

Lynbrook Residents Association

AGM minutes

31st Aug 2016

Attendance			
Rachael Andrews	Michael Arnott	Suz Arnott	Wilfred D'Couto
Michael Drew	Arnis Dzedins	Robin Dzedins JP	Kristian Goree
Paul Graham	Michael Ihle	Christopher Morgan	Christene Paine
Viv Paine	Jon Palling	Patrick Powell	Julie Powell
Jasmeet Sehgal	Kulwant Singh	Courtney Thursfield	Carlton Vaz
Scott Watson	Vanessa Watson	Miles Weidemann	Jason Wood
Naomi Wood			
Proxies			
William Arnott	Christian Barnard	Kathy Bury	Simmi Chawla
Heather Clayton	Cassandra Duncan	Nicole Elms	Selin Eroglu
Suzy Flechsig	Fissaha Gobena	Denis Hancock	Nora Howard
Michael Jackson	Meena Kaur	Mini Madhu	Melissa McGrath
Jim Millar	Sandy Morgan	Paresh Pandya	Kim Pullen
Mahendra Ramakrishnan		Manjit Sangeh	Elissa Savage
Noel Savage	Shihan Seneviratne	Gunjeet Singh	Gurjeet Singh
Kimi Singh	Vikaskumar Upadhyay	Divya Vimal	
Guests			
Cr Wayne Smith	Kunal Kant	Jaspal Singh	

Welcome

Meeting opened at 7:35pm

Apologies

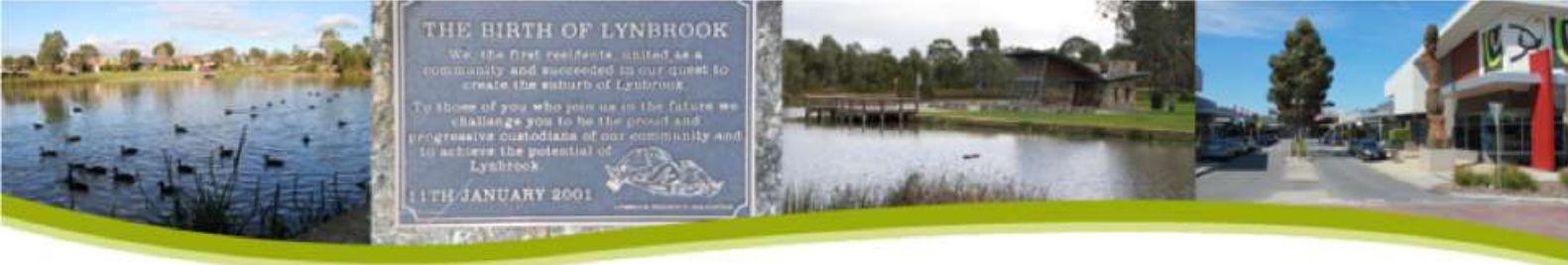
- Aman Kapoor
- Cr Damian Rosario
- Cr Wayne Smith (for lateness)

Confirmation of Quorum

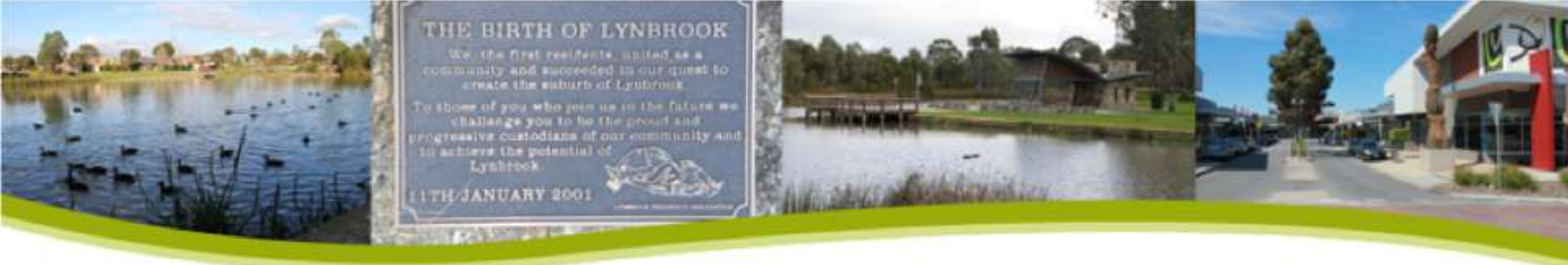
- The Secretary confirmed that based on attendees and proxy attendees, the quorum had been met.

