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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING of the Preston Beach Progress Association Inc. held at the Community Hall on Saturday 20 Sep 2025 commencing at 10:00am.

PRESENT: Lyn Allen (Treasurer), Bob Goodwin (Secretary), Mick Farragher, Noel Dew, Marion Herkes, Mike Cardy, Dave Shopland, Rick Madin, John McSwain, Charlie Batey, Di Batey, Bill Russell, Jenny Arthurson, Gia Cechele, Gary Knight, Romilly Goodwin, Don Bebbington, Georgie Tunstill, Anthony Deleo, Tony Offord, Steven Watson.

VISITORS: David Bolt (MLA), Jenny McNamara, Chris Benson.

APOLOGIES: Vicki Bosworth (Vice-President), Trick Cole (Shire of Waroona), Dan Norton, Jill Norton, Jenny Hood, Trevor Hood, Bev Luke, Colum O’Kane, Jo-Anne O’Kane, Irene Dew, Robin Cardy, Jan Bebbington.

Chair for AGM: Bob Goodwin chaired the meeting. **Moved:** Gary Knight. **Seconded:** Mike Cardy. **Carried.**

QUORUM (min 10 people): A quorum (21 attendees) was declared, and the meeting proceeded.

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING: The Minutes of the previous GM held on 17 May and distributed electronically on 03 June 2025. Marion Herkes **Moved** that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting. **Seconded** by Mike Cardy. **Carried.**

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS

David Gilk – 1 Lake View Road
Helene Casey and Graeme Baker – 4 Lakeside Terrace
Isaac Moore – 1 Waterway Road
Jo Lunday – 3 Southway Close
Claud Clissa – 3 Tuart Court
Daniel Johns – 3 Bouvard Place
Rowan Evans – 38 Mitchell Road

There were no objections to any of the new members, so these people will be accepted as members of the PBPA. There are currently 181 members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Stuff Done

- Weekly updates continue to be issued.
- Monthly Public Events Calendars are now being published.
- Flyers for the Book Club and Yoga have been made.
- Shelves in the back storage room have been completed and a general tidy-up completed. Thanks to Charlie and Mick for installation.
- Liaison with the Footprints Council of Owners over noticeboards. There are now two noticeboards located at the Footprints pool and basketball courts in which we will post the monthly events notices.
- Meeting with Waroona Shire Development Team (Trick Cole). Most topics discussed are covered by these minutes except the following:
 - I asked whether there was any update on township demographics. Trick advised that this only came from the last census.
 - We discussed signage for the township and Shire.
 - I asked whether he could follow up again on a designated dog park area.
 - We discussed the township's over-riding priority for walkways on Panorama and Waterway roads.
 - We discussed the promotion of the Yalgorup Lakes.
- We haven't done a PB Calendar for next year due to the lack of contributions for the 2025 calendar.
- Fire Season approaches, so everyone is reminded to prepare their own emergency plans.
- We desperately need additional people to stand up and nominate for PBPA positions. Lyn and I are continuing to run the hall (on behalf of the Shire), publish weekly updates, run the meetings and run our few remaining social events – but without other people coming forward, that is all we will be doing. The AGM is on 14 February 2026, so people have plenty of time to consider.
- We haven't put out a quarterly Newsletter this quarter because there really hasn't been much to report.
- The Weekly Updates very much concentrate on what is going on from the PBPA, the Golf Club and the Community Garden as well as any Shire of Waroona news that they ask us to publicize.

Secretary Stuff to Do

- Need to fix the cupboard in the meeting room (badly sagging). Mick and Charlie volunteered to attend to this.
- Need to fix the Street Library (leaking).
- Make a 'Cleaners Store' in the back shed (when I return).
- Need to do some repairs to the Lake Landing (when I return).
- Need to get a new trailer notice (when I return).
- Members can give consideration to who they would like (if anyone) to be nominated for Citizenship awards late this year. Last year we nominated Don Bebbington.
- Membership processing for 2026 will occur when I return next year.

After asking at the last meeting for anyone to volunteer to fill in for myself when I away in late 2025, I later approached Jim Undershultz (previous secretary). Jim has graciously offered to stand in as Secretary until I return in mid-Jan 2026. Having Jim standing in was **Moved** by Marion Herkes and **Seconded** by Georgie Tunstill. **Carried.**

General Correspondence

- Dan Norton has found the name of the company that made the FRAGYLE signs at the lake that have deteriorated with sunlight and age. I will now contact them to see if they can make new signs.
- Di Batey has taken over running the Street Library after Katherine Mackenzie left town.

