

***Cremorne Community Group Inc***

**Annual General Meeting Sunday, 28 August 2016, 3pm**

**Record of Meeting - Cremorne Bowls and Community Club**

The President declared the meeting open at 3pm, and welcomed those in attendance. He said that he was gratified that it appeared that the CCG has a future in the community and thanked the many residents - both absent and present - for wanting to keep the Group going into the foreseeable future. He then called for apologies.

**Apologies:** Jodie Presnell, Lyn Bremner, Phil & Vicky Ions, Sarah and Sven Meyer, Di Johnson, Michelle Blundstone, Gen Hickman, Roger and Barbara Menadue and Fiona Lyne.

**Present:** Helen & Brian Bennett, Vicki & Ian Pearce, Louise Keady, Wendy Freeman, Richard Blundstone, Glenn Bremner, Graeme and Suzanne Geard, Rose Crane-Talbot, Wes Talbot, Geir Rodven and Adrian Beach.

**Minutes of 2014-15 AGM:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2015 were confirmed on a motion moved by Ian Pearce and seconded by Helen Bennett.

**President’s Report:** Brian Bennett spoke to his final President's Report (attached) noting that the Group had achieved its goal of recruiting new members onto the executive. The most striking outcome of our *Community Forum on the Future of the CCG*(14 August) was the ongoing interest in the work of the Group and a number of people willing to fill the Executive. He alerted the incoming Executive to the need to start planning for our annual events - *Cremorne Day Long Table Lunch* and *Christmas @ Cremorne* and urged them to build on existing strengths and seek new initiatives in the coming year. He also urged the executive to build on and maintain our partnerships with other community groups and individuals such as SAPRA.

Brian thanked the outgoing Executive and committee members and singled out the role of Vicki Pearce since the inception of the organisation. He wished the incoming Executive all the very best for the future.

The President’s Report was accepted on a motion moved by Ian Pearce and seconded by Wendy Freeman.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer, Glenn Bremner, spoke to the Report (attached) saying:

* the membership fees and donations had dropped significantly in 2015-16;
* ongoing funding for events from Clarence City Council has continued to give the Group greater financial security;
* and the income from the sale of the Entertainment Book annually was a useful addition to our organisation.

Our outgoings, whilst small, cannot be paid from the event funding received from Council and include annual trailer registration, web costs and Corporate Affairs fees. The 2015-16 Financial Statement recorded the balance in the bank at 30th June 2016 was $893.12.

The Report was accepted on a motion moved by Geir Rodven and seconded by Ian Pearce.

The **Public Officer** explained that the Group needed to pass a motion seeking exemption from an annual audit and said that amendments to *The Associations Incorporation Act 1964*- which will take effect from October 2016 - will permanently exempt small groups like ours from having to seek this exemption at each AGM.

The following motion was put and carried: *That we request the Commissioner for Corporate Affairs to exempt our association from an audit for last financial year and that the Public Officer forwards this request.* (Moved by Vicki Pearce and seconded by Geir Rodven)

**Election of Office-Bearers**

All Executive positions were declared vacant. Nominations were received for all positions except the Vice President and nominations for this position were called for from the meeting. Wes Talbot was nominated and, there being no other nominations from the meeting, the Executive listed below was declared elected unopposed:

* *President*…Adrian Beach
* *Vice-President*…Wes Talbot
* *Secretary*…Sarah Meyer
* *Treasurer*…Geir Rodven

Ian Pearce is to continue in the role of *Public Officer*.

**General Business**

Vicki Pearce and Brian Bennett spoke about the recent “Community Forum” on the future of the Cremorne Community Group Inc held on 14th August 2016. They repeated earlier comments that it was gratifying that the work the Group had undertaken on behalf of the community over the last 7 years was valued enough for some to put their hands up to ensure its continuation into the future. (Report of Forum attached)

The incoming President, Adrian Beach, briefly addressed the meeting affirming his commitment to the current program but recognising that the new Executive would need to engage new members and that it has a mandate to keep the Group relevant to the community.

The outgoing Executive wanted to record its gratitude to a number of committee members, community groups and individuals who have unstintingly and quietly contributed to the work of the Group by putting their names in the record of this meeting and by the presentation of “Certificates of Appreciation”. These were presented to: Helen Bennett, Wendy Freeman, Di Johnson, Rob and Jenny Barclay, Jodie Presnell, Cremorne Playgroup, Julia Dineen and Gavin Joyce.

**Meeting Close:** The Annual General Meeting closed at 3pm.

Vicki Pearce

Secretary

Cremorne Community Group Inc.

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**President’s Report to Annual General Meeting – Sunday, 28 August 2016**

Verbosity is a personal failing which I admit I am prone to, but I hope to make this AGM report brief…partly so we can enjoy the rest of the day and partly because the upcoming issue of *C Breeze* encapsulates much of what I would want to say at this time. In last year’s AGM report I wrote:

*…it is true that a core group within the CCG has worked especially hard to generate ideas and undertake activities over the last 6 years that have benefitted many. As a result, it’s fair to say that some planning and production fatigue within our “core” may have to be acknowledged and we need to look to others within our community to take on more of the planning and conducting of events and activities. In purely practical terms, the absence of so many of the retirees on our executive during colder months means progress on some matters may stall at this time of year when, instead, some Winter events could be conducted.* ***Recruiting new members to the executive of the CCG ought to be a goal for the year ahead.***

How pleasing, therefore, to be able to report that at our Community Forum on 14 August, enough volunteers stepped forward to keep our Group operational with the exciting prospect that new faces and new ideas can build on our past and lead us into a new**\*** and successful future. Thank you to those who will take up executive positions at this AGM. You have our gratitude and promise of ongoing support and involvement, albeit in a different capacity. I hope the incoming executive can attract even more residents to become paid-up members of our organisation.

