

Lynbrook Residents Association

AGM minutes

24th Aug 2017

Attendance			
Rachael Andrews	Michael Arnott	Suz Arnott	Liz Bettink
Wilfred D'Couto	Robin Dzedins JP	Lee-Ann Goodwin-Berkec	Paul Graham
Doris Jackson	Michael Jackson	Aman Kapoor	Anshu Mahajan
Christopher Morgan	Viv Paine	Jay Pragash	Damien Rosario
Kulwant Singh	Irene Teran	Courtney Thursfield	Carlton Vaz
Neil Smith	Margret Smith	Scott Watson	Vanessa Watson
Miles Weidemann	Jason Wood	Sai Kumar Yerubandi	Naomi Wood
Proxies			
Viki Agius	Cheree Appledore	William Arnott	Diana Borny
Corey Bothamley	Vicky Bothamley	Arnis Dzedins	Pramod Fanda
Denis Hancock	Kunal Kant	Lee Kershaw	Lotti Kershaw
Bala Krishna	Kaspar Masabiel	Melissa McGrath	Kristin McGuckin
Sandy Morgan	Ryan Murphy	Manjit Sangeh	Gunjeet Singh
Jasmeet Singh	Rachael Sleeman	Rod Spalding	
Guests			
Cr Wayne Smith	Hilda Billing	Laksman Naidu Sham	Nicci Webster
Joann Fitzgerald			

Welcome

Meeting opened at 7:37pm

Apologies

- Christene Paine

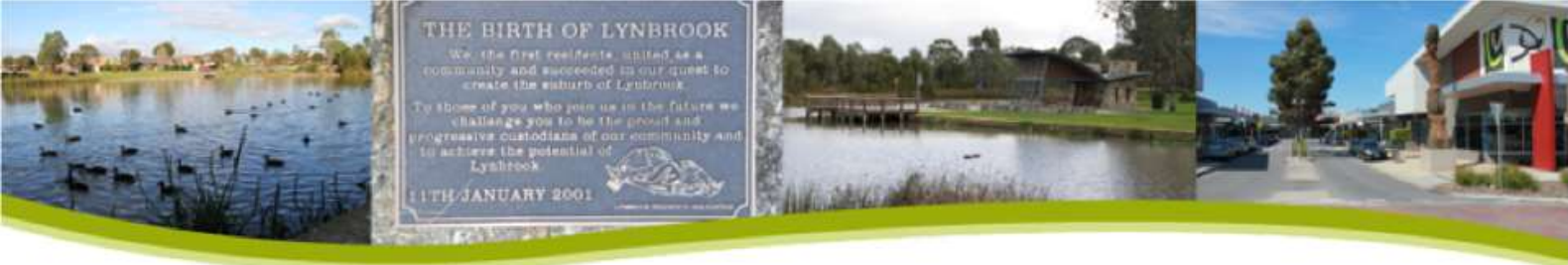
Confirmation of Quorum

- The Secretary confirmed that based on attendees and proxy attendees, the quorum had been met. Totals: 28 LRA member attendees, 23 LRA proxy attendees, 5 non-LRA attendees.

Guest Speakers – A panel of early Lynbrook Residents

Irene Teran

- Irene introduced herself explaining she moved to Lynbrook 3-days before Christmas in 1997, when there were less than 100 houses. By May 1998 she was working in the land office.
- One of Irene's tasks was to name the streets of Lynbrook. These were named after Australian writers. Irene found "The Oxford Compendium of Australian Writers" and between her mother and herself, had the book for over 5yrs.
- Lynbrook Heights streets were named after "high places" and the task was allocated to Monica Ruppel, the Project Coordinator.
- Irene's daughter, Lee-Ann Goodwin, started in the Land Sales Office by being Lynbrook's first Easter Bunny in 1999. Lee-Ann then had her own 5yr career Lynbrook.
- Irene has met many wonderful people while working and living in Lynbrook, many still here 20yrs later. Doris Jackson started going to the office for a cuppa and they formed a close friendship which still continues. Together they helped start up the LRA and Neighbourhood Watch.



