

SANDY POINT COMMUNITY GROUP



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and GENERAL MEETING Saturday 30th January 2021 @ 10.00am Held at the SANDY POINT COMMUNITY CENTRE

MINUTES

Chaired by President of Sandy Point Community Group: Anne Kinne. Official procedure of re-election of Office Bearers and Committee was conducted by Di Cooper.

Present: **Financial members:** Anne Kinne, Frank Schrever, Judy Schrever, Di Cornwell, Phil Cornwell, Ray Henderson, Peter Slifirski, Doug Brown, Liz Brown, Di Cooper, Diana Zlatic, Sally Gibson, Tony Cornish, Peter Kinne, Michelle Jelleff, Cathy Fraser, Peter Fraser, Michael Hennessy, Margaret Hennessy, Heather Bassed, Chris Harvey, Lucas de Jong, Nicky Thurlow, Rob Giles. Caroline Williams and Barry Peachey joined online.

Non/unfinancial members: Michael Pearson, Christine Neaves

Apologies: Joyce Wright, Wacek Lipski, Libby and Ian Hore-Lacy, Susan and John Stanecki, Rob McGauran, Cath Giles, Ian and Greta Fullager, Rick Martin, Sam Taylor, Etta and Reuben Stewart, John Doward, Debbie Lombardo.

Minutes of Last A.G.M. held on 30th September 2019

Moved: Di Cornwell, Seconded: Ray Henderson that:

The minutes be accepted as an accurate account of that meeting.

Accepted unanimously.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

President's Report:

(The President's Report is attached at the end of this report)

The following items were presented.

- **Events**
- **Road surfacing within township**
- **Traffic calming**
- **Caravan Park land sale**

- **24 hour Access Defibrillator**
- **Telstra Mobile Phone Service**
- **Town signage project**
- **Koala Action Project**
- **Skate Park proposal**
- **Community Garden**
- **Waratah Way**
- **Community Power Group**
- **Membership fees**
- **Thanks**

Treasurer's Report

(The Treasurer's Report is attached at the end of this report)
 Vice-President Frank Schrever presented the Treasurer's Report.
 Total Cash Funds as at 30/06/2020: \$22,841.37

Membership Report Phil Cornwell advised that currently there are 159 financial members, up from the 149 registered last year.

Election of Officers and Committee of SPCG:

Di Cooper Chaired the Election of Office Bearers and thanked the outgoing committee for their hard work throughout the year and encouraged members present to join the new committee.

As there was only one nomination received for each Committee position and no further nominations from the floor, no election was required. As there was no nomination received for the vacant Secretary position Anne will be continuing as official Secretary and sharing responsibilities with Di Cornwell.

The nominated Committee members were accepted and congratulated.

President	Anne Kinne
Vice-President	Frank Schrever
Secretary	Anne Kinne / Diana Cornwell
Treasurer	Rick Martin
Committee	Diana Cornwell
Committee	Phil Cornwell
Committee	Ray Henderson
Committee	Joyce Wright
Committee	Doug Brown
Committee	Liz Brown
Committee	Peter Slifirski
Committee	Judy Schrever

The meeting closed at 10.40 am and was followed by a General Meeting to provide a further discussion of current projects and to take any questions from the floor.

GENERAL MEETING
SANDY POINT COMMUNITY GROUP
Saturday 30h January 2021

A general meeting commenced after the completion of the AGM.

Topics discussed were:

New slide

Lucas de Jong asked whether there had been any safety/maintenance issues with the new tube slide in the playground. He had heard previously of problems with a similar one at Bairnsdale and was concerned about the selection of one for use at Sandy Point. No one at the meeting had heard of any problems and several commented that it was very popular with are young users.

Removal of illegal and unsafe shack in sand dunes

Lucas de Jong asked whether this had been removed yet and Ray Henderson advised said that the Foreshore Committee had done so recently.