Just over the horizon – on Sunday, 16 October – is our award-winning *Long Table Lunch* which celebrates the official gazetting of “Cremorne” as a town in the Clarence municipality. It’s one of our 2 major community events for the year; the other being *Christmas @ Cremorne* on Sunday, 18 December. In addition to these key events, some effort will be required to meet new or anticipated costs associated with our community gazebos and trailer, eg: repairs to gear such as sandbags, side-walls and frames as well as registration of the trailer itself. There are also ongoing costs associated with maintaining our website. Rather than being seen as a burden, however, such costs can be seen as an ongoing investment in community support and may even prompt consideration of special fund (and “fun”) raising activities.

**\***New directions? As outgoing President, I offer up 3 ideas…an advantage of being able to author this report one last time:

1. In terms of community engagement and visual expression, the “Avenue of Banners” from 2010’s *Wrecked in Cremorne* was especially memorable and we have a couple of metal fabricators who could help out with better support frames if it was to ever happen;
2. Explore links with the South Arm Peninsular Residents’ Association as suggested by President, Kerry Scambler at our Community Forum (0407 875 460); and
3. The South Arm peninsular has several walking/riding paths and it would be great if, one day, there was such a path linking Cremorne to Clifton Beach.

Finally, I want to thank all those who have worked on behalf of the Cremorne community via our Group over the last 7 years – none more so than Vicki Pearce – and to wish the incoming executive all the very best for the future.

Brian Bennett

President, Cremorne Community Group Inc.

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**Report on the Community Forum: *Future of the Cremorne Community Group?***

Held on Sunday 14th August 2016 at the Cremorne Bowls & Community Club.

Attending: Brian & Helen Bennett, Kerry Scambler, representing SAPRA, Louise Keady, Ian & Vicki Pearce, Bronwyn Holmes, Sarah & Sven Meyer, Kylie Vollus Tori Keygan, Chris Potter, Geir Rodven, Renee Potter, Matt Keygan, Jodie Presnell, Ang Bidgood.

Apologies: Hannah Sun, Adrian and Anna Beach, Gen Hickman, Fiona Lyne, Mel Brown & Julia Dineen, Jeni Middendorf, Grace and Andy Patten.

The CCG President, Brian Bennett, welcomed those present and thanked everyone for their interest and concern about the future of the Cremorne Community Group. He said the current Executive had taken heart from the conversation and feedback.

Before throwing open the discussion, Brian referring to the CCG constitutional requirements, identified that the Constitution was a brief and succinct document which allowed the incumbent executive to run the business of the CCG in a way which suits the current needs of the community. He pointed out that membership was open to all residents of Cremorne for a nominal annual subscription of $5. It could meet as often or as little as it needed, could set up sub committees, working groups & etc as it required on the condition that it held an Annual General Meeting every twelve months and within three months of the end of its financial year.

Brian briefly outlined the chronology of the Group's achievements, and identified where we did not meet in any significant way a couple of the objectives of the Group. He spoke to the successful collaboration between all the community organisations since the Group's inception. He then opened the discussion to the meeting.

In summary, those present reiterated that they would be unhappy to see the end of the two major community events, the Cremorne Day Long Table Lunch, in October and the Christmas @ Cremorne event. Sarah Meyer and Louise Keady discussed the possibility of allocating the basic functions of the committee in a different way to redistribute the work load. Kerry Scambler, on behalf of SAPRA, outlined the particular ways her organisation could support and collaborate with the CCG especially in respect to infrastructure issues.

Decisions Arising from the discussion

The meeting agreed that the CCG would be able to form an organising committee to ensure the future of the Group for the foreseeable future.

Nominations were called for the executive for the upcoming AGM on 28th August 2016 and nominations for President, Secretary and Treasurer were received. Ian Pearce will continue in the role of Public Officer for the Group.

The Forum agreed to hold Cremorne Day on Sunday October 16th 2016 and that Christmas @ Cremorne will be held on the 18th December 2016.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Vicki Pearce

Secretary, Cremorne Community Group.

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| **Income** |  |  | **Expenditure** |  |
| *Type* | $ |  | *Type* | $ |
| Interest | 2.60 |  | Annual return | 59.20 |
| Grants | 5995.00 |  | Functions/Events | 2172.65 |
| Membership | 100.00 |  | Trailer purchase | 4295.62 |
| Donations | 100.00 |  |  |  |
| Entertainment book | 130.00 |  | Web/ Domain name | 144.00 |
|  | **6327.60** |  |  | **6671.47** |
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| Balance in bank 30th June 2015 | | |  | 1236.99 |
| Plus excess of income over expenditure | | | | **-343.87** |
| **Balance in bank 30 June 2016** | | |  | **893.12** |