

**JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION INC**  
**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING 20 JANUARY 2010**

**1. PRESENT**

L. Edwards, M. Croxford, D. Gordon, J. Hawkins, K. Howatson, B. Brown, D. Lawson, J. Gordon, Cr. P. Bray, B. Jones, Cr. J. Barilaro, Cr. A. Rocca, H. Marchant, V. Armstrong, M. Furner, D. Hope, J. Cregan.

**2. APOLOGIES**

P. Henry, Cr. T. Taylor, T. Rynne, V. Treverrow, V. Barger, G. Marchant, M. Sachse, Cr. T. Overall, C. Pearson.

**3. OPENING**

JRA President, Mark Croxford, welcomed everyone to the meeting

**4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** That the Minutes of October 2009 be accepted

**Moved:** Jon Hawkins **Seconded:** Doug Gordon **Carried.**

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**5.1** Margot was to write to the Mayor with the JRA's concerns regarding the Council's General Donations Scheme – this has not occurred but Mark will action this item.

**ACTION:** Mark Croxford to write to the Mayor in this regard.

**5.2** Margot to write to QCC General Manager with JRA's concerns that a crossing at the western end of Edwin Land Parkway be referred to the local traffic committee as a separate issue – Done.

**5.3** Margot to write 2 articles – one for the Chronicle and one for the Newsletter – both have been done.

**5.4** Lyn to make up signs for the Edwin Land Parkway (ELP) community consultation session – Done.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE – IN**

C.Bond, NSWFB – Implementation of community fire unit in Jerrabomberra

R.Neich, NSWFB – Community fire unit in Jerrabomberra

D.Hope – JRA website statistics for 2009

N.Elischer – Dog Mess

D.Carswell, QCC – Acknowledgement of submission on draft Qbn LEP (Sth Tralee) 2009

D.Tooth, QCC – Edwin Land Parkway stage 2 road extension

T.Overall, QCC – JRA meetings

R.Simpson, Legislative Council – NSW Planning framework

T.Mavec, QCC – JRA meetings

Media Monitors – Airport to bring in \$1.23b if expanded (ACTimes 23/12/09)

N.Nemec, Monaro LAC – A safety & security message from the Monaro Local Area Command

N.Perera – New phone number for elite physio  
 V.Armstrong – Address to QCC 16/12/09; Qbn by-pass; ELP submission; QCC feedback ELP 29/10/09  
 T.Williams – Moved address  
 Media Release (Premier of NSW) – Keneally state cabinet  
 Media Monitors (MM) – Interview with B.Winnel 16/12/09 – Aviation White Paper  
 MM – Aviation white paper 666; Sky business news  
 MM – Interview with S.Byron 16/12/09 2CC Re: White paper  
 MM – Canb. Times article 16/12/09 – White paper may decide battle of Tralee  
 MM – Fin. Review 14/12/09 – Plan for homes near airport wins support  
 MM – Canb. Times 14/12/09 – Village attacks airport over Tralee  
 MM – 666 14/12/09 Interview with S.Corcoran, Access Economics Re Tralee x 2  
 Business Spectator 14/12/09 – ACT report rejects airport’s concerns  
 QCC Media Release – Council releases 2 important transport plans for public exhib.  
 S.Whan – Increase in traffic at intersection of ELP & Jerra Circle roundabout  
 MM – 2CC 16/12/09 – Interview with B.Winnel re white paper  
 R.Rixon QCC – ELP extension submission  
 T.Taylor QCC – Sids & kids calendar  
 Media Rel, Anthony Albanese – Additional airport capacity for Sydney  
 Senate RRAT committee – Airservices management of aircraft noise  
 T.Mavec QCC – New JRA president  
 S.Martin – Police issues  
 MM – Canb. Times 15/11/09 – Canberra to take Sydney overload – airport chief  
 MM – 2CC 25/11/09 – Parton says Canberra airport will take more traffic from Sydney airport  
 MM – 666 25/11/09 – S.Byron says its politically too hard to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> airport in Sydney  
 T.Overall QCC – JRA October Minutes amendment  
 QCC media release – Beware of men imitating Council workers offering free roof insulation  
 J.Doherty, Aviation & Airports – Statement of reasons for Minister to approve airport Draft Masterplan  
 D.French – ELP extension submission  
 Z&H Cameron – Trail bike problem  
 Media article – Time for a curfew?...Brisbane Airport  
 Media article – Aviation white paper cripples Sydney  
 Media article – Aviation white paper – Sydney airport battle set to roll on  
 M.Thompson QCC – Advice on 3 issues  
 JPS – Senior first aid course  
 J.Weir – Tralee on exhibition  
 MM – 2CC 11/11/09 – Interview with J.Alexander, BIS Shrapnel  
 MM – 2CC 11/11/09 – Housing prices to skyrocket if Sth Jerra fails to get green light  
 QCC media release – Council welcomes NSW planning dept green light for Sth Jerra  
 G.Chapman QCC – ELP extension  
 B.Pasfield QCC – Toddler pool  
 MM – No change to aircraft noise  
 Senate proof committee hansard – 20/10/09  
 D.Battye – Planes last night  
 P.Hansen QCC – ELP extension  
 N.McCann – Agenda, CACF meeting 5/11/09

