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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING of the Preston Beach Progress Association Inc. held at the Community Hall on Saturday 16 May 2026 commencing at 10:00am.

ATTENDEES

Darralyn Duffy, Paul Duffy, Jenny Arthurson, Peter Allen, Noel Dew, Peter Eastlake, Debra Tyler, Romilly Goodwin, Diane Batey, David Gilk, Lorraine Oliver, Marion Herkes, Gary Knight, Valda Culverhouse, John McSwain, Georgie Tunstill, Jan Bebbington, Don Bebbington, Paul Greenshaw, Judy Greenshaw, Ian Dury (Vice-President), Lyn Allen (Treasurer), Bob Goodwin (Secretary).

VISITORS

Brad Vitale (Shire), David Bolt (State MLA).

APOLOGIES

Jim Underschulz, Jenny Stedmon, Michelle Logan, Craig Logan, Kirsty Ferraro (Shire), Jenny Hood, Trevor Hood, Dave Shopland, Tony Offord, Claude Clissa, Nola Eastlake, Charlie Batey, Frank Oliver, Rick Madin, Joselyn Madin.

CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

Ian Dury chaired the meeting in lieu of Jim Underschultz absence.

QOURUM (min 10 people)

A quorum was declared with 23 members present and the meeting proceeded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING: The Minutes of the previous GM held on 14 Feb 2026 and distributed electronically on 19 Feb 2026. Georgie Tunstill **Moved** that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting. **Seconded** by John McSwain. **Carried**.

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS

John & Jane Dickson	Previous 2024 Member
Sandy De Luca & Peter Player	27 Fairway Tce
Grant Page	Previous 2024 Member

There were no objections to any of the new members, so these people will be accepted as members of the PBPA. Di Batey **Moved** that the new members be accepted. **Seconded** by Darralyn Duffy. **Carried**. There are currently 182 members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (presented by the Vice President)

- Jim is away and sends his apologies.
- PBPA Response to the Draft Management Plan (discussed separately).

- Changes to the Hall Hire Form were explained. The new form is attached.
- The AV (Sound System) has been fixed by the original installers (3 Monkeys) and returned to original condition. Instruction sheets have been written and erected. It is now working reliably. The system only works with a computer connected to the HDMI plug in the main hall. There is no plug in the small office and there is no reason for people to access the office equipment. The AV system in the office has therefore been locked.
- ‘The Memorial Wall’ needs fixing (starting to lean). It is proposed to form a sub-committee of interested members to look at alternatives and costs to rectify this situation. Please submit your name to info.pbprogress@gmail.com if you are interested.
- A Newbies Welcome Lunch will be held on Saturday 13 June at 10:00am. Invitations have been sent out to local organizations to attend, but if anyone else/business/organisation would like to participate then please contact us. Members are asked to get the message out to any new neighbours. A letter drop to town will be done at end-May with Newbies info included.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Secretary Stuff Done (since last meeting):

- Weekly updates continue to be issued.
- Monthly Public Events Calendars continue to be published.
- Membership receipts are up to date.
- The 3 acquired signs for the Lake Landing and Beach entrance have been erected. One of the Lake Landing signs required a new frame to be made (old one stolen) and post re-cemented in.
- The Footprints Council of Owners noticeboards continue to be used to display town community events signs.
- Further tidy ups have been completed in the back shed to get stuff off the floor.
- The old sign boards were thrown out (dangerous).
- Locks were put on outside 2 electrical GPOs and a chain added to the door because of attempted forced entry. This has been reported to the Police and the Shire. There are another 2 GPOs that require locking. We had to put a chain on the door because of attempted forced opening.
- A response to the Draft PBMP has been written (discuss separately).
- Invitations to Newbies on 13 June have been issued.
- The Toy Library at beach cleaned and sign repainted.

Secretary Stuff to Do

- Make several small stores in the back shed.
- A further sign at the beach needs replacing. This has been ordered and received. It should be erected in the next week.
- Need to get a new trailer notice.
- Assemble any incoming photographs for the 2027 PB Calendar for Ian to review.
- Return to distributing a quarterly newsletter (end-May before Newbies).
- Issue response to the Draft PBMP (due 24 May) (discuss separately).
- A discussion was held regarding potential outside sign-boards. Members preferred the upright board on a post, so this will be pursued.
- A discussion was held regarding leaf blower/vacuum devices. Members suggested that further research is done on smaller/cheaper alternatives. Subsequent to the meeting, Gary Knight has provided a free smaller unit which we will trial for effectiveness.