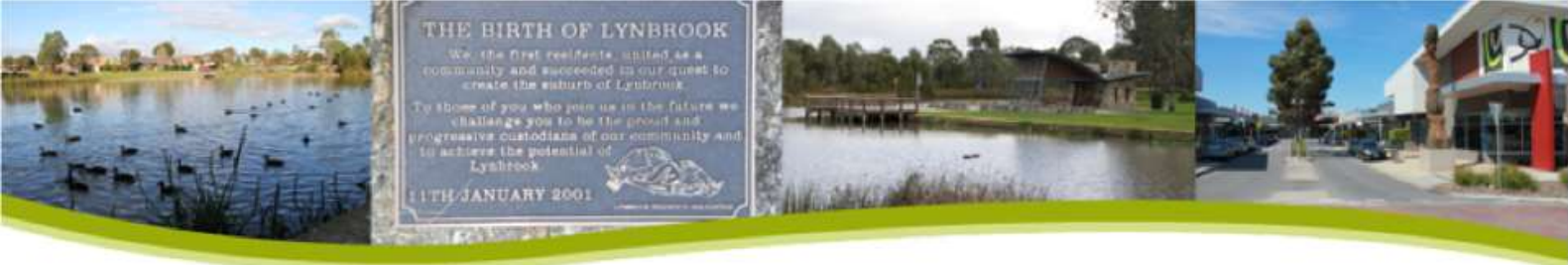
- After 20yrs, Irene considers herself a true blue Lynbrookian, with her children and grandchildren calling Lynbrook home. She is rightfully proud of her accomplishments at the Urban Land Office and as a very active committee member in the early years of the LRA and NHW.
- Lynbrook is a fantastic place to live and Irene thanked committee members of LRA & NHW for keeping our dreams alive.

Neil Smith

- Neil joined the LRA in 2005 after moving to Lynbrook.
- In the days before social media, there was a newsletter every 3mths that was hand delivered by members. This was printed at the Lynbrook Primary School.
- Neil put forward the idea of advertising to get funds for printing. This was very successful and led to an increase in the size and content of the newsletter.
- The early LRA was also involved in several projects in the local area, pushing to open Aylmer Rd, open Evans Rd, get the Lynbrook Station open, and working with council on other issues relevant to Lynbrook.
- Neil then gave a brief history of the LRA.

Doris Jackson

- Doris thanked Vanessa for inviting her to talk and mentioned it was wonderful to see the LRA stronger than ever, after almost 20yrs.
- Doris was Lynbrook's (Lyndhurst at the time) first resident and won her home in a Herald-Sun raffle. There were so many entries they filled a concrete truck. She got the call around 6pm on Sat 29 Sept 1995. She thought it was a prank as her mother had entered for her. She was still sceptical, but had to be at the house noon the next day to be handed the keys by the Herald-Sun and Urban Land Authority.
- On 29th July, Doris, her mum, and daughter, drove to Lynbrook to see the house. It was rainy and dark and they were covered in mud looking through the windows, both laughing and crying.
- Doris was the only person living on the estate for 3mths and Henry Lawson Drv ended at her house. There were no fences, so her daughter stayed elsewhere with their dogs. Bernie Porter, Lynbrook Estate Project Manager, eventually stepped in an organised fencing for them.
- It was a bit scary living there alone. At night, lots of cars would drive into the estate and park near Doris' home, using the dark area for "privacy".
- One time, Doris noticed guys and dogs wandering around and jumping fences. She called the police and soon had a divvy van at her door. Turns out the escapades were plain clothes police training sniffer dogs.
- Next door were paddocks with cows and horses. The cows would get out trample Doris' new lawn and run up to Sth Gippy Hwy. Doris & her daughter would round them up and get them back.
- Doris eventually got their first neighbours next door, a brother and sister. Being a new area, there were often large spiders and field mice. Doris would call them to help and laughed at the thought of two "screaming, hysterical" women and a brother and sister helping them out.
- When Doris won the house, she was told that within a couple of years they would have shopping centre, kindergarten, school, railway station and community centre. As we are all aware, they took a bit longer than a couple of years. As they say, "everything comes to those that wait."
- The LRA started in the late 90's and they met monthly at the Land Sales Office. They also wanted to start up a Neighbourhood Watch due to missing materials at building sites. The police said they would need a lot of neighbours to support them. Irene and Doris knocked every door to get the petition signed. They booked a room at Hampton Park Secondary College and blew away the police when there was standing room only.
- After starting NHW, Doris met Michael Jackson (21st resident) and managed to reel him in. They have now been married for 17yrs.
- After Lynbrook Heights was established, Urban Land Authority requested council that the suburb of Lynbrook be established. The request was emphatically rejected. The LRA



then set about to make it happen, with door knocking, lobbying, and meetings. Doris, being Lynbrook's first resident, read out the reasons for establishing Lynbrook with its own identity. It was her best day ever when the LRA was notified that it had been approved.

- The ULA and LRA had BBQs, every so often, in the Land Office car park, or huddled inside if cold or wet. From this they raised funds to pay for insurance and other running expenses. They had a wonderful group of people and the legacy lives on. For that, the early LRA members thank the current members.
- In closing, Doris said she will never forget the honour bestowed when she was asked to unveil the plaque at the official opening of our railway station. It was one of her most humbling and gratifying experiences.
- Doris also thanked Irene, for being her editor, secretary and best friend.