MM – Airport dispute widens  
 C4C Agenda 28/10/09 and minutes 21/9/09  
 MM – 666 24/10/09 – Interview with C.Wilkie and B.Winnel  
 MM – 666 24/10/09 - Interview with C.Wilkie and B.Winnel  
 QCC Mayoral Message – 23/10/09  
 Media article, SMH 28/10/09 – Tralee  
 R.Curtis – ELP extension  
 M.Kelly – New website for Mike Kelly  
 C.Pearson – ELP consultation  
 S.Gray – ELP problems  
 B.Curtis – ELP extension  
 QCC media release – Council proposes 99c per week rate increase to address asset  
     Maintenance shortfall  
 M.Kelly media release – Queanbeyan to play host to clean energy expo  
 D.Millar – Mt Jerrabomberra  
 MD Webhosting – Customer invoice  
 A.Rocca QCC – Wine tasting  
 G.Merryweather, Police – Jerra break ins  
 MM – 2CC 12/11/09 – Interview with A.Leece  
 MM – WIN 12/11/09 – Qbn’s CBD Masterplan has received council approval  
 MM – 2CC 13/11/09 – Interview with T.Overall  
 MM – WIN 12/11/09 – Interview with T.Overall, S.Byron & B.Brown  
 MM – 666 11/11/09 – Interview with A.Leece  
 MM – WIN 11/11/09 – Tralee given green light  
 MM – 2CC 11/11/09 – Interview with J.Alexander, BIS Shrapnel  
 MM – 2CC 12/11/09 – Interview with S.Thompson, 2CC reporter  
 MM – 2CC 12/11/09 – Interview with T.Overall  
 Canberra Times article 12/11/09 – Land prices may rise by \$40,000  
 MM – 666 11/11/09 – Interview with T.Overall  
 QCC media release – Council adopts CBD Masterplan  
 QCC media release – Sporting facilities get the go ahead  
 QCC mayoral message – 13 November 2009  
 MM – Canb. Times 16/11/09 – Feds try to block Tralee project  
 MM – 2CC 16/11/09 – A.Albanese is pressuring the NSW govt. to rethink Tralee  
 MM – 2CC 14/11/09 – Airport curfews are hurting tourism  
 MM – 2CC 14/11/09 – Canb Airport has lost its bid for an injunction to block public  
     Consultation on Tralee  
 MM – 5AA 16/11/09 – Discussion about aircraft noise  
 M.Sachse – Summary of CAANF 5/11/09  
 MM – Northside Chronicle 17/11/09 – Tralee developer calls for inquiry  
 MM – 2CC 17/11/09 – South Tralee development  
 MM – 2CC 17/11/09 – South Tralee LEP  
 MM – 2CC 17/11/09 – Interview with T.Overall  
 B.Winnel, VBC – South Jerrabomberra Cup  
 K.Organ & J.Weir – Tralee on Exhibition  
 J.Lee – JRA AGM  
 Electorate Office, Monaro – Letter from the JRA  
 N.Campbell – Advertising business  
 F.Fanayan – Computer sales and service  
 C.Blyth – JRA minutes