- Various government departments' correspondence received has been circulated to members via weekly updates.
- I have received a letter from Rick Madin suggesting that the PBPA should initiate and pay for a study into the amalgamation of the PBPA, the Community Garden and the Golf Club. The cost of such a study would be substantial, and grants would be required if this were to proceed. This was thrown open to general discussion. A summary of points follows:
 - PB (like most other towns in Australia) are suffering from a lack of volunteers and physical participation in social activities associated with the town. The PBPA and the Golf Club are both currently short of office bearers. The same small group of people bear most of the heavy lifting in the various clubs.
 - The three social clubs (PBPA, Golf Club and Community Garden) all support physical assets within the town. The PBPA supports the Community Hall, the Golf Club supports the golf course, and the Community Garden supports the garden. Each of these assets requires funds to run. Each of the clubs are currently financially viable but are heavily dependent on a small group of individuals for the physical work.
 - It is generally acknowledged that there has been various levels of animosity between individuals in these organisations over the years (decades), but we are all trying to support the common good.
 - Various people spoke in favour and against the idea of amalgamation.
 - Some of the questions asked could only be answered by undertaking a study into amalgamation. This was particularly the case with regards to how funding would work under such an arrangement.
 - There was no particular outcome to this discussion, nor was one actually asked for. The topic of amalgamation has been raised many times over several decades and different people raise it occasionally to their committees. Rick raising now it should be commended, because it at least propels the discussion.
 - Bob Goodwin expressed his personal opinion that such an amalgamation will become inevitable at some time in the future due to a lack of volunteers to sustain all three organisations.

Shire and Other Government Departments Correspondence

- There is a new standardized lease for the Community Hall.
- Bob Goodwin answered a survey sent to community organisations with regards to training opportunities.
- There has been no further update on Neighbourhood Places of Last Resort.

On 29 April, The Council approved the making of the Local Government Property & Public places Local Law 2025. The Local Law update has still not passed and is currently held up by the State Government due to other (ie: non-Waroona specific) Local Government considerations and reviews. A message from Kirsty Ferraro (Shire of Waroona Director Customer and Development Services) on this subject is attached.

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

- The year has gone quickly and we are now in the last quarter for the 2025.
- There are a few items that need to be brought to this meeting that affect the coming quarter, as this is our last meeting until the 2026 AGM in February.
- **Australia Day lunch**
 - Last year we enlisted Golden Roast to cater the event for 120 people. From all accounts they did a fantastic job. The Shire of Waroona once again subsidised the event with \$500 and also had extra funds available and donated another \$500. The event (last year) cost the Association \$3,247.50 - \$1000 = \$2,247.50
 - We can get another quote from Golden Roast for the 2026 event if required.
 - The potential use of Golden Roast was thrown open to discussion and the overwhelming support was to repeat the use of Golden Roast. **Moved:** Gary Knight. **Seconded:** Marion Herkes. **Carried.**
- I would like to thank the following people who help with the day-to-day activities of running this association: Marion, Mick, Charlie and Di. I would also like to thank the groups who regularly use the hall (yoga, canasta, martial arts, singers) who take on the responsibility of leaving the hall ready for the next group.
- As Bob and I work at doing the day-to-day requirements for the Association it is imperative to enlist more members to assist us.
- If anyone is interested, or knows of someone who would be interested, in learning any of the Roles of the Association then please contact us.

Events Calendar

- Xmas in July was cancelled due to lack of support. This was disappointing for the organisers and will make it harder to organise future events.
- We suggest that the PBPA runs a Sundowner one Saturday night in Oct or Nov – but this needs someone to volunteer to run it.
- Christmas Carols this year will be replaced with a Christmas Sundowner Type event, since Christmas Carols are clearly losing their appeal.
- There will be a Volunteer's Breakfast (run by the Shire) on Saturday 06 December.
- There will be the usual Australia Day midday function on 26 January.

