

Sandy Point Community Group – AGM Minutes

Date: 30 September, 2023	Start time: 10:37am	Finish Time: 11:10:am	Location: Sandy Point Community Centre
Meeting	2022-2023 AGM		
Attendees	Cr Sarah Gilligan, Anne Kinne, Rick Martin, Michelle Jelleff, Peter Slifirski, Glenda Scott, Joyce Wright, Bronwyn Parry-Fielder, David Skipper, Nicky Walker, Adrian Fyfe, Alan Wright, Chris Harvey, Phil Cornwell, Di Cornwell, Carmel Sutherland, Mark Wallace, Heather Bassed, David Bassed, Henriette Bauer, Cherry Trevorrow, Paul Woods, Deirdre Heffernan, Barry Howard, Lindsay Mitchell, Rob Nicholson, Judy O'Mara, Michael O'Mara		
Apologies	Neil Shaw, Mary Shaw, Judy Schrever, Frank Schrever, Richard Tremewen		
Present by Proxy	Peter Kinne, Francine Moss, Pat Synan, Greg Johnson		
Chairperson	Anne Kinne	Record taker	Michelle Jelleff

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1	Welcome Anne welcomed attendees and introduced Sarah Gilligan, Councilor South Gippsland Shire Council	
2	Minutes from AGM held 14 January, 2023	Moved – Peter Slifirski Seconded – Nicky Walker Accepted

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3	<p>President's Report (Anne Kinne)</p> <p>Welcome everyone and thank you for attending. A special welcome and thank-you to Councilor Sarah Gilligan for agreeing to conduct the official proceedings again this year.</p> <p>We decided to hold our AGM within the required timeframe of between 5 months of the end of our financial year. Therefore, it is only about 8 months since our last AGM which was held in January this year. However, we are planning to hold an information session in January where we can further update you on our projects and receive your feedback, suggestions etc.</p> <p>As our quarterly newsletter has recently been published and our diligent Website & Social Media Manager/Newsletter Editor regularly keeps you up to date on the events/happenings of SPCG some of this may not be news to you so I apologise for any repetition and plan to keep it brief. However, please feel free to seek further clarification, comments, feedback following the official proceedings.</p> <p>Current status of our projects:</p> <p>The Draft Sandy Point Community Plan (see attached) has been updated following extensive engagement with the community and groups. This plan will enable us to prioritise our projects, appropriately allocate our funding and strengthen collaboration and support from South Gippsland Shire Council and other key stakeholders. We look forward to receiving your views and participation. The Sandy Point Community Plan will be presented to Council on Thursday 23rd November 2023.</p> <p>This plan will also underpin the continuation of a review of our governance and compliance obligations.</p> <p>Caravan Park Subdivision: As most would know, some time ago, an application for a 14-lot subdivision of the caravan park was made to the South Gippsland Shire Council. 47 formal objections to the proposal were lodged by members of the community including one from the SPCG. Council refused the application</p>	<p>Moved – Joyce Wright Seconded – Adrian Fyfe Accepted</p>

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	<p>in its current form and an appeal has been lodged at VCAT. The SPCG will continue to participate and has applied to join the proceedings.</p> <p>The content and design for the Historical Interpretive Signs, to be placed in the TP Taylor reserve, are in the final stages. The signs will present historical narrative and images on the development of the township, known as the 'Playground of the South', and stories of people and the community. Funded by the Public Records Office of Victoria, it is anticipated these signs will be installed prior to the summer season.</p> <p>The New Sandy Point Welcome Sign has been approved by Council, along with a small grant. The SPCG is presently exploring grant and sponsorship opportunities to fund the shortfall of \$10,000. The project is ready to be installed once the remaining funding is sourced.</p> <p>To provide a Skate Park for our youth in Sandy Point has been a goal for us for many years and has always been a high priority on our agenda! We are presently collaborating with several stakeholders in the community to develop a revised proposal to Council for a small skatepark. The aim is to present the proposal to Council in the coming months. Once Council has approved a site and concept design, SPCG can work with Council to formalise the project and begin to source funding opportunities.</p> <p>We thank the community for their support of the petition to Council re a pathway for the Sandy Point Road. The SPCG received over 200 signatures to the petition to Council which contributed Councillors to voting to place the Sandy Point Road on the Paths and Trails Strategy and to be currently undertaking a 2023 review of the Strategy. Council also surveyed the public in August about the path (including an extension along Ennisvale Avenue) but have not released the results. We will keep you updated.</p> <p>We have commenced planning for our summer events and the annual Foodies & Artisan Market will be held on Saturday, Jan 6th 2024, commencing at 4.00pm and held at the Community Centre and</p>	