A.Hastings – Corro re Tralee  
K.Harrison – Noticeboard  
C.Rolfe – Being added to business directory  
M.Ross – Traffic calming in Bicentennial  
D.Tooth – ELP fencing  
K.Keneally’s Office – Letter from the JRA

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE – OUT**

R.Neich, NSWFB – Community fire units, Queanbeyan  
All Councillors – JRA meetings  
General Manager, QCC – JRA submission Draft Qbn LEP (Sth Tralee) 2009  
All members on email – Message from NSW Police; LEP for South Tralee; Police  
Blitz; New president & wine tasting; January 2010 Agenda  
Qbn. Age – Media response re Tralee  
Media Release – New president for the JRA  
Senate RRAT committee – Airservices management of aircraft noise  
T.Taylor QCC – Sids & kids calendar  
S.Martin – Police issues  
T.Overall QCC – Amendment to October minutes; Tralee on Exhibition  
General Manager QCC – Submission, ELP extension  
Queanbeyan Business Council – JRA application  
M.Thompson QCC – Advice on 3 issues  
G.Chapman QCC – JRA AGM  
Media Release – Tralee on exhibition...at last  
S.White QCC – Aerial photograph  
All members on email – JRA & QCC media releases – Tralee; AGM & Wine tasting  
Qbn Councillors – October minutes  
QCC – Electronic direct deposit authority form  
J & J Ellwood – new email address  
S.Whan – ELP  
G.Chapman QCC – ELP  
Qbn Business Council – Application for membership  
B.Pasfield QCC – Toddler pool  
D.Battye – Planes last night  
All members on email – ELP consultation, C4C & recent break-ins  
B.Curtis – ELP extension  
D.Millar – Mt Jerrabomberra  
A.Rocca QCC – wine tasting  
G.Merryweather, Qbn Police – Jerra break-ins  
Membership final renewal 09/10  
All members on email – silly mistake  
A.Nix – JRA minutes  
J.Lee – JRA AGM  
D.Millar – Mt. Jerrabomberra  
S.Gray – JRA message  
M.Clisby – JRA article in Chronicle

## **8. TREASURER’S REPORT**

JRA Treasurer, Tania Rynne, was absent from the meeting but advised that the balance, as at the end of December 2009, stood at \$3,909-19.

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted  
**Moved:** David Hope **Seconded:** Verona Armstrong **Carried.**

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **9.1 QCC CityCARE Levy**

Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) proposes to seek ministerial approval to impose a 5.8% levy on ratepayers to meet an alleged shortfall in funding to maintain services and infrastructure. Council issued a pamphlet to ratepayers and this was delivered with the 'junk mail' and this pamphlet outlined the reasons for the levy and sought a response to a couple of questions by January 29, 2010.

The JRA has received an invitation to participate in a Residents & Ratepayers Forum to be held over 2 evenings (Tuesday February 16 and Tuesday February 23) from 6pm till 9pm and either Kim Howatson or Margot Sachse will be our representative.

In order to gauge the thoughts of the community, the JRA held an information session at the Jerrabomberra Village Shopping Centre on Saturday January 16 and spoke with 53 singles/couples/families, their feed was:

- approx. 2/3 weren't even aware of the levy
- most didn't recall receiving the flier, said they probably threw it out with the rest of the junk mail
- 52 didn't like the idea of the proposal
- a majority wanted to see an alternative that was not reliant on ratepayers paying extra
- 52 believed Jerrabomberra was not getting a good return on their rates, given that we represent 1/4 of Queanbeyan's total population
- One couple who moved to Jerra from Sutherland Shire in Sydney said their current rates were double what they paid in Sydney with no visible 'bang for their buck'
- Many believed Council should be required to 'live within their means'
- Some believed it was Council's mismanagement that led to the shortfall situation, and they should be forced to use their existing asset base to fund works
- Most were cranky that they were expected to pay extra money to fix footpaths in Queanbeyan when many parts of Jerra don't have any footpaths
- There was a clear belief that QCC was a CBD centric council at the expense of other areas of responsibility
- Some were of the view that if QCC stopped subsidising the "Q" they wouldn't need the levy
- Only 2 residents we spoke to were not ratepayers, but one didn't think his landlord would be very impressed