Current Financial Position

This Quarter:

Nett income: \$5,581.87

Nett Expenses: \$3,304.54

Profit/ Loss: \$2,277.33

As of the 30 April

Cheque Acc \$ 27,626.50

Debit Acc \$ 350.82

Term Deposit \$ 6,446.16

Total: \$ 34,423.48

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

PRESTON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - Summary Report

From : 1/05/2025
To : 31/08/2025

Account: *** ALL ***

Category	%	Nett Income	Nett Expense	GST Amount
Income				
Donation (Facility)	16%	909.09		90.91
Donation (Progress)	2%	100.00		10.00
Hall Activities/Use	22%	1,242.08		124.22
Hall Hire	26%	1,459.09		145.91
Interest Received	3%	157.07		0.00
Membership	3%	163.62		16.38
Payment	16%	872.75		87.25
Sales	0%	20.90		2.10
Yoga	12%	657.27		65.73
Income Total		5,581.87		542.50
Expense				
Bank Charges	0%		3.00	0.00
Comm/Hall purchases	3%		100.76	(10.08)
Electricity	23%		774.21	(77.42)
General Expense	0%		11.08	(1.11)
Misc Labour Charges	3%		100.00	0.00
Postage	0%		5.91	(0.59)
Printing/Stationery	0%		3.63	(0.36)
Refund	28%		936.37	(93.63)
Repairs/Maintenance	23%		769.58	(76.95)
Yoga Expenses	18%		600.00	(60.00)
Expense Total			3,304.54	(320.14)
Balance Sheet				
Assets (Equipment)			1,507.89	(150.79)
GST to ATO			242.00	0.00
Transfer		650.00	650.00	0.00
Balance Sheet Total		650.00	2,399.89	(150.79)
Grand Total:		6,231.87	5,704.43	71.57

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CASH PROFIT / (LOSS) :		2,277.33		

Assets / acquisitions

- EFPOS machine (purchased).
- Bought and assembled the new BBQ and disposed the old one to scrap.
- Bought a new ladder and disposed the old one to scrap.
- Posted our old coffee machine to Market Place and all local Facebook pages for sale.
- Need to purchase some extra plastic tubs for the storeroom.
- Have purchased some mice plug in repellers for the storeroom and shed (waiting arrival).
- Need to purchase an extra hot water urn.

Mick Farragher **Moved** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that Jim Undershultz be added as a bank approver. **Seconded** Marion Herkes. Carried.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

State Government

David Bolt thanked the PBPA for the invitation to attend. David discussed the 'hot topics' of constituents. These included:

- Gun Control. Many people found the new laws confusing and obsessively burdensome on gun owners.
- Social Housing. The lack of affordable housing has increased homelessness and people sleeping rough.
- Health Issues. Hospital ramping and lack of aged car beds was putting the whole of the health system under extreme pressure.
- David is running 'open office' gatherings throughout the electorate.

Shire Report

There was no Shire representative at this meeting, so Bob Goodwin updated the meeting on his meeting with Trick Cole (covered previously in these minutes).

Volunteer Beach Rangers

Noel Dew advised that due to the inclement weather over the past few months, we have had minimal beach activity.

Attached are some photos taken in winter 1994, on the designated swimming area, at the end of the walk path from carpark.

1. Kids at end of path.
2. Looking north.
3. Looking south. Note remains of shelter.

We will need to monitor these dunes more closely, as there are clear signs of dunal erosion starting to occur in this area.



Volunteer Fire Brigade

Don Bebbington provided an update on the activities of the Volunteer Fire Brigade. Restricted burning permits apply from end-September. The Shire of Waroona is paying a lot of attention to fire breaks this year.

Golf Club

Peter Allen (President) provided the following written report:

- The Spring Cup is being held next Saturday 27 September. Registration will be at 8:30am and play will begin at 9:00am. The start is 30 minutes earlier than normal because of the following AFL Grand Final which begins at 11:30am.
- The Community Garden is taking care of lunch for the Grand Final and this will be served at the Golf Club during half time. There will be pies and sausage rolls, but you must order these beforehand by contacting Bev Luke on 0433 074 946.
- The Spring Fete is coming along well with around 18 to 19 stall holders. This fete begins at 10:00am and there will be a variety of different stalls – something for everyone. The Lions will have their train back again. There will be a bouncy castle and face painting for the young and young at heart. The bar will open at 11:00am for cool beverages. Ronny and Colly are returning and will provide the music for the day.
- The greening of the golf course will commence again soon. We have to wait for the soil to warm up. The Club has purchased soil conditioner and grass seeds to cover most of the 4th Fairway.
- The Golf Club is in the process of having a website set up. We hope that this will give the Club greater coverage over a wider range of people.