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	<p>surrounding grounds. Most of our regular vendors have already booked their sites and we have a pleasing variety of produce and ready to eat foods.</p> <p>SPCG Sub-groups:</p> <p>We appreciate the efforts of the SPCG sub groups who operate independently to provide a range of benefits to the community and are very proud of the successes they have achieved.</p> <p>Wildlife in Sandy Point (WiSP) has continued to be proactive with caring and monitoring our wildlife and by holding several promotional and educational events and information sessions. They continue to conduct research and collaborate with key stakeholders. The Habitat Group have already made a huge impact on our environment in opening up the Banksia Woodland area at the east end of the Coastal Reserve and the revegetation to be undertaken in May will make a difference to our precious wildlife.</p> <p>Sandy Point Music Group continue to flourish and we appreciate their efforts in bringing local talent to our doorstep and I encourage you all to support them.</p> <p>The Community Garden volunteers have advised that garden is thriving, due to plenty of rain over the winter and the plants are enjoying the onset of Spring. They have 3 new members to the group who meet every first and third Wednesday of the month. New seedlings will be planted within the month and the leaking bed repaired soon, thanks to Jack Schulz, and the financial support from the SPCG. Thanks, also, to our community who generously support us through the donation box.</p> <p>SPCG Committee and membership:</p> <p>Sadly, we have several long-standing committee members retiring from the committee and we thank them for their service to SPCG and the community.</p>	

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<p>Ray Henderson has been our 'Guru of everything Sandy Point' and we have benefitted from his vast knowledge, experience, and down to earth assessment of situations. His opinion and judgement on matters has always been highly regarded and of great value.</p> <p>Doug and Liz Brown have been great 'hands on' workers and instrumental in the implementation and ongoing success of the Community Garden and for the organisation of the Sandcastle competition which has grown from strength to strength.</p> <p>Ray, Doug & Liz we thank you for your commitment to SPCG and the community and wish you well in your future endeavours. Please be reassured that we will definitely be taking you up of your offers of continued help when needed!</p> <p>Many thanks to the current SPCG Committee members who volunteer their time and provide a diverse range of skills, knowledge, and experience to our many projects and the running of the group. This year we have appointed sub groups to work on selected projects and this approach has proved more time efficient and productive. Our Projects Coordinator, Michelle Jelleff, has been diligent in continuing to source relevant grants and has achieved many successful outcomes which our Treasurer will allude to in his financial report.</p> <p>It is a legislative requirement that we state the membership fees for the coming term of the AGM.</p> <p>The fees are unchanged from last year and stand at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$15.00 per single membership - \$25.00 per family membership (same household) <p>We currently have 281 financial members of the SPCG. We appreciate your continued support.</p> <p>Thank you, Anne Kinne, President SPCG</p>	