Comments from the floor at tonight's meeting were:

- seems like a grab for cash
- easy option out
- 99c per week increase very misleading
- need to be more formal talks with ratepayers rather than flier with huge volume of Christmas junk mail
- our rates need to be comparable with Canberra
- QCC should do a proper comparison between Queanbeyan and Canberra

- Putting the flier out over the Christmas/School Holiday period was ridiculous
- Special rate variation of 5.8% will be in addition to the rate pegging increase (last year is was 3.5%) which could put it up to 9.3%

The JRA will lodge a submission prior to the cut-off date of January 29 and will also hold another information session at the shops on Saturday January 23.

Cr Rocca suggested ways the Council could cut its costs in the following ways:

- Council could decline to take over Seiffert Oval and save \$1m.
- Extensive gardening works in Wanniasa St could be downgraded
- Council is borrowing money to fund the Crawford St upgrade
- Consultants are being engaged to look at moving the cemetery
- QCC intend to build a restaurant in Trinculo Place
- Senior QCC staff have had in excess of a 20% increase in wages
- There are some staff members commuting long distances to work in Council cars using council fuel
- Indoor sports centre will suffer depreciation and running costs
- There is a \$6m shortfall in the construction of Edwin Land Parkway

### 9.2 Safety and Security

The JRA have been sharing information from NSW Police advising residents to be vigilant when it comes to personal and household security and to keep windows, doors and garage doors locked particularly at night or when away from the house.

Current crime trends in Jerrabomberra show a decrease from the pre-Christmas incidents in the number of break & enters occurring but unfortunately, our community is still experiencing 1-2 incidents per week targeting predominately cash, jewellery, ipods and the occasional plasma TV. Entry seems to be through unlocked sliding doors and garages with internal doors to residences with most crimes occurring in the night and early morning.

Stealing from motor vehicles has seen a significant drop in reported incidents. In December there were 7 incidents and so far for January, none.

Police are encouraging residents to report any suspicious activity. Residents can call: CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000

Police Assistance Line 13 14 44

Queanbeyan Police Station on 6298 0555

Calls to these numbers will be dealt with in accordance to their urgency. Inspector Shane Box advises all calls are recorded for statistical purposes and those statistics help determine subsequent resource and budget allocation to the Monaro Local Area Command.

**ACTION:** Mark to seek clarification from Queanbeyan Police on which number is the most effective to ring.

### 9.3 Community Fire Unit – NSW Fire Brigades

At last year's AGM, it was suggested that maybe a Community Fire Unit could be established in Jerrabomberra.

CFUs are an initiative of the New South Wales Fire Brigade, and are manned by volunteers who are trained and equipped by NSWFB. The volunteers are generally people who live in urban areas close to bushland. Volunteers learn skills with basic fire fighting equipment to prepare and protect their homes when bushfires threaten. CFUs add to the resources of NSWFB and the Rural Fire Service, they do not replace them.

JRA President Mark Croxford has been speaking with the NSW Fire Brigade Zone Commander in Batemans Bay. NSWFB are keen to work with the Jerrabomberra community to establish a CFU. The Fireies have allocated Jerrabomberra a CFU co-ordinator to assist community efforts towards setting up a CFU.

JRA Committee member Doug Gordon will be our liaison with NSWFB on CFU matters.

Anyone wanting to volunteer to be a part of a Jerrabomberra CFU can initially express their interest by email to Mark Croxford, [mark.croxford@gmail.com](mailto:mark.croxford@gmail.com)

The JRA's intent with the CFU is to support its establishment through a working group, then hand the running of the CFU over to the community once it is set up to NSWFB requirements.