Confirmation of previous AGM Minutes

- Robin Dzedins proposed the minutes of the 2016 AGM be accepted
- Seconded: Paul Graham

Business arising from minutes

- There was no business arising from the 2016 minutes.

President's Report

- Chris Morgan started by welcoming everyone and gave an outline of his years of service to the LRA. He also commented on the diversity of the current committee and thanked them and past members.
- Chris spoke on our close relationship with City of Casey and councillors.
- Chris then went on to highlight some of the LRAs involvements. A small sample being:
 - Working with groups like HP CFA, LPS, and local businesses
 - Keeping the community informed through our social media
 - Advocating for bus routes, playground equipment in Kingsfield Park, exercise equipment in Banjo Paterson Reserve
 - Moving into the new storage area in LCC
 - Events like Lantern Festival, Christmas Carols, Clean-up Australia Day, etc.
- The LRA has also continued to grow the assets we have for the community, e.g. BBQ trailer, new popcorn machine, eskies, etc.
- We have also forged good working relationships with our elected officials
 - State level: Jude Perera
 - Federal level: Anthony Byrne

Treasurer's Report

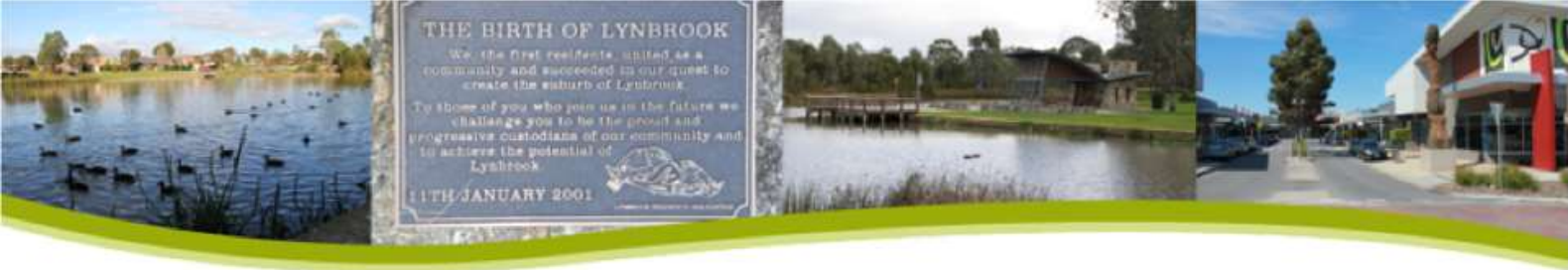
- Viv has been Treasurer for the last 3yrs and only lived in Lynbrook for 4.
- 2016/17 Transactions:
 - Income: \$20,050.10;
 - Outgoing: \$15,975.26;
 - Surplus on Trading: \$4,074.84
- Capital Expenditure: \$5,287.00
- Total Assets: \$18,694.59

Further details can be obtained from the Treasurer.

Retirements and nominations for the committee

Cr Wayne Smith took over as Chair for the meeting. Cr Smith thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts. Cr Smith then reminisced about his early memories of Lynbrook. He has lived in Lynbrook for the last 10 years. He worked with the early LRA and pushed council for the naming of Lynbrook, from Lyndhurst. He also spoke of getting Tim Holding (previous State MP) to push for Lynbrook Station and a photo op of Wayne's lost shoe (ask him about it).

12 Committee Members had nominated prior to AGM:



- Wilfred D'Couto, 2nd: Jason Wood.
- Carlton Vaz, 2nd: Robin Dzedins.
- Viv Paine, 2nd: Paul Graham.
- Paul Graham, 2nd: Robin Dzedins.
- Vanessa Watson, 2nd: Jason Wood.
- Robin Dzedins, 2nd: Paul Graham.
- Courtney Thursfield, 2nd: Jason Wood.
- Jason Wood, 2nd: Naomi Wood.
- Suz Arnott, 2nd: Michael Arnott.
- Rachael Andrews, 2nd: Suz Arnott.
- Aman Kapoor, 2nd: Jason Wood.
- Kulwant Singh, 2nd: Jason Wood.

With 6 positions vacant, Cr Smith called for nominations from the floor.

Nominations from the floor:

- Anshu Mahajan
- Laksman Sham Naidu

With all nominations, there were 14 positions filled and no vote was necessary. All nominations were accepted.

General Business

- There was no general business for the AGM.

Close

- Meeting closed at 8:37pm

Minutes compiled by Jason Wood, Past-Secretary