General Correspondence

- Various government departments’ correspondence received has been circulated to members via weekly updates.
- The Shire ran their Community Consultation meeting on 02 May re the Draft PBMP. It was excellent to see so many PB locals turn up (around 60 in attendance).
- No further update on Neighbourhood Places of Last Resort.

- No response to the Dog Park correspondence, but Shire promised to respond once it went to Council (soon).
- Liaison with the new General Store owners (Vamsee and Sandeep) and help days provided.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (01 Feb 2026 to 30 Apr 2026)

Events Calendar

- This quarter featured our highly successful Mega Book Sale, drawing strong community interest and helping us continue to support local initiatives. Thank you to all volunteers and donors who contributed to its success. The PBPA raised \$2003.75 from the day.
- ANZAC Day was respectfully observed with strong community attendance. We appreciate everyone who participated in commemorating this important national day. Thank you to Andrew Cayzer for organising the event.
- Our informal groups continue to bring life and connection to the Community Centre:
 - Canasta Group – Mondays from 10.00 - 12.30
 - Preston Singers – continuing to grow and rehearse weekly on Fridays 10.00 - 12.30
 - Book Club – active discussions monthly - please contact Marion Herkes if you would like to attend.
 - YHT Kung Fu –sessions Monday 5.00pm – 6.00pm (cancelled for May)

These groups remain an important part of our community culture.

- Health & Wellbeing Programs - Yoga continues to be well attended, and this quarter we introduced Chair Yoga on Monday afternoons at 3:30pm. This has been warmly received and provides an accessible option for participants of all abilities. If you would like more information, please contact Jenny Arthurson or Romilly Goodwin for more information.
- Physiotherapy Services - Jenny Hood Physiotherapy is utilising the small meeting room on Mondays and Tuesdays, providing valuable local access to physiotherapy services for residents. Please contact Jenny Hood for availability.

The yearly calendar of events is as follows:

Possible PB Events for 2026			
Date	Event	Date	Meeting
24-Jan	PBPA Robbie Burns		
26-Jan	PBPA Aust Day Lunch		
		14-Feb	PBPA AGM
22-Feb	CG Garden Design Workshop 11:00am		
28-Feb	GC Movie Night		
		21-Mar	CG AGM
4-Apr	PBPA Mega Book Sale		
4-Apr	GC Easter Cup		
TBA	CG Mad Hatters Tea Party at CG		
25-Apr	ANZAC Day Commemoration		
27-Apr	ANZAC Day Holiday		
2-May	Shire Community Consultation re PBMP		
10-May	Mother's Day - GC may run special game		
		16-May	PBPA GM
30-May	Biggest Morning Tea		
13-Jun	PBPA Newbies Lunch 10:00am		
12-Jul	Kids in the Garden at CG		
18-Jul	Bingo at GC		
		1-Aug	PBPA GM
6-Sep	Father's Day - GC may run special game		
26-Sep	GC & CG AFL Grand Final		
27-Sep	GC Spring Fete		
28-Sep	King's Birthday		
10-Oct	Bingo at Community Hall		
31-Oct	PBPA GC Halloween Quiz		
		7-Nov	PBPA GM
12-Dec	PBPA Sundowner		
31-Dec	PBPA NYE Party		

Upcoming Events to Look Forward To:

- The Biggest Morning Tea at 10:00am 30 May. A warm, community-focused morning tea supporting the Cancer Council.
- Newbies Lunch at 10:00am 13 June. A friendly welcome lunch for new residents to meet and see what Preston Beach has to offer. Please tell any new neighbours and come along yourself to help support the event.