Guest Speakers – Sergeant Brad Johnstone & Leading Senior Constable Dave Smith

- Sergeant Brad Johnstone opened with introductions and Leading Senior Constable Dave Smith started the discussion.
- A large of their unit's work is involved in dealing with youth (which is up to 25yrs of age) in trying to stop them turning to crime or move away.
- Dave Smith has been in the role for a long time, in fact, some of his colleagues were grade 5 students when he was giving presentations at schools.
- Their focus is on the 12 – 20s age group. They make up about 20% of the population, but responsible for 50% of crime. Dave also pointed out that 3-5% of youth commit crime, which means that 95%+ do not.
- They are a proactive unit and among other things, they look at school truancy. They find that not going to school plays a large role in youth that commit crime.
- For more serious crimes where youth are on bail, they are tasked with enforcing bail conditions, e.g. curfews.



- The team also goes to schools and youth centres to show that police aren't just there for when they mess up and do bad things.
- Brad Johnstone then spoke a fair bit on crime prevention.
- They look at trends in the area and act on that, e.g. theft of tradies tools is fairly prevalent, so they've gone to Tradies' Mornings at Bunnings to give talks about protecting themselves.
- They also give security advice to community groups, similar to what they are doing tonight, and support Neighbourhood Watch.
- As part of crime prevention, they will also go to train stations and check out cars. If they find people with valuables on display, etc., they will write to them with advice to better deter thefts.
- They also offered simple advice that is often ignored: lock cars, lock doors and don't leave valuables on display. Most thieves don't actually break into cars anymore. They prefer to look for soft targets and just go around trying handles to see what's been left unlocked.
- The Apex style crimes are very much like that. They look for unlocked cars, unlocked front or even back doors.
- From the Audience: Someone suggested that separating your house and car keys was a good idea.
- Chris Morgan: Are there issues with CCTV & Privacy
 - Brad: No real issues if they are facing public areas, e.g. front of property. If it's pointing to where someone walking by could see, that's OK. Issues would be with CCTV that might go into a neighbour's back yard.
- Chris Morgan: With Social Media, crime seems to be reported a lot more and may make crime seem more than it is. How does Lynbrook compare to other areas of Casey?
 - We were pointed to: <https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au>
 - In general muster area, they don't hear much about Lynbrook.
 - Mainly it was assaults, and most assaults were family violence.
- From the Audience: Asked about response times in Casey
 - Police don't have set response times. A Sergeant or Snr Sergeant make the calls on who goes where.
- From the Audience: Asked about their views on resourcing for Casey
 - They couldn't directly discuss that.
 - Police Association would have things to say about that though.
- From the Audience: Are numbers low because not enough people want to be police?
 - Numbers are set by Vic Govt. They set the funding for how many police can be paid for.
 - They did talk about PSOs. Initially they were sceptical, but they seem to be doing a good job and making people feel safer.
- From the Audience: A question was asked about alcohol and family violence.
 - Their role really isn't in that field. Both officers were strong in their belief that alcohol was the cause of most harm, more so than any other drug.
- They then gave some examples of who to call in certain situations:
 - If something is currently happening: Call 000 (even things like monkey bikes)
 - For things that are somewhat constant: Call Crime Stoppers (e.g. a suspected drug house)
 - For questions of a general nature: Call/visit your local police station
- From the Audience: Should you keep garage door openers in your car?
 - So long as it's not in plain sight, it should be fine. Brad does, his wife doesn't.
- From the Audience: There was a question relating to speeding in Hutchinson Drv, especially as a rat run to avoid Sth Gippsland Hwy traffic.
 - Call Crime stoppers. It's an on-going issue. With enough calls, they may get a Highway Patrol car down to monitor.
- Finally, Brad pointed out that email addresses for local police stations can be found on the Vic Police website. http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=581



Confirmation of previous AGM Minutes

- Robin Dzedins proposed the minutes of the 2015 AGM be accepted, with a correction of item #2 of Mike Tyler's presentation to be "population of Casey".
- Seconded: Paul Graham

Business arising from minutes

- There was no business arising from the 2015 minutes.

