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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING** of the Preston Beach Progress Association Inc. held at the Community Hall on Saturday 17 May 2025 commencing at 10:21am.

**PRESENT:** Vicki Bosworth (Vice-President), Lyn Allen (Treasurer), Bob Goodwin (Secretary), David Bolt (MLA), Trick Cole (Shire of Waroona), Jan Hall, Mick Farragher, Colum O’Kane, Jo-Anne O’Kane, Noel Dew, Wilma Jones, Marion Herkes, T Orrell, June Boardman, Mike Cardy, Dave Shopland, Valda Culverhouse, John McSwain, Charlie Batey, Di Batey, Jenny Hood, Romilly Goodwin, Peter Eastlake, Don Bebbington, Georgie Tunstill, Athony Deleo.

**APOLOGIES:** Nola Eastlake, Irene Dew, Robin Cardy, Rick Madin, Joselyn Madin, Bebbington, Fred Evely, Gary Knight, Beverly Luke, Jill Norton, Dan Norton, Peter Allen.

**Chair for AGM:** Vicki Bosworth chaired the meeting.

**WELCOME:** Vicki welcomed everyone.

**QUORUM** (min 10 people): A quorum (26 attendees) was declared, and the meeting proceeded.

Vicki welcomed David Bolt as the new MLA for our district and thanked him for making the time to come and meet people at the GM.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING:** The Minutes of the previous GM held on 15 February 2025 were circulated electronically (email of 25 Feb 2025). Mike Cardy **moved** that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting. **Seconded** by Wilma Jones. **Carried.**

#### **APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS**

Two new members were Antony Deleo – 6 Waterway Rd and Vince Borg – 5 Waterway Rd. These were accepted unopposed.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### Secretary Stuff Done

- Weekly updates continue to be issued.
- The 2025 Qtr 1 Newsletter and the Mega Book Sale flyer were written and hand distributed (as well as electronic).
- The fluros in the back room were fixed and the wood has been purchased to put shelves in the back room. Mick and I will do once time permits.
- The combined events meeting was held with the Community Garden and Golf Club. A calendar was published but now needs updating. The revised calendar has been appended to these minutes.

### Secretary Stuff to Do

- The Qtr 2 Newsletter needs writing.
- I have now permanently finished work and will be able to put more time back into the Secretary's job.

### Shire and Other Government Departments Correspondence

I have still had no contact from Hillary Wheater re the signs at the lake. One sign is now completely missing and the supports are broken.

On 29 April, The Council approved the making of the Local Government Property & Public places Local Law 2025. The proposed LL is now available on the Shire's website. This update will be attached to an upcoming weekly news update (done). Submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Waroona, PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6215 by 4pm Friday, 04 July 2025.

Footprints Owners Group has been in contact to discuss potential future liaison. A meeting will be held with their contact.

A 'Places of Last Resort' plan that is to be developed between the Shire and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. This has been previously advised. There has not been a lot of progress on this issue, but it remains a live issue for the Shire who advise that it will be progressed.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: (01 February to 30 April 2025)

On 19 April the Easter Mega Book Sale was held. Marion and her team of volunteers laid out hundreds of books for purchase. It was a very busy day with Mick and Geoff on the BBQ for the sausage sizzle, while inside there was lots of coffee and cakes being sold. The book sale is one of the PBPA's biggest fund raisers and this year was no exception. This year the total taken was \$2,277.00. After expenses, the amount raised was \$2,066.90 - just over what was taken in 2024.

A big thank you to Andrew Cayzer for organising the Anzac Day ceremony and the Shire of Waroona for their Donation to help towards the celebrations. We had a wonderful turnout again with over 50 people attending. Thank you to Romilly Goodwin and Peter Allen for their contribution of the prayers and Andrew for his moving tribute to Forrest Jenkins, better known as Mick who was a Waroona boy and served in the navy. To Marion for collecting the sandwiches and setting up the morning tea and with the help of Mick and Charlie hanging the poppies in the gazebo. The wreaths were laid on the memorial wall by: Charlie Clarke (Shire of Waroona) Bob Goodwin (PBPA) Peter Allen (PBGC) Lorraine Walton (Resident).

Memberships over the last quarter have been steadily coming through with renewals and new membership applications and with donations has raised \$,1500.

Hall activities remained steady over the last quarter with groups utilising the hall. Jenny Hood has been conducting her physiotherapy practice in the meeting room 3 days per week. The hall has been utilised by the shire and other groups to present us with a variety of activities. On 03 May we had the polling booth for the Federal Election.

