

## PORA AGM 20 November 2023 7.30pm

### St Anne's Hall Park Orchards

1. Welcome to all the attendees.
2. PORA Committee present: Mark Haley, David Connolly, Nicole Volk, Serena Williams, Shane Dickinson.
3. Apologies – Carli Lange, Nicole Werner, Wayne Lee, Matt and Mary Jane Wagenfeld.
4. Previous minutes
  - a. David McNiff moved that the minutes be accepted, David Connolly seconded - Carried.
5. **Presidents Report** – tabled.
  - a. Chalet public meeting bought the community up to date.
  - b. Meet the Candidates Night for the Warrandyte By-election went well.
  - c. Please join the committee – currently 5 committee members.
    - i. We have quorum issues, and we need more volunteers.
  - d. Website updates – Shane Dickinson has been invaluable.
    - i. Business members encouraged to advertise in PORA.
  - e. Social media Facebook page opened - going fairly well thanks to Nicole Volk.
  - f. Bendigo Bank now replacing ANZ for all PORA banking activities.
  - g. Public toilets in Park Orchards: installation of a new public toilet in the town centre.
    - i. Still a problem yet to be resolved.
  - h. Chalet – letter sent to owners seeking a meeting regarding the neglected and vandalised state of the building. Letter also sent to council.
  - i. PORA have re-established regular meetings with the Council CEO and the Ward Councillor.
  - j. David McNiff resigned in December 2022 – big shoes to fill.
  - k. Serena Williams joined Committee in Dec 22.
  - l. David McNiff to become a life member.
    - i. Mark Haley moved that David McNiff become a life member, Serena Williams seconded - Carried.
  - m. Communications tower – Council has denied the planning permit application, so it might then go to VCAT. If so, then Council will have to fight it.
    - i. 176 submissions, 3 for and balance against.
    - ii. Public meeting held with the Applicant, Council and people who lodged a submission.
    - iii. We do not know what will happen.
    - iv. PORA did not have a formal position on the tower.
6. **Treasurers Report** – tabled.
  - a. Move that Treasurers Report be accepted – Trevor Street moved, Seconded Ann Bidstrup. Carried.
7. **Park Orchards Market** – report tabled.
  - a. Has been fully booked – we have 30 stalls on the waiting list most months.
  - b. Stall holders are well supported through social media promotions.

- c. Supporting local community groups by providing stall space: Lions, Craft Cure for Cancer, CFA, BMX club, Cricket Club.
- d. Host talented local buskers each month.
- e. Community grants given from gold coin entry donations: SES, PO Community House Learning Centre, PO Kindergarten & Scones Together Group
- f. Need more PO residents to attend market – about 20% are from PO.
- g. Questions:
  - i. Can we expand the market area and get more stalls?
  - ii. Could we close off the road? Can we have a smaller PORA marquee?
- h. Move report be accepted – David McNiff moved, seconded, Ann Bidstrup. Carried

**8. Nominations for Election of Office Bearers – David McNiff to officiate as returning officer.**

- a. All positions declared open.
- b. President – Mark Haley only nomination for President – Accepted.
- c. Acting Treasurer – David Connolly only nomination for Treasurer - Accepted
- d. Secretary – David Connolly – only nomination for Secretary.
- e. General Committee – Nicole Volk, Serena Williams, Shane Dickinson, only nominations for General Committee. – accepted.  
Move that they be Accepted - Carried.

**9. Vision – Committee wants to pursue:**

- a. Liaison with Council and State Government
- b. Sustainability and community involvement.
- c. Chalet outcome to benefit Park Orchards.
- d. Liaison with local community: Lions, Warrandyte Community Association, etc.
- e. New committee members and sub-group membership
- f. Sewerage system – What is happening and what is proposed?
  - i. Geology surveying is in progress in parts of Park Orchards.
- g. Next PORA/council meeting is on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Are there any matters that should be raised?
  - i. Watching the new planning laws re housing density.
    - 1. Re sewer – suspect that sewerage is being delivered by stealth.
    - 2. Fire management in the 100 acres.
      - a. Lot of fuel load.
  - ii. DMcN had contact with fire prevention officer and with council officers.
    - 1. Specialist report on fire in 100 Acres – follow up – David Connolly.
  - iii. Block size Vs. granny flats, no sewerage, prohibited in the green wedge?
  - iv. Moon-scaping of new blocks by developers?
  - v. Percentage of block that is covered by building?
  - vi. Sewerage questions
    - 1. Grey water treatment issues.
    - 2. Pidgeon Bank Road sewerage project was well over budget.
    - 3. Invite Yarra Valley Water to attend a market stall?
    - 4. Need to get summary of the pro's and con's of the installations.
    - 5. What are the cost implications to residents?

**10. General business**

**Nil.**

Meeting closed – 8.48 pm.