Road resurfacing

Rob Giles asked if had had any further information from Council re the issue of poor resurfacing of our roads within the township. Peter Slifirski told the meeting about the discussions that had been held with Council's Engineering Coordinator, Paul Challis, on Friday 30th January. Paul Council acknowledged that Council was very disappointed in the outcome and current state of roads but they had no redress under the contract with the resurfacing contractor. Paul explained that as the original road surface was deteriorating and pot holing was occurring, they decided to redo the entire road surface. The original A Grade level Avon River aggregate used is no longer available and to achieve the light colour finish we requested, the contractor had sourced and used a B Grade product.

A complete road resurfacing cannot happen in the near future as the tar used needs time to harden before it can be replaced. Council is working with industry to source a suitable alternative aggregate. The area in front of the shops will be a priority and depending on the availability of contractors, work is hoped to commence within several months.

Peter has suggested we advocate with Council to treat the area in front of the shops as an urban renewal project, similar to those underway in Leongatha and completed in Foster. This will bring economic benefits from increased tourism.

Council will keep us informed of progress and emphasized that they are committed to work with us for a satisfactory outcome.

Tony Cornish suggested we need drainage pits in certain areas to avoid water pooling and eroding the road surface.

Traffic Calming

Lucas de Jong asked if there was more that could be done to decrease the amount of speeding on our roads eg speed humps. Frank Schrever said that he had requested the insertion of a chicane on Beach Parade near the corner of Park Rd, but we've had no success with council on any of these ideas so far. The group has also asked for flashing 40kph signs to be installed in busy times particularly along Beach Parade. However, Council has insufficient numbers of these devices so we were unsuccessful in getting them installed. Paul Challis advised that we could look into hiring one over the summer holidays.

Peter Kinne said that he was surprised at the lack of police presence over the busy holiday period and felt the regular police visits could encourage the wearing of bike helmets, keeping to speed limits etc. and create more appropriate responses to our shared roads.

Incidents and issues urgently needing attention from Council

Di Cooper told people that there was an app "Snap Send Solve" that can be used to alert Council of issues that need attention.

Caravan Park land sale issue

Heather Bassed asked why Council had approved the sale of housing blocks in the Caravan Park and felt this land could be used for benefit to the community. Heather was concerned over the lack of parking during peak times and had counted 70 cars in the area near the access to the main patrolled beach.

Council could purchase these blocks and make them available to the community. Heather has contacted the Council and spoken to the Planning department who said they could not do anything about it. Suggested she contact the Assets department and was told the Shire does buy land if it gives value to the Shire.

Peter Slifirski said the land may already be contracted so insufficient time to do this. He said that in other parts of Victoria, Councils have asked for a community contribution when land like this is sold and Chris Cope has suggested this may be possible. Peter suggested we write to Council about this and reiterated that Council should have a more robust consultation process with the community in future.

Peter also mentioned that rising sea levels will affect applications for subdivision in the future. Heather requested that SPCG send a letter to council regarding this issue.

Sandy Point Community Power

Chris Harvey gave a talk and power point presentation on their work and achievements so far. He advised that the SPCP is now an incorporated entity so can apply for grants etc.

Chris discussed the purchase of additional hardware including the purchase of batteries and electric vehicle recharging points for the Community Centre and Men's Shed buildings.

They are trying to establish a trading scheme that will be viable for the community but are still working on this.

The benefits of such a scheme would be:

- Increased feed in tariff
- Reduced number of brown outs as more houses have panels
- Reduced daytime rates
- Funding more community projects.

They are developing a Community Power Portal online. This will enable people to join the scheme and see how much power they are using and putting into the grid. As yet they have not found a scheme that will be financially viable but are continuing to work with a particular power company and are optimistic it will eventually be achieved and then they will open it up to communities around Australia. The La Trobe Valley Authority is providing funding for a study. They want to do a 20-25 property trial to test the scheme. More details will be forthcoming.