As with the world, the Association could not escape being hit by scammers this quarter, not for a huge amount. I had been at Telstra recharging the internet for the hall, and when I got home and checked that the payment had gone through, I found an unauthorised amount for \$47.42 made to Amazon. I alerted Westpac and they were right on to it and we had the money returned.

This quarter we have had a couple of purchases: the Telstra recharge for internet and new eftpos machine.

The term deposit has been rolled over for another term at 4.03%.

Events since previous General Meeting

- Easter Mega Book Sale – 19 April – Marion Herkes
- ANZAC Day commemorations – 25 April – Andrew Cayzer

### Current Financial Position

#### **This Quarter:**

**Nett income:** \$6,032.05

**Nett Expenses:** \$2,688.73

**Profit/ Loss:** \$3,343.32

#### As of the 30 April

**Cheque Acc** \$27,438.36

**Debit Acc** \$ 97.02

**Term Deposit** \$ 6,446.16

**Total:** **\$33,981.54**

The full financial summary for 01 February to 30 April is provided below:

**PRESTON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - Summary Report**

Account: \*\*\* ALL \*\*\* From : 1/02/2025  
To : 30/04/2025

Category	%	Nett Income	Nett Expense	GST Amount
<b>Income</b>				
Calendar Sales	1%	54.40		5.44
Donation (Progress)	6%	368.18		36.82
EASTER BOOK SALE	19%	1,130.90		113.10
Hall Activities/Use	12%	747.54		74.76
Hall Hire	18%	1,089.09		108.91
Membership	21%	1,254.42		125.58
Payment	15%	879.35		87.93
Sales	1%	30.91		3.09
Yoga	8%	477.26		47.74
<b>Income Total</b>		<b>6,032.05</b>		<b>603.37</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
AUDIT COST	9%		250.00	(25.00)
Comm/Hall purchases	34%		903.83	(90.40)
Electricity	15%		391.38	(39.14)
Function Cost	19%		501.99	(50.19)
Misc Labour Charges	4%		100.00	0.00
Printing/Stationery	10%		266.84	(26.68)
Refund	5%		136.36	(13.64)
Unidentified	2%		47.42	0.00
Yoga Expenses	3%		90.91	(9.09)
<b>Expense Total</b>			<b>2,688.73</b>	<b>(254.14)</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>				
GST to ATO			279.00	0.00
Transfer		1,772.42	1,725.00	0.00
<b>Balance Sheet Total</b>		<b>1,772.42</b>	<b>2,004.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>7,804.47</b>	<b>4,692.73</b>	<b>349.23</b>

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<b>CASH PROFIT / (LOSS) :</b>		<b>(P) 3,343.32</b>		

#### Assets / acquisitions

- EFPOS machine now purchased.
- Need to acquire another BBQ (approx. \$1,500). Our second BBQ is beyond repair. A grant for \$1,000 has (subsequent to meeting) been requested through David Bolt.
- We want to dispose of our old coffee machine.
- We will outfit the back storage rooms throughout the year. We also need a lot of new plastic tubs.
- We need to purchase a proper aluminium step ladder.
- The oxy-viva bottles have been returned.

It was suggested that we review our split of available funds invested between our operating account and our fixed-term investments.

Peter Eastlake **moved** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Seconded** by T Orrell. Motion carried.

#### **OTHER ORGANISATIONS:**

##### State Government

David Bolt thanked the PBPA for the invitation to attend. David lives in South Yunderup and has 2 children. David advised that he was very keen on meeting community groups and their members. He intends to hold various small group meetings in the future such as coffee mornings and attend meetings where possible.

Bob Goodwin raised three issues that the PBPA would like David to be aware of. These were:

- The slip lane on the Preston Beach Road turn-off has been long talked about. It was waiting on Western Power to remove infrastructure before Main Roads could action it. The residents of Preston Beach are very keen to see this happen.

- The Volunteer Fire Brigade need a light tanker (4WD ute type tanker) to be able to attend fires on the beach and in the dunes. This is a reasonable frequent occurrence. Their current large fire truck is too heavy to go on the beach.
- Preston Beach residents would like to see greater promotion and effort put into the preservation and tourism potential of the Yalgorup Lakes national park. This is a state issue as the national park crosses three shires.

Vicki also thanked Robyn Clarke (previous MLA) for her previous involvement and support of the Preston Beach area and the PBPA of which she and Charlie are members.

### Shire Report

Trick Cole provided the following updates on behalf of the Shire:

Peppermint Grove Rd will be closed for maintenance works around Coronation Bridge until end-May.