#### 9.4 Pedestrian and Mobility Plan & Cycle Plan

Queanbeyan City Council's consultation period has been extended to February 5. Mark and Kim spoke with Mayor Tim Overall expressing their concerns that this was one of those issues that was going to occur over the Christmas/New Year period without providing adequate time for the community to engage in the process.

The JRA had previously made a submission into the initial phase of the PAMP process, but it now appears that our submission has not been considered in preparing the latest PAMP documentation. We need to question QCC whether this is a glaring error or a deliberate omission and take steps to ensure that our community's concerns are heard.

**ACTION:** Mark to raise this with QCC

#### 9.5 Parking On Nature-strips

Some residents who live on streets without footpaths within our community, have been issued warning notices by QCC Rangers for parking cars, trucks, boats, trailers, and the like on the nature-strips in front of their property. Parking on nature strips, where no footpath exists poses safety issues for pedestrians, including those with prams etc, forcing them to walk on the roadway. Mark spoke with QCC Rangers regarding this issue and was told Rangers are obliged to investigate matters upon receiving a complaint.

It appears Rangers do have a degree of personal discretion in issuing infringement notices, however, under Australian Road Rules it is illegal to park on any nature-strip.

Jerrabomberra resident and Queanbeyan City Councillor Peter Bray advised he would raise the matter with Council. We look forward to a sensible resolution.

#### 9.6 Edwin Land Parkway extension

The JRA lodged its submission on the Edwin Land Parkway extension (ELPe) on December 7, 2009. Council discussed ELPe at its meeting on December 16 and resolved, among other things, that further consideration be given to community concerns expressed in various submissions received – in particular:

- provision of appropriate pedestrian crossings where ELP joins Jerrabomberra Roundabout and the intersection of Numeralia, StringyBark, ELPe and ELP; suggestions include pedestrian overpass or underpass, pedestrian crossing with amber light signals, kerb alignment,
- Noise abatement measures for residents immediately adjacent ELPe, such as , double glazing of affected residences and additional tree planting.

Mark was advised by QCC acting General Manager, Mike Thompson, that environmental approvals are expected around mid-March, detailed design completed about March/April and that QCC propose to call for tenders in April. QCC will also re-engage with residents and carry out an inspection on some houses to further develop the noise attenuation requirements in April at the completion of the road design.

Whilst the JRA do not oppose the ELPe, we do have a number of concerns – the main one being the crossing at the western end of ELP where it intersects with Jerrabomberra Circle and the obvious likelihood for ‘hoon’ behaviour in cars when it becomes an even longer drag strip. The JRA also do not want to see ELP become the Queanbeyan’s by-pass.

ELP was also a topic of discussion at the Jerrabomberra Village Shopping Centre information session on Saturday January 16:

- most residents wanted to know what was happening with the ELP
- wanted to know about what the western end crossing solution would be
- 52 of the 53 people we spoke with were against the ELP becoming Queanbeyan’s bypass
- a few people were concerned about increased hoon behaviour once the extension was completed
- the JRA’s views are consistent with the broader community contrary to Council’s opinion
- one quarter of those who spoke with us asked about Dunns Creek Road and wanted to know why Council wasn’t serious about making it part of the by-pass solution
- most of those who asked about Dunns Creek Rd were aware of Village Building Company’s proposed voluntary contribution and wanted to know how much the Googong developer was contributing.

Jamie Cregan informed the meeting he is a member of QCC’s Queanbeyan Development Board and sits on the CBD Technical Committee. Mr Cregan advised that the Technical Committee recently moved a motion that the Ellerton Drive



extension and Dunns Creek Road be made Queanbeyan's bypass and that the matter be expedited so Edwin Land Parkway cannot be used as Queanbeyan's bypass. The Technical Committee will present its motion at the February 5 meeting of the Development Board, at which local MP's Mike Kelly and Steve Whan are expected to attend. Mr Cregan advised it is the view of the QDB CBD Technical Committee that such an