President's Report

- Chris Morgan began by welcoming everyone and saying how pleased he was to be able to have the AGM in the Lynbrook Community Centre.
- Chris highlighted that he has been president for the past 2yrs and also served in other roles prior. He said it was an honour to serve.
- Chris expanded on what a great community we live in, with a broad range of people and served by people who care.
- The LRA has enjoyed a very good working relationship with Casey Council over the years and grants have helped us put on events and buy equipment to help put on the events.
- Chris mentioned the events that the LRA has been involved in and awards it, and various members, have received.
- The LRA has worked closely with various groups, inc CFA, Lynbrook Primary, Lynbrook Village, local businesses and others.
- The community has been kept informed through social media, newsletter email, posters and letterbox drops, plus the monthly meetings.
- We have advocated on behalf of the local community with Ward Councillors, responding to requests and petitions.
- LRA was involved with: playground equipment for Kingsfield Reserve, exercise equipment for Banjo Paterson Reserve, Thompson Rd duplication, temporary opening of Evans Rd, bus routes, new water fountains in Banjo Paterson Reserve, new park bench, duck signs, paths, providing information on Northey Road closure and roundabout.
- LRA has now moved into the LCC and have our own storage with concrete floor.
- The LRA runs a number of successful events each year: Lantern Festival, Christmas Moonlight Cinema (w/thanks to Evolution Music), Clean-Up Australia Day (assisted by local Filipino community), Holi Festival of Colours (w/sponsor Deon Pollard), Pancakes in the Park, Halloween in the Park. Now we are preparing to do this all again.
- We have new and renewed sponsors. Special thanks to Suez (formerly SITA) for Lantern Festival sponsorship.
- New assets: Audio/Visual trailer (now purchased), BBQ trailer, popcorn machine, generator, megaphone, blower, eskies, marquee, tables and more.
- Forged new relationship with local elected officials, Jude Perera at State & Anthony Byrne at Federal levels.
- Finally, Chris thanked everyone that has helped make the LRA the success that it is

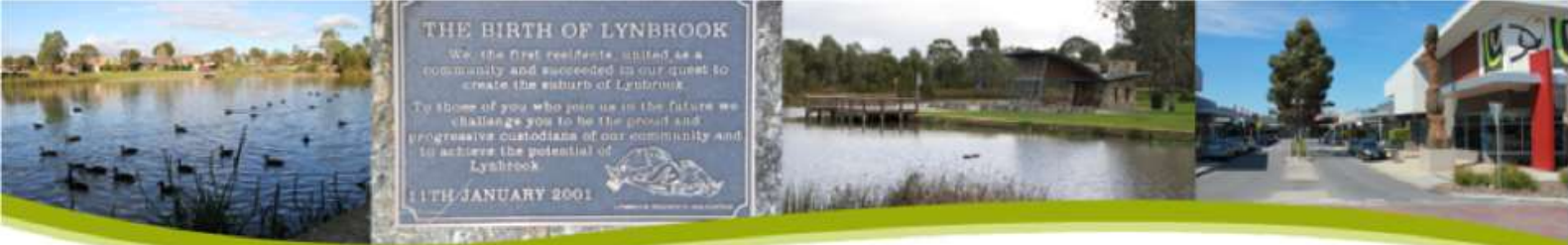
Treasurer's Report

- Bank Balance: \$6532.95 (Inc grant money for BBQ trailer)
- Transactions since last meeting
 - \$1000.00 – Purchase A/V trailer
 - \$165.00 – Room hire fees
 - \$385.00 – Printing costs for Lantern flyers
 - \$73.80 – Clean Up Australia BBQ expenses

Retirements and nominations for the committee

Cr Wayne Smith took over as Chair for the meeting. Cr Smith thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts and expanded on how well they had worked with City of Casey.

11 Committee Members had nominated prior to AGM:



- Viv Paine, supported by: Christine Paine
- Christene Paine, supported by: Viv Paine
- Aman Kapoor, supported by: Jason Wood
- Christophen Morgan, supported by: Robin Dzedins
- Jason Wood, supported by: Naomi Wood
- Paul Graham, supported by: Jason Wood
- Robin Dzedins, supported by: Christopher Morgan
- Suzanne Arnott, supported by: Michael Arnott
- Vanessa Watson, supported by: Christopher Morgan
- Wilfred D' Couto, supported by: Jason Wood
- Carlton Vaz, supported by: Christopher Morgan

With 7 positions vacant, Cr Smith called for nominations from the floor. There were some general questions asked around what is expected and if they can nominate later. These were answered by the previous committee members.

Nominations from the floor:

- Courtney Thursfield, supported by: Vanessa Watson
- Michael Arnott, supported by: Suz Arnott
- Patrick Powell, supported by: Not recorded
- Jasmeet Singh, supported by: Jason Wood
- Kulwant Singh, supported by: Kristian Goree
- Rachael Andrews, supported by: Paul Graham
- Jaspal Singh indicated his desire, but he was not currently a member of the LRA.

With all nominations, there were 17 positions filled and no vote was necessary. All nominations were accepted.

General Business

- There was no general business for the AGM.

Close

- Meeting closed at 9:13pm

Minutes compiled by Jason Wood, Secretary