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<p>4</p> <p>Treasurer's Report (Rick Martin)</p> <p>Financial Year ending 30 June 2023</p> <p>SPCG continues to be in a sound financial position having total Cash funds of \$25,833.40. Included in this amount is an allowance for the provision for maintenance of Decorative Surfboards (\$2,968.15) and Provision for Historical Signs (\$5,188.27}. This results in an adjusted cash balance of \$17,676.98 being available for operating expenses and projects etc.</p> <p>This is an improvement of \$3,058.14 since 30 June 2022.</p> <p>COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANT INCOME ITEMS: Fund raising: \$5,447.96. Net Income:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Sandcastle Competition</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 511.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Sausage Sizzle</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,179.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Egg and Bacon roll event</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 474.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Foodies - Sites component</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 620.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">-Bar component</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,549.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">- Raffle component</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 333.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Foodies sub total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3,502.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Less Community Centre hire</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 220.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Foodies net</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3,282.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Total Fundraising</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5,447.96</td> </tr> </table> <p>These activities represent a dependable source of income to assist with the significant cost of Insurance and other operating expenses and our community projects. Such events also provide an opportunity for some face-to-face interaction with our members and the general public. All the events this year were extremely successful after having previously been hampered by COVID.</p>	Sandcastle Competition	\$ 511.90	Sausage Sizzle	\$1,179.79	Egg and Bacon roll event	\$ 474.00	Foodies - Sites component	\$ 620.00	-Bar component	\$2,549.27	- Raffle component	\$ 333.00	Foodies sub total	\$3,502.27	Less Community Centre hire	\$ 220.00	Foodies net	\$3,282.27	Total Fundraising	\$5,447.96	<p>Moved – Anne Kinne Seconded – Peter Skifirski Accepted</p>
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<p>The Sandcastle Competition is primarily staged to provide entertainment but there is a financial spin off in that the success of the sausage sizzle is largely reliant on the crowd attending the Sandcastle Competition.</p> <p>The Foodies Market has developed into a very popular event with both traders and patrons alike. The introduction of the bar and providing entertainment has been pivotal in elevating Foodies to a substantial fundraising source. SPCG is indebted to the Sandy Point Music Club for arranging a \$1000 live entertainment grant that in turn contributed to the bar sales.</p> <p>The Egg and Bacon Roll event was conducted at the invitation of WBSLSC to provide for participants in a Surfboat Carnival.</p> <p>Membership \$2,681.95 An important source of income from a small but loyal membership base. A fee increase and follow up on arrears has resulted in a much improved result.</p> <p>Newsletter advertising \$1,077.50 Newsletter sales at General Store: \$325.45 The quarterly Newsletter advertisers provide a consistent income stream. In addition to advertising revenue, we also receive revenue from the sale of Newsletters using an Honesty Box at the General Store.</p> <p>Grants: Historical interpretive Signs \$8,015.27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an ongoing project and as at financial year end there remains \$5,188.27 yet to be expended. • In addition, several grants obtained on behalf of WiSP for \$9,510.00 and \$999 respectively were received into the main SPCG Bank account but then transferred to WiSP. <p>COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE ITEMS:</p>	

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	<p>Historical Interpretive signs \$2,827. Welcome Sign deposit \$1000</p> <p>As referred to under “Grants” above. In addition, a Welcome Sign project is underway. The signs attract the attention of numerous visitors keen to learn more about Sandy Point and its history.</p> <p>Insurance \$2,390.17: A large but necessary expense given the litigious world we live in. Apart from covering the fund-raising activities referred to in this Report the policy provides cover for the Music Club and WiSP activities. Surprisingly this premium is reasonably in line with the previous year.</p> <p>Community Contributions: \$559.95</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPCG contributed \$500 as did SPMC and SPCC to the annual Community Event. SPCG is proud to be part of a culture within Sandy Point whereby the various Organisations work together to facilitate community strengthening. • A small contribution of \$59.95 was made to the very successful inaugural International Women’s Day Event. <p>Communication facilities: \$569.39 This includes the Zoom facility for Committee meetings and the Website.</p> <p>Equipment: \$850.02</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items such as Teardrop Flags, Lenovo mini tablet and Stand and Poster Stand are one off expenses and will assist our fundraising operations. <p>Rick Martin Treasurer</p>
5	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>Anne stood down as President and Sarah Gilligan conducted the election: Sarah declared all positions vacant and commence the election.</p>

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	<p>Anne Kinne – President Peter Slifirski – Vice President Rick Martin – Treasurer Michelle Jelleff – Secretary David Skipper – General Glenda Scott – General Adrian Fyfe – General Joyce Wright – General Nicola Walker – General Greg Johnson – General Bronwyn Parry-Fielder – General Richard Tremewen - General Mark Wallace - General</p>
	All nominations accepted
6	Formal proceedings and meeting closed – 11:10 am

Sandy Point Community Group – Meeting Minutes (Action & Agreement Record)