Financial Review: as of 30 April 2026

- Cheque Account \$31,789.67
- Debit Account \$ 165.47
- Term Deposit \$ 6,598.47
- Total: \$ 38,553.61

PRESTON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - Summary Report

Account: *** ALL *** From : 1/02/2026
To : 30/04/2026

Category	%	Nett Income	Nett Expense	GST Amount
Income				
Adjustment	0%	0.00		0.00
Donation (Progress)	10%	513.64		51.36
Fundraising	23%	1,183.37		118.33
Hall Activities/Use	17%	901.10		90.10
Hall Hire	1%	45.45		4.55
Membership	27%	1,439.86		140.14
Sales	1%	46.36		4.64
Square Australia Pty	12%	629.77		62.98
Yoga	9%	490.91		49.09
Income Total		5,250.46		521.19
Expense				
AUDIT COST	12%		292.50	(29.25)
Comm/Hall purchases	46%		1,160.36	(81.05)
Electricity	16%		397.96	(39.80)
EXPENSE BOOK SALE	1%		16.73	(1.67)
Function Cost	5%		132.00	(13.20)
Function Float	2%		50.00	0.00
Printing/Stationery	2%		52.82	(5.28)
Repairs/Maintenance	17%		430.91	(43.09)
Expense Total			2,533.28	(213.34)
Balance Sheet				
GST to ATO			271.00	0.00
Transfer		1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
Balance Sheet Total		1,300.00	1,571.00	0.00
Grand Total:		6,550.46	4,104.28	307.85

PRESTON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - Profit And Loss

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CASH PROFIT / (LOSS) :		2,717.18		

Diane Batey **Moved** that the Financial Records be accepted as a true record of the PBPA's expenditure and financial position. **Seconded** by Darralyn Duffy. **Carried**.

Committee Statement on the New Informal Small Groups Hall Use Form

As a committee, we have designed this new form to ensure that all informal small groups using the hall are operating within the established guidelines for hall use. The form helps clarify each group's responsibilities, supports consistent communication, and ensures that everyone understands their role in maintaining the hall as a safe, clean, and welcoming community space.

This updated process allows PBPA to:

- keep accurate records of group activities
- ensure fair and consistent access to the hall
- maintain safety and security standards

- support groups in meeting their responsibilities
- protect the hall and its resources for all users

By completing this form, groups acknowledge their shared responsibility in caring for the facility and following the expectations set by the committee.

RESPONSE TO THE SHIRE'S DRAFT PB MANAGEMENT PLAN

Bob Goodwin provided an outline of the intended response to the Shire's published Draft PB Management Plan. It is intended to make the final response a combined response with the Golf Club. The major reason for combining our response with that of the Golf Club is to add weight to the response and demonstrate that on important issues such as the PBMP, the community can speak with one voice. There are heavily overlapping issues in the PBMP for the PBPA and the Golf Club. Another reason is that the Golf Course (not Golf Club) features heavily in the structure of the response.

In the combined response to the Draft PBMP, the wording used is [like] as follows:

The PBPA and Golf Club says ...

The PBPA says ...

The Golf Club says ...

The PBPA / Golf Club response is about 20 pages long.

The PBPA and Golf Club Committees point out that there are a few obvious deficiencies in the Draft Plan as written:

1. The Vision is more a statement of existing fact and existing values rather than any aspiration (which is what Visions are by definition).
2. There is no SWOT analysis.
3. There are no financial considerations given.
4. It is heavily beach focused rather than town focused. The existing PB Foreshore Management Plan is already an excellent document and does not need to be repeated. It just needs to be endorsed by the PBMP.
5. There is almost no mention of the Golf Course.
6. The proposed positioning of a potential Caravan Park is considered inappropriate from a Town Planning perspective.

Details were then provided on these above points. This section of the meeting was concluded with a show of hands supporting the intended submission. There were no dissenters. There was a request to add a section covering the lack of curbing in Old Town. This has subsequently been actioned. The final submission will be distributed to PBPA members once it has been submitted to the Shire.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

State Government

David Bolt thanked the PBPA for the invitation to attend. David discussed the 'hot topics' for the State's upcoming parliamentary sitting. These included:

- Review of the latest Federal and State budgets. The State budget will be reviewed next week through the Estimates Committee on a line-by-line basis. The State budget shows a \$3.5B surplus but also a \$6.0B deficit driven by State borrowings.
- The implications of the changes to capital gains tax are still being reviewed.
- Net immigration is still up on previous.
- Housing construction cannot keep up mainly due to lack of building capacity.
- Environmental approvals and delay times remain a major concern to advancing projects.
- Homelessness continues to increase. There are now 8,000 people on the priority wait list.