Waratah Way

Di Cornwell asked what was happening now with the project. Michelle Jelleff, who has taken over the role of coordinating the project said that we will be working with Council and DEWLP to upgrade the environmental report and cultural heritage report and seek funding for the project.

Frank Schrever said that the group involved with the Marinus Link, an electricity cable that makes landfall from Tasmania in Waratah Bay was interested in helping out with community projects and it would be worth discussing with them.

Meeting closed 11.40am.



President's Report

Sandy Point Community Group Inc. AGM

30th January 2021

Welcome everyone and thank you all for attending. Our AGM is usually held “one day in September” – so at least today I will not feel guilty that I am keeping you away from your Grand Final preparations!

Although our year has been “different” to say the least, with many challenges to overcome, our committee has remained positive and proactive. We have held several very successful ZOOM meetings and have individually worked through our many projects and issues.

We have reported to you throughout the year through direct email, our website, Facebook and our quarterly Newsletter that Di Cornwell brilliantly produces. As you are aware, the Newsletter includes not only SPCG updates but news on all our Sandy Point groups and some wonderful stories of interest. Di has introduced a Sandy Point History segment to our website which is receiving great interest and many well-deserved accolades – please contribute if you can. Our aim was to keep you informed, especially all those who could not visit during the Melbourne lockdowns and border closures.

Update on our projects/issues

Please note that further discussion on our current issues/projects will be forthcoming during our general meeting following the AGM. Feedback and questions will be welcome.

Previous Summer events

Last year's summer events were very successful and well supported by community and local businesses. Fortunately, this gave us the financial security to operate this year despite not being able to run our regular fundraising events and enabled us to donate our raffle proceeds of over \$1000 to the Sarsfield Community which was devastated by the Bushfires and to fund the seat at the new viewing platform. We were disappointed we were not able to run our usual community strengthening events and fundraising activities this year but given the very short timeline to try to organise, the complexities of adhering to the Covid Safe measures and

requirements and the daily uncertainties of everchanging restrictions, we felt better to be safe than sorry! We received several lovely emails from our regular Foodies vendors understanding our decision and saying they looked forward to supporting us next year.

Road Surface

We have been in communication with Council re the sad state of our Sandy Point roads. It is so disappointing, as the SPCG had strongly advocated for our light-coloured stone road surfaces to be retained and waited a long time for the promised works to be scheduled. We felt the works completed in Feb last year were not of a good standard – in fact quite shoddy and ill prepared but Council is maintaining that it is not a poor workmanship issue but a material issue. The stone used is only available in ‘B Grade’ quality which proved not be suitable for our heavy traffic etc.

We had a successful meeting on Friday (29th) with Paul Challis, Engineering Co-ordinator, SGSC to discuss the options available to rectify and proceed. Paul stressed that Council were also very disappointed in the outcome of the re surfacing and are currently working with industry to find the best solution. As the original Avon river stone used is no longer available, locating a ‘A Grade’ aggregate in the light colour we have requested is proving difficult. Repairing the front of the General Store and surrounding area will be the priority and it is expected to commence within several months but is dependent on contractor availability. Further information on the discussion will be forthcoming in the general meeting following.

Traffic Calming

We were successful in advocating for a reduction in the speed limit to 40 km throughout the township and Council regularly attend to “lack of visibility areas”, by trimming vegetation in identified hazardous areas.

Although we have, on many occasions, highlighted problem areas (Beach Parade and dog leg at Caravan Park), where high speed and near misses have occurred, Council seem to be reluctant to take any further action. The committee is currently in discussion on what action can be taken and on who is ultimately accountable Council, Vic Roads, or Vic Police?

Caravan Park Land Sale

We have been advised by a concerned resident member that she wrote to Council requesting they give immediate attention to the impact of the land advertised for

sale at the Caravan Park on the future needs of the Sandy Point Community and the limited parking available for visitors to our patrolled beach. It was suggested that SPCG could consider enquiring to Council if their planning department could investigate the purchase of the land.