Date: 30 Sept, 2023	Start time: 10:38am	Finish Time: 11:48am	Location: Sandy Point Community Centre
Meeting	SPCG General Meeting (Post AGM)		
Attendees	Cr Sarah Gilligan, Anne Kinne, Rick Martin, Michelle Jelleff, Peter Slifirski, Glenda Scott, Joyce Wright, Bronwyn Parry-Fielder, David Skipper, Nicky Walker, Adrian Fyfe, Alan Wright, Chris Harvey, Phil Cornwell, Di Cornwell, Carmel Sutherland, Mark Wallace, Heather Bassed, David Bassed, Henriette Bauer, Cherry Trevorow, Paul Woods, Deirdre Heffernan, Barry Howard, Lindsay Mitchell, Rob Nicholson, Judy O'Mara, Michael O'Mara		
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	<i>Actions and Agreements</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>When</i>
1	Welcome Anne welcomed attendees to the general meeting	Anne Kinne	
2	Sandy Point Community Plan An overview of the Sandy Point Community Plan was provided, referencing key inputs from SPCG members And Sandy Point community organisations. The Plan has been shared with Council and circulated via social media.	Peter Slifirski	

	Actions and Agreements	Who	When
	<p>Chris Harvey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - acknowledged the Plan and its importance as an engagement tool. - Requested an update with regard to Council and where SPCG is up to with discussions <p>Response: A “pause button” with regard to discussions with Council. It is anticipated that projects will be broken up and advocacy will take place to sequence projects. Town Centre Plan will require approval and funding from Council.</p> <p>Response: Community Plans are being assessed across the South Gippsland Shire Council through the Strengthening Team. A Coastal Committee will be formed to address projects aligned with the Coastal Strategy. Budget deliberations have commenced to provide sufficient time to align with Council’s Strategic Plans, including the Coastal Strategy, which was adopted last week. The Coastal Strategy will allow for funding expenses across the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coastal Hazard Mapping - Tourism Management - More Pathways - Environmental initiatives (align with State and Federal funding opportunities) 	<p>Peter Slifirski</p> <p>Cr Sarah Gilligan</p>	
3	<p>Wind Farm Proposal – Wilsons Promontory, South Gippsland</p> <p>Adrian Fyfe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requested an update on the Wind Farm Proposal off South Gippsland Coast/Wilsons Promontory <p>Response: Council advocated to remove the planned wind farm turbines from the Prom, which was aligned with community sentiment and pressure. This was successful.</p>	<p>Adrian Fyfe</p> <p>Cr Sarah Gilligan</p>	

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3	<p>Coastal Strategy</p> <p>Marinus Link was raised: Sarah advised that this government initiative is proceeding. She spoke to the importance of these large companies (Marinus) providing a direct and significant benefit to communities impacted. Projects of this caliber provide a once in a generation opportunity for communities to gain an investment (from Marinus) that provides a beneficial legacy to communities.</p> <p>The Economic Visitor Engagement Strategy to be revisited in context of the Coastal Strategy.</p> <p>Action: Set up a Zoom meeting with Councilor/s and relevant officers to discuss SPCG's priorities.</p>	<p>Cr Sarah Gilligan</p> <p>Cr Sarah Gilligan & SPCG Committee</p>	 <p>Oct - Dec</p>
4	<p>Waratah Bay Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC)</p> <p>Paul Woods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indicated he would like WBSLSC to be more involved with SPCG - There are now two (2) WBSLSC Board members sitting on the SPCG Committee - Suggested that this AGM date was not convenient to many - While WBSLSC appreciated meeting with the SPCG sub-committee to discuss SPCG's Coastal Strategy submission in May, Paul indicated he was disappointed that WBSLSC was not able to participate in a SPCG committee meeting. <p>Response: Anne Kinne indicated it was challenging to incorporate WBSLSC Board into a committee meeting due to limited meetings across winter, which included a committee meeting with Cr Sarah Gilligan, and the extensive agendas at remaining meetings.</p>	<p>Anne Kinne</p>	
5	<p>Anne thanked the attendees for their contribution. She also thanked Sarah Gilligan for attending and engaging with the SPCG members. Formal proceedings and meeting closed: 11:48am</p>		