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Management Committee Agenda

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 27 September 2022

Meeting Type: Management Committee Meeting

Time & Location: 10:00am Cooroy RSL

Committee members attending: Rod Ritchie, Duncan Macqueen, Alan Hodgkinson, Jennifer Sadler

Apologies: Ross Heilscher, Ray Kelly, Julia Walkden

- 1. Meeting** opened at 10.10am. Confirmation of minutes 28/6/2022 - Management Committee Meeting proposed by Rod Ritchie and seconded by Duncan Maqueen that the minutes be accepted. Vote unanimous.
Correspondence Out: Letter to Larry Sengstock re playground.
Correspondence In: Letter from Cr Brian Stockwell re enquiry into CARA participating in a pilot of a potential Futures Process for Noosa Shire.
- 2. Treasurer's Report.** Jennifer Sadler reported that the balance at our last meeting June 28 2022 was \$334.38. Because there have been no withdrawals or deposits since that last meeting the balance remains at \$334.38. There are no liabilities and no assets. Proposed by Jennifer Sadler and seconded by Alan Hodgkinson that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Vote unanimous.
- 3. Hinterland Adventure Playground.** Rod Ritchie outlined some problems with the playground that have not been addressed. 1. Children playing in the storm water drain that runs through the playground. 2. Shade sails not yet erected. 3. Dogs allowed in the playground despite best practice is that dogs not be allowed. 4. Water in the wading pool is dirty. 5. Children throwing rocks into the wading pool. Rod Ritchie wrote to Larry Sengstock re dogs in the playground and outlined best practice. Larry Sengstock responded he would pass on CARAs concern. No response, so Rod has written again. CARA now awaits a reply. Discussion about reasons for the problems. Rod could only estimate the cost of the construction but said that it was only meant to cost \$5 million dollars, \$2.8 m from the State and \$2.2 from council and the council made up the other \$2m, so wondered if there was a cost blowout and some infrastructure was not completed or put on the back burner.
- 4. Pilot of a potential Futures Process for Noosa** – Rod Ritchie read the letter from Cr. Brian Stockwell enquiring if CARA would be interested in being involved in a pilot of a potential Futures Process for Noosa. All members were interested in the concept particularly Duncan Macqueen who is concerned about transport of all sorts, but particularly non-motorised. Duncan said that roads are not safe for bikers etc. Duncan would be interested in representing CARA on a pilot. Motion proposed by Rod Ritchie and seconded by Duncan Macqueen that CARA will support the potential Futures Process for Noosa. Vote Unanimous.
- 5. GemLife Appeal Update:** In the absence of Julia Walkden who has been doing all the work on the GemLife appeal Jennifer Sadler outlined that there have been a lot of postponements. However, late this year there will be a without prejudice conference and, early in 2023, a trial will be booked for over several days.

Duncan Macqueen and Alan Hodgkinson are concerned about liability. Jennifer Sadler explained that as members of an incorporated association we are protected from being personally prosecuted. Only the incorporated association can be prosecuted, except in the case of doing something illegal in the name of the association the members could be prosecuted. Rod Ritchie explained that Cara is a co-respondent with council and that at this stage the process hasn't cost any money and that Cara will pull out after mediation and before it comes to trial.

Duncan Macqueen proposed and seconded by Alan Hodgkinson that CARA review the situation when we get to the mediation stage. Vote Unanimous.

Jennifer Sadler explained that most of the work re the appeal has been done by Julia Walkden and it has been a huge undertaking. Proposed by Jennifer Sadler that CARA thank Julia Walkden for all her hard work done to date. Seconded by Duncan Macqueen. Vote unanimous.

6. **Update on local development projects – Emerald St site – Pub:** Rod Ritchie explained that there are plans approved for 3 shops and offices above at the empty Emerald St. site. Condition of approval is that the awning to be more appropriately designed. The Project Manager of the pub is taking over the block next to it for a veg garden. The pub's new design hasn't been reviewed yet.
7. **CARA video project:** – Rod Ritchie explained that he and Duncan Macqueen will be at the Pomona Markets on Sunday to do short videos with stall holders and customers.
8. **Business Directory plus and minuses such as accuracy of reviews, site moderation:** Rod Ritchie explained that CARA is considering a web business directory. Businesses would advertise for a sum for 6 months or a year. Businesses would have control over their own adverts. Rod would like to get some advice re CARAs liability if inappropriate adverts are put on it.
9. **Other Business:** The new design for the Police station is approved. Circa has been bought by Wythes. Rocky will have films behind his rail carriage.
10. **Next meeting:** 6 December 2022 ,General Meeting and AGM, at the RSL.
11. **Close meeting:**11.30am.