Community Garden

John McSwain (President) gave a report on the Community Garden covering the following points: Spring has finally sprung – the grass (and the weeds) have definitely riz! There is no need to wonder where the birdies are or the kangaroos or rabbits – because they are everywhere. It is time for all creatures great and small to shed their winter coats (me included). Lots of things have been happening in the garden of late including:

- 4 new raised garden beds have been assembled – thanks to Tony.
- 100 native shrubs planted along the road verge and wire surrounds have been placed for their protection – thanks to Chris.
- A slab has been laid down and a new shed will be erected soon.
- The sump has been cleaned out – thanks to Craig.
- 2.5 tonnes of cow manure has been delivered – again thanks to Craig.
- A busy bee and sundowner were held.
- The monthly mini-markets continue to be held and roll along very successfully.
- Summer planting preparation is underway.
- A mural is being organized to be painted on the shed.
- Currently there are 5 bee hives in the garden. We are hoping because of the long, wet winter that it will be a more productive season ahead.
- We are catering for the AFL Grand Final at the Golf Club next weekend. There will be raffles and other amusement.

Police Report

The report for Preston Beach is tabled below:

Preston Beach Report

Offences/Police attendance between 1/05/2025-31/08/2025

For the period between 1/05/2025 and 31/08/2025 WA Police attended the Preston Beach townsite for various calls for assistance though no public reports of any instances of serious crime were reported to Police.

Various requests for Police attendance ranging from flare sightings, domestic related issues and welfare concerns were reported and attended with no significant outcomes identified.

Proactive actions have been undertaken by WA Police within the townsite and resulted in criminal sanctions. The specifics of these are not able to be further disclosed. The intent of such pro-active actions is to reduce the occurrence of volume crime (Stealing, Motor vehicle theft, Burglary, Trespass and Damage). There was one reported damage offence only in that period.

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.

This report has been compiled on 2 September 2025.

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

For emergencies Phone: **000**

UPCOMING COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The 2025 Local Government Election will be held on Saturday 18 October. There will be five (5) vacant positions for election. 4x Four-Year Positions and 1x Two-Year Position.

Nominations open Thursday 28 August.

OPTIONS FOR VOTING:

- **Vote in person on election day Saturday 18 October**, at either the Shire of Waroona Administration Office or the Lake Clifton Community Centre 8am - 6pm
- **Vote early** - if you cannot make 18 October, you can come into the Shire Office and vote early - date of early voting will be announced as soon as possible.
- **Postal vote register** - If you cannot do either of the above, below is the Application for Postal Voting Papers.

Elector Submissions:

Electors may submit their completed forms directly to the Local Government office **until 5 September 2025**. After this date, any further submissions can be delivered to the Shire Office and will be forwarded to the Returning Officer for processing.

The PBPA does not support any particular candidate/s. The PBPA does however encourage all members to vote in the elections. If you don't vote – don't whinge.

Charlie Clarke (former Councilor – resigned) has put forward Jenny McNamara (Waroona resident) for consideration. This was posted on our Facebook page. Jenny attended the meeting.

Chris Benson (PB resident) had previously informed some residents that he intended to stand for election, but Chris attended the meeting and advised that he would not be standing.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

The next General Meeting of the Preston Beach Progress Association will be held starting at 10:00am on Saturday 14 February 2025 at the Community Hall. This will be the 2026 AGM and Committee Elections.

GENERAL MEETING CLOSED:

There being no further business to discuss, the PBPA GM closed at 11:13am.

Preston Beach Management Plan

Inbox x



Kirsty Ferraro <dcds@waroona.wa.gov.au>
to me ▾

Good morning

I wanted to provide an update to the Preston Beach Progress Association on the Shire's planning work for Preston Beach.

As you know, several studies have been completed over recent years, including the Preston Beach Foreshore Management Plan, Townsite Strategy, and Caravan Park Discussion Paper. The Shire is now preparing a consolidated Preston Beach Management Plan that brings these studies together and aligns them with the Shire's broader strategic direction.

By way of introduction, I have recently taken on the role of Director Customer & Development Services. As a lifelong Waroona resident with a long family history at Preston Beach, I have a personal connection to the area and am committed to ensuring the plan reflects both its unique character and community values.

Given the comprehensive consultation already undertaken for the Foreshore Management Plan and the Property Local Law, we are not planning a new community engagement round at this stage. Instead, once the draft Management Plan has been finalised and endorsed by Council, it will be released for community comment.

In the meantime, I would welcome the PBPA's input. In particular, I am keen to hear whether you feel there have been any changes in community priorities or values since the last consultation, noting that feedback has been remarkably consistent across previous plans.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Preston Beach. I look forward to working with you on shaping the future of this special place.

Kind regards

Kirsty Ferraro
Director Customer & Development Services

Sep 1, 2025, 10:47 AM