24 Hour Access Defibrillator

Due to the change in ownership of the Mini Golf our 24/7 access defibrillator, at the request of the new owners, has been relocated to the front of the General Store – so thanks to Andy and Sue for offering to accommodate this potentially lifesaving device and all who assisted in the relocation to ensure minimal down time.

Phil reported a week or so ago our defib was utilised by a resident as a precaution in an emergency situation – fortunately an ambulance arrived and the defib was not required. However, it was reassuring to know that it was readily available.

Telstra mobile phone service

We continue to strongly advocate for this issue, but unfortunately with little result. Certainly not for the lack of trying! We have recently been in contact with a resident who has given us a glimmer of hope of the possibility of a small cell repeater being erected on her property at the eastern end of town. Telstra's consultant for the project advised that the site has been recommended and it is with Telstra now to assess the financial aspects of the project.

Sandy Point Signage Group

A new sub group has been formed to revamp and enhance the signs around the township. The community notice board has been relocated to on the walkway to the Main beach and an application for funding for planned future projects is being prepared to submit to council.

Sandy Point Koala Action Project

This successful project has now been completed and the final completion report accepted which fulfils the contractual obligations of the Funding Agreement.

Overall the grant money from the State Government has allowed us to plant additional koala habitat to connect up some patches of bush and provide safer passage and future habitat for the current population.

We now need to find out if there is anything else that we as a community can do to manage the overall health and viability of the population. We will be holding a meeting to discuss this on Sunday, 14 February at 10.30am and welcome you all to attend.

We were proud to have had our koala project featured in a segment on Gardening Australia's TV program last year, which you may have seen.

Caitlin Pilkington who was responsible for the brilliant submission which led to us gaining the \$50,000 grant has now resigned from the leadership of the group. We thank Caitlin for her enormous contribution to this successful project and for all her hard work, commitment and the sharing of her knowledge and expertise. We also congratulate Caitlin and Dave on the birth of their daughter Luna Mei and offer our best wishes on embarking on this new venture!

Skate Park

We have recently been advised that we were not successful in gaining a grant from SGSC to conduct a feasibility & concept design study into the construction of a skate park. We are disappointed but not daunted and will not be giving up on this worthwhile project that would provide benefits to our young community members. Michelle Jelleff, Project Coordinator, has advised that she will be contacting council in the new year for feedback and be seeking alternative funding options.

Community Garden

We were delighted to have been successful in obtaining grants from Volunteering Victoria and South Gippsland Shire Council to assist funding the Community Garden which is to be situated adjacent to the playground on the T.P. Taylor reserve.

Thanks to Michelle Jelleff, our SPCG Projects Coordinator, who did a wonderful job in producing the submission. Committee members Doug & Liz Brown are being proactive in implementing the project and are currently in the process of researching and purchasing the necessary wicking beds, tools, plants etc. and liaising with Janine Schultz who is providing her expertise and experience in community gardens.

Waratah Way

The shared trail is most definitely still on our Agenda and we are investigating funding sources and seeking support from local government.

Sandy Point Community Power Group (SPCP)

This innovative and hard-working group is now operating independently and will provide an informative update on their progress and exciting future plans, during our general meeting.

Membership

Our incorporation rules state that we must advise of our membership fees, which will remain at \$10 per single and \$20 per family (residing at same address) We encourage all members to continue to renew their membership and if you are not yet a member, we would appreciate you joining. Due to our inability to conduct any fundraising activities for the past year, we will be relying on your continued membership to contribute towards paying for our insurance, running costs, maintenance and operational fees for defib, donations and the funding for our many projects and advocacy work.

Thanks!

I want to thank our wonderful committee – this year in particular as I have not been able to be here for most of the year. Every committee member can be relied on to bring their individual attributes, expertise and knowledge and willingly share to the benefit of the group and community projects. I appreciate their commitment and the time they generously provide. The majority of our committee, are involved in several other community groups, have working & family commitments and I often think of the saying “If you want something done – give it to busy person!” Which certainly applies to many here (especially to Phil Cornwell!)