Shire has applied funding under the State's bushfire mitigation scheme to cut in firebreaks in 2 reserves in Preston Beach. The firebreaks will enable firefighters to better protect homes by enabling greater access into the reserves. The firebreaks will also reduce radiant heat impact to the adjacent dwellings if a fire impacts the reserves. Funding announcements should be made by June 30.

We are working on a new tourism website, improved signage and tourist information. Tourism photoshoots and videoshoots planned across the Shire of Waroona. This includes fishing at Preston Beach and we are looking for volunteers to join in.

A new volunteer ranger buggy is being fitted out with radio and should be available shortly.

A No Standing sign is being installed on north side of Mitchell Rd.

Additional hard base limestone to be supplied and rolled into the overnight caravan area as soon as the road verges are complete.

The 'Swimming Area' delineators (bollards) on the beach will be removed over the next couple of weeks.

Main works of Preston Beach Rd are done for this year. Road marking, roadside batters and signage will follow soon.

As has been previously discussed and a separate meeting held with residents of PB, the Shire proposes to make a local law relating to local government property and public related places related matters. A copy of the local law is available on the Shire's website. Submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the CEO Shire of Waroona by 4pm on 04 July 2025.

The Alcoa micro-grants will reopen June 1 and will be advised to the PBPA.

The Community Development Team has completed their three year Community Development Strategy and developed a yearly action plan to determine yearly objectives and outcomes.

The Shire is working on developing a community services directory. Obviously such directories are always at threat of being out of date quite quickly so the intention is to provide the directory online and print copies sparingly.

The Shire is working on its strategies to manage homelessness and 'street people' and participating in a homelessness count with Shire of Murray and Anglicare to determine the level of homelessness in the Shire of Waroona. This is a complex issue that requires resources and assets.

### Volunteer Beach Rangers

Noel Dew provided the following update:

The Beach Rangers are very happy to report that despite the long dry, somewhat mild weather, our beach this summer has been remarkably quiet compared to most other years. Importantly, beach behaviour has also been amazingly good: not to say of course that there hasn't been the odd occasion of 4WD drivers breaking the rules. The good news however is that with the Shire Rangers working closely with our volunteer rangers, we are now sending a very strong message. "Do the crime: pay the fine." This system is working extremely well and is being noticed. Noel related positive comments found on the Timms Thickett / Whitehills Responsible 4WD Facebook site recently: Preston Beach goes well because they have volunteer rangers, backed by Police and Emergency Services. Preston Beach management is great and this has been discussed with the COM Rangers. Finally, just a word of warning. Despite the mild weather, the beach north at around the 2.34km mark is starting to deteriorate and could be potentially dangerous. We are monitoring this area daily. Our concern is how it will handle the approaching winter storms. The potential for beach closure at some time can't be ruled out: we hope not but we will keep a close eye on the situation and keep everyone advised. In the meantime, we encourage anyone driving on this section of the beach to please take care.

### Volunteer Fire Brigade

Don Bebbington provided an update on the activities of the Volunteer Fire Brigade. Generally, this summer had been much quieter than the previous year. The fire bans had now been lifted. The Volunteer Fire Brigade continues to look for new members to join in and assist.

### Golf Club

Peter Allen (President) provided the following written report:

Membership has increased steadily throughout the year.

The greening project' is coming along nicely. Grass seeding has taken place around the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> putting greens. There is grass coming up in these areas. This will continue as the year goes on. Limestone base has been laid on some paths around the course, giving smoother access to everyone. Friday night dinners have been occurring monthly and have been a great success.

There will be a working-bee on Saturday 24 May commencing at 08:30am for anyone interested in helping.

The Spring Cup will be held on Saturday 27 Saturday commencing at 08:30am. The AFL Grand Final will be shown directly after the golf. The Community Garden will be selling pies and sausage rolls during half time. Everyone is invited to come and watch the Grand Final and enjoy the fun of the day.

Sunday 28 September is the Spring Fete. If you have any donations, please contact a Golf Club committee member to organize a time to bring them down. We can't accept white goods, cooking utensils or magazines. Hope to see you all there.