Shire Report

Brad Vitale provided the following update on behalf of the Shire:

Capital Works

- The Shire will be undertaking the re-installation of advisory signage along Preston Beach Road over the coming weeks. These works will be completed in stages due to delivery delays experienced by the sign supplier.
- The capital works project involving the drainage upgrade along Panorama Drive, Lakeside Drive and Chalet Vale is anticipated to commence during May/June. The project was pushed back to comply with Water Corporation's request for works to occur outside of the peak seasonal period.

Stairs – Hideaway to Panorama Drive

- The Shire is currently working to arrange maintenance works on the stairs, with the intention of undertaking these works within the current or next financial year, pending contractor availability.
- The Shire will provide updates via its website and social media platforms prior to the commencement of works, as temporary closures may be required during maintenance activities.
- As part of this process, the Shire will also review the long-term viability of the asset, including obtaining concept designs and cost estimates for potential upgrades which will include making the stairs compliant.

Maintenance

- The Shire is currently scheduling stormwater pit cleaning and jetting of the catchment systems. These works are subject to contractor availability but are expected to occur during May/June.

Waste

- The annual hard waste collection is scheduled to commence on 15 June. Residents are encouraged to refer to the Shire website or visit the Preston Beach shop for collection flyers. [*This has also been distributed to PBPA members*]. If additional flyers are required, these can be delivered upon request.

Golf Track Realignments

- Kirsty Ferraro is working through this as it is a planning/development matter. The outcome of this will not affect the current, or potentially future-altered lease area.

Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law – Progress Update

- The Shire's last update in February noted that formal feedback had been received from the Department of Local Government on the draft local law in January. This extended review timeframe had been well outside the Shire's control – The Department of LG are well behind on many local law matters.
- In February, the Shire initiated the application for Governor's approval to extend the application of the local law along the western boundary, 200m seaward. This will allow for governing of activities on the beach *and* in the water within 200m from the shoreline – fishing, swimming, boating etc.
- On 05 May, a Statutory Approvals officer from the Department of LG contacted us to advise that although there has been no progress since February, she is now ensuring that this local law is progressed with priority for us. We were originally told this step would take around 2 months.
- The last step will be Council Adoption of the Local Law, which can occur as soon as we receive Governor's approval. This will be accompanied by Council Determinations made in accordance with the Local Law to allow vehicles and boats on the beach under certain conditions.

Volunteer Beach Rangers

Noel Dew provided the following update:

A short report, mainly positive but sadly, one highlighting a potential negative.

- The past summer has been extraordinarily quiet, compared to previous years.
- Anti social behaviour, such as speeding and hooning, which can be difficult to control, was minimal this summer.
- A slight increase in the number of trail bikes, mainly on the long weekends.
- Rather remarkably, I was able to stop around 7 bikes and explain our rules.
- Dune intrusions were at the lower end and there is no doubt that our annual dune brushing program has assisted in this result.
- Worth noting if you are caught in the dunes, whether by the Shire Rangers or the Volunteers, you will be fined.

- Listening to commentary on the 2 way radio it is quite evident, drivers are getting the message.
- Vehicles driving through the swimming area is an issue occasionally but the good news, drivers are being caught and fined.
- I guess it's fair to say that the current issues regarding fuel are impacting on vehicle numbers on the beach.

Now sadly, for the negative!

- In a nutshell, we are desperate for new recruits to boost our rapidly decreasing numbers.
- It must be remembered that our group is the result of a local community initiative some 25 years ago. It has been a remarkable success story envied by many coastal communities.
- We are desperately working at getting volunteers but sadly in these times, so many people are time poor.
- I am confident that we will somehow manage to keep going until the end of the year. Beyond that, the timeframe for staying viable is extremely doubtful! If we lose it, you can be assured it will be gone forever. It is vital that we keep going!
- If you would like more info on the role of a Volunteer Beach Rangers, please don't hesitate to call me on: 0427 199 754 Ranger, 0418 957 451 Noel Personal.

Volunteer Fire Brigade

- Don Bebbington provided an update on the activities of the Volunteer Fire Brigade. Don advised that the summer just past has been one of the quietest on record. There were 11 callouts. 2 of these were in PB.
- Burning off is now allowed, but residents still need to take care when doing so.
- Don again pointed out to the Shire and the State that the fire brigade cannot access all areas of PB and the need for a light tanker remains a high priority.