I would also like to give special thanks to Michelle Jelleff, our recently appointed Projects Officer, who has tirelessly conducted extensive research and applied for several grants on our behalf. We appreciate your efforts, expertise and workload/time involved.

Anne Kinne, President SPCG

**SANDY POINT COMMUNITY GROUP INC. (“SPCG”)
TREASURERS REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

SPCG continues to be in a sound financial position having total Cash funds of \$22,841.37. This represents an increase since 30 June 2019 of \$1,476.21.

The components of this are as follows:

Bendigo Bank Operating Account	\$ 8,595.13
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	<u>\$14,246.24</u>
	\$22,841.37

Term Deposit components:

Provision for maintenance of decorative Surfboards	\$2,899.63
General Savings	<u>\$10,879.82</u>
Total	\$14,246.24

COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANT INCOME ITEMS:

Fundraising:

Net Income : Sausage Sizzle /Sand Castle Comp	\$ 905.05
Foodies Sites	\$ 1,060.00
Bar	\$ 1,202.52
Raffle	\$1,015.00

These activities represent a significant and dependable source of income to assist with financing our community work as well as providing an opportunity for some face- to- face interaction with our members and the general public.

The Sand Castle 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 Sand Castle Competition. Combined profit down about 10% from the previous bumper year but still a highly successful day.

The Foodies Market was staged for a 6th time and was a great success financially. Site hire income (Food and Artisan stalls) was up approximately 25% on the previous year and the fine tuning of the Bar operation resulted in a substantial increase in profit of some 50% compared to the previous year’s inaugural operation. The introduction of the Bar and providing entertainment has been pivotal in elevating Foodies to a substantial fundraising source. The Sandy Point Music Club also again kindly donated \$150 towards the entertainment costs and Andy and Sue from the General Store. In respect to the purchase of our alcohol requirements. It is also pertinent to acknowledge Di Cooper for her support on the day and she and the T.P Taylor Committee of Management in respect of providing the use of the Community Centre on attractive terms.

The Raffle proceeds were almost identical to the previous year but as President Anne has referred to the Committee decided to forgo that revenue and donate it to the very worthy Bushfire Relief cause in line with other locally based entities.

Membership \$1,639 :

A small increase from previous years due to some members paying in advance.

Advertising \$1,105 : Newsletter sales at General Store : \$291.70:

A consistent source of funds from our loyal advertisers who support the excellent Newsletter produced by our Editor Di Cornwell on a quarterly basis.

In addition to advertising revenue we also receive revenue from the sale of Newsletters in the General Store.

COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE ITEMS:

Rescue Dummy contribution \$695:

SPCG was pleased to contribute along with other local Committees to the cost of a Rescue Dummy to be used by the Marine Rescue Service in their training drills.

Insurance \$2,299.59:

An increase of \$52 on last year. A large but necessary expense. Apart from covering the fund raising activities referred to in this Report the policy provides cover for the Music Club and the Koala Project activities.

Electrical works at Community Centre \$533.50:

In order to prevent potentially costly power outages for vendors at the Foodies Market as had previously been a problem, it was necessary for some the existing electricity supply system to be upgraded. As these works were done exclusively for the needs of SPCG the Sandy Point Community Centre Committee decided that the cost should be borne by SPCG.

Defibrillator Battery \$507.50 Monitoring \$107.57

There are ongoing maintenance costs associated with maintaining this vital community service.

Shade Cloth and accessories \$503.85

A one-off cost. Anyone familiar with Sandy Point will appreciate that strong winds can play havoc on Foodies Market day. In order to prevent damage to Marques and to ensure Vendors returned a wind break was considered to be a necessary investment.

Rick Martin

Treasurer

Sandy Point Community Group Inc.

