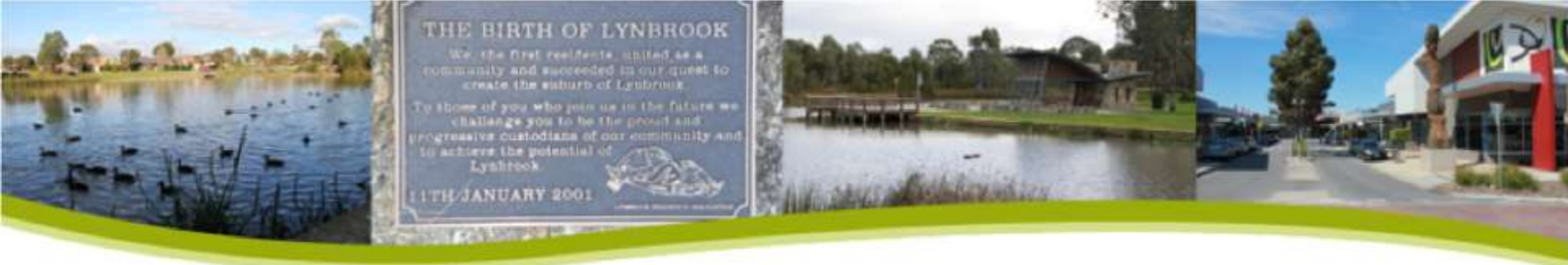
Sponsors:

Christopher spoke of the fact that the LRA have 10 Sponsors from Local Businesses, some new this year, and thanked the Sponsors for their support. Specifically, the Sponsors of the LRA are:

- Bendigo Bank (Marriott Waters)
- Biggin & Scott Casey (Cranbourne)
- Bikram Yoga (Lynbrook)
- Booksmart Accountants (Marriott Waters)
- Evolution Music (Lynbrook)
- Jetts Gym (Lynbrook)
- Le Mans Go Karts (Sth Dandenong)
- Lynbrook Village (Lynbrook)
- Peerless Automotive (Lynbrook)
- Sub Urban Burger (Lynbrook)

Assets: The LRA has purchased some new assets this year, to be used for events, and we are very grateful to Casey Council, and Bec Wood in particular for allowing us to store our assets in the Community Centre.

Treasurer's Report



- \$13,033 Net Assets – Viv also tabled an asset register, which will be placed on the <http://lynbrook.org.au> website.
- Viv described how Bec Wood (Manager of the Community Centre) had previously asked Viv how the LRA manage to run events with limited resources. Do we get grants from Council? Viv had explained to her that we self fund most events, with assistance from sponsors, and occasional grants from Casey Council and SITA/Suez

Vote for Committee Members

The Returning Officer, Damien Rosario, declared all Committee position vacant.

12 Committee Members were elected unanimously:

- Carlton Vaz
- Christene Paine
- Christophen Morgan
- Jasmeet Sehgal
- Jason Wood
- Kristian Goree
- Melissa McGrath
- Paul Graham
- Robin Dzedins
- Suzanne Arnott
- Vanessa Watson
- Viv Paine
- Wilfred D'Couto

Guest Speaker - Presentation by Mike Tyler, CEO – City of Casey

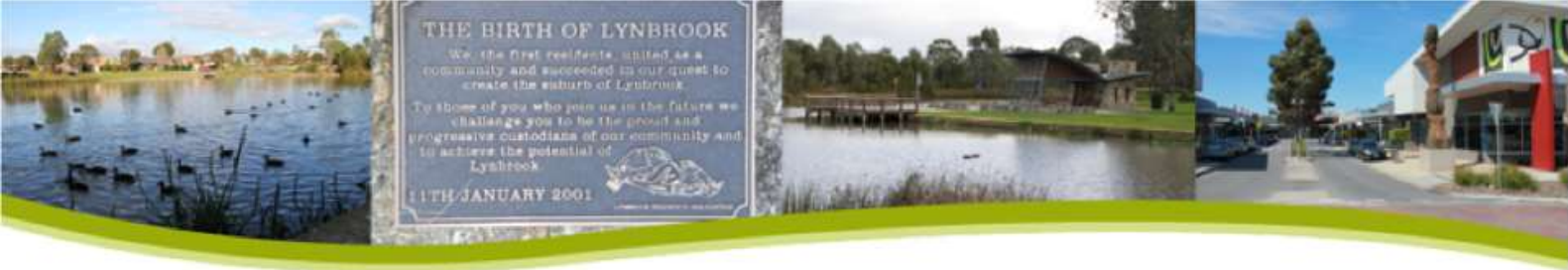
Mr Tyler gave a highly informative presentation to the LRA members and attendees. Mike has provided the LRA with a softcopy of his presentation, which will be placed on the LRA website (<http://lynbrook.org.au>). Highlights were:

- Mike has been the CEO of Casey Council since it's inception (over 20 years), and has worked for the Council (including it's predecessor – for 30 years)
- The population of Casey was 135,000 20 years ago and is now 295,000 – and is the most populous (as well as the “most reproductive”) Council in Victoria
- Annual budget is \$339M – and Capital Works budget is ~\$130M/year
- Debt is \$12.5M – which is comparatively very low at 6 ½% of rate revenue.
- Mike believes that Casey should have special financial assistance from the Government, as it is disadvantaged because it's a high growth council.
- Rates are low in comparison to other councils (more info in presentation).
- Staff engagement ratings are very high, and improving all the time
- Bunjil Place will be a fantastic community precinct, and the Council have recently appointed Brookfield Multiplex to build the project, and it's scheduled to be completed Oct 2017
 - ✎ Cost is \$125M. \$10M from Federal Govt, \$85M from borrowings, \$10M requested from State Govt, and the rest from specific reserves held over the years
- One of the issues for the area is that due to the huge population growth, there are jobs needed in the region
- Thompsons Rd construction will allow links to Eastlink and other roads, and this will potentially help job availability and wider access to more places of employment
- Evans Road is closed to through traffic due to Vic Roads concerns about intersection safety

Mike took questions from the audience:

Q: What about opening Evans Rd to allow just a left turn on Sth Gippsland Hwy from Lynbrook?

A: Mike will ask Vic Roads about this.



Q: How long until Glasscocks Rd is open all the way through?

A: Mike would be surprised if it's open in 20 years.

Q: There are issues with non-complete footpaths in the Lynbrook area, in high traffic areas. What can be done?

A: Mike suggested writing to the Council with specific issues – especially on Henry Lawson Dr.

Q: Can the Council do anything about issues with the Lynbrook Hotel and it's previous pledge to Community organisations?

A: Probably not. This issue has come up in the last with another organisation.

Break

There was a short break for refreshments, with the AGM resuming at 9:03pm.

Constitution

A motion was introduced by Robin Dzedins to approve the Constitution. It was seconded by Vanessa Watson and approved unanimously.

Close

- Meeting closed at 9:03pm

Minutes compiled by Jason Wood, Secretary

Minutes taken by Paul Graham, previous Secretary