Golf Club

Darralyn Duffy provided an update on the activities of the Golf Club.

- There have been several interactions with the Shire over land boundaries. This includes the access track at the end of Panorama Drive that joins Hole 4 to Hole 5 that crosses private land which has now been surveyed. The Shire has stated that they will redefine the Golf Course boundaries by survey.
- The Shire also inspected the dune blowout on the side of the second fairway.
- Discussions were held with the Shire on tree management because many of the large trees are now presenting risks for public safety, fire risk, and make playing golf difficult.
- The Golf Club has acquired a replacement for the Toro mower.
- The Golf Club is installing solar panels to assist with containing the cost of power for irrigation.
- The Golf Club is erecting new signs for each hole (Hole number, length, etc).

Community Garden

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

- John thanked everyone for their shouts of personal support during his recent hip operation.
- The CG now has new signage for market days.
- The market days continue to power along successfully with sales of honey, fruit, chutney, jams, tea and coffee, home-made cakes, plants, veggies, eggs and bric-a-brac.
- New raised garden beds have been installed with more on the way.
- Gutter guards, shade sails and solar strip lighting have been installed to the main shed.
- A plan with map is being created of the garden with all beds numbered and a crop rotation implemented to allow anyone visiting or working there to know exactly what is happening / growing / or maintenance that is required.
- Reticulation is being run to all areas of the garden using battery powered timers. This will be completed in the next few weeks.
- The greenhouse has been moved to create better use of space in the old playground by opening the dividing fence and installing a ramp for easier access.

- An additional greenhouse is being purchased to grow crops of summer veggies all year round and increase seed propagation.
- A gazebo is being erected attached to the side of the shed to grow grapes.
- The monthly newsletter continues to be published with info, recipes, etc.
- The second stage of the Stables Road verge planting will get underway in mid-June.
- Two trailer loads of cow manure were picked up from Hall's dairy. The Shit Shifters have now gone highbrow and are known as Dung Distributors.
- Two rolls of well-rotted hay have been put into the gardens. The CG can deliver a roll for \$40.
- The 'Kids in the Garden' workshop in the school holidays was very successful with great positive feedback. Another event will be scheduled for the next school holidays.
- A parent/child painting workshop is also planned for the next school holidays.
- A propagation workshop is being held tomorrow 17 May run by Julie Rowles from WA Horticultural Services.
- A monthly 'Beach Carpark sausage sizzle' is being organised by Chris Ziatis.
- The bee hives have been 'winterised'. The garden now has 6 hives in production and we have had a good harvest this season producing beautiful combinations of Jarrah, Marri and Coastal Wildflower flavours.
- Rick and Joselyn Madin sadly are leaving town and moving to Golden Bay. They will be made our inaugural Life Members in recognition of their incredible contribution to the CG (and the wider community), and we wish them well in this next chapter of their lives.

Police Report

The report for Preston Beach is tabled below:

Preston Beach Report

Offences/Police attendance between 1/02/2026-30/04/2026

For the period between 1/02/2026 and 30/04/2026 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 domestic related issues, traffic incidents (Forrest Highway) and welfare concerns were reported and attended with no significant outcomes identified. There has been no proactive action undertaken by WA Police within the current reporting period.

Waroona Police continued semi-regular community and traffic patrols and RBT actions over the period, with no significant outcomes to report.

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 8 May 2026.

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

For emergencies Phone: 000

OTHER BUSINESS

- The PBPA members thanked the Shire for their completion of the new section of the Preston Beach entrance road and expressed their thanks to Main Roads for now commencing the PB Slip Lane.T
- The PBPA also expressed their sincere thanks to Rick and Joselyn Madin for their huge contribution to the community over many years. Rick was a founding member of the Community Garden and has also been the driving force behind the eradication program for White Weeping Broom around Preston Beach.

- The PBPA members also wished Jenny Arthurson best wishes on turning 70 today. Who would have thought?

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

The next General Meeting of the Preston Beach Progress Association will be held starting at 10:00am on Saturday 01 August 2026 at the Community Hall.

GENERAL MEETING CLOSED:

There being no further business to discuss, the PBPA GM closed at 11:45 am.