### Community Garden

John McSwain (President) gave a report on the Community Garden covering the following points:

- There has been stunning weather but little rain.
- The Community Garden are investigating getting a mural painted on the side of their shed.
- Market Days have seen the usual gathering of locals and a few visitors. Many people are away at present so there is less stalls than usual, but people are still enjoying the stroll through the garden and sitting down for a chat with a cuppa and cake.
- Pears are in season and proving popular at the markets. They are a powerhouse fruit rich in Vitamin A, C and K, high in potassium and fibre which boosts immunity and gut health and are great for preventing constipation.
- The Community Garden will hold its first sundowner in June (date and time yet to be advised).
- Moon planting cycles (waning moon) are the time to plant root vegetables (potatoes, carrots, onions, radishes, etc).
- Netting is required to enjoy the benefits of Autumn planting.

- There has been no response from the Shire regarding a possible dog exercise area for PB.
- They are waiting on rain before purchasing plants to start verge planting near the garden.
- Bees are in their winter mode at present.
- John had seen a sign that said “This is the Awning of the Cage of Asparagus”. He wanted to share that thought as well as adding “Blessed are the beets, for they shall limit our girth”.

### Police Report

The report for Preston Beach is tabled below.

## **Preston Beach Report**

### **Offences/Police attendance between 1/11/2024-30/01/2025**

<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
Nil Reported	Nil Reported	Nil Reported

For the period between 1/11/2024 and 30/1/2025 Waroona Police did not receive and reports or complaints of crime in the Preston Beach area.

There were 7 individual tasks that Police have attended as a result of calls for assistance from the public for reasons such as concerns of a missing/overdue marine vessel, accidental '000' calls and welfare concerns for individuals who may have needed assistance.

Waroona Police continued regular traffic patrols and RBT actions, particularly during peak periods. There have been various traffic-based cautions and in excess of 20-30 vehicles/driver breath tested during each RBT action.

Ongoing traffic enforcement will continue during strategically determined periods where offences such as impaired driving, speeding and anti-social driving will be targeted.

Police non-emergencies Phone: 131 444 or Crime Stoppers: 1 800 333 000

For emergencies Phone: 000

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

It was raised that the general populace of Preston Beach was disappointed at the length of time it took for the new section of bitumen access road to be completed (approx. 3.5 months). It was questioned whether there was any chance of alternative methods (such as contracting) that might shorten future similar works. Trick Cole advised attendees to send feedback directly through to the Shire via email or through the website.

It was raised that the Golf Club had previously asked the Shire (a few years ago) to trim some branches of Tuart trees that overhand the golf course on holes 6, 7 & 8. These branches and are a safety hazard to anyone walking the course. This work was never done. The same issue still exists, so it was asked that the Shire provide a response on whether this was possible. Trick Cole has subsequent to the meeting received an email from the Golf Club and has forwarded to the relevant officers for investigation.

It was raised again that Preston Beach has no off-lead dog walking area. Since the PBPA proposal to use the enclosed fenced area near the lake was rejected, was there any other area under consideration? Trick Cole advised that he will follow this up and advise in due course.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

The revised events calendar for the remainder of the year is attached below:

Biggest Morning Tea	31-May
Golf Friday night dinner	13-Jun
Comm Garden Monthly Markets	14-Jun
Comm Garden Sundowner	28-Jun
Golf Friday night dinner	11-Jul
Christmas in July	12-Jul
Comm Garden Monthly Markets	12-Jul
Comm Garden Sundowner	26-Jul
Golf Friday night dinner	8-Aug
Comm Garden Monthly Markets	9-Aug
Comm Garden Sundowner	23-Aug
Father's Day	7-Sep
Golf Friday night dinner	12-Sep
Comm Garden Monthly Markets	13-Sep
PBPA General Meeting	20-Sep
Golf Club Spring Cup	27-Sep
AFL Grand Final (Golf & Garden)	27-Sep
Golf Club Annual Fete	28-Sep
Golf Friday night dinner	10-Oct
Comm Garden Monthly Markets	11-Oct
Newbies Breakfast	18-Oct
Melbourne Cup	4-Nov
Comm Garden Monthly Markets	8-Nov
Golf Friday night dinner	6-Dec
Golf Club AGM	6-Dec
Golf Club Christmas Dinner	6-Dec
Comm Garden Monthly Markets	13-Dec
Christmas Sundowner	20-Dec

## HALL USE PROTOCOL

A new protocol has been written and signed covering the use of the hall by the various regular using groups. **This is attached.**

## NEXT GENEERAL MEETING:

The next General Meeting of the Preston Beach Progress Association will be held starting at 10:00am on Saturday the 20 September 2025 at the Community Hall. This will be the final meeting for the year as both Bob Goodwin and Lyn Allen will be away for periods of time after this date.

## GENERAL MEETING CLOSED:

There being no further business to discuss, the PBPA GM closed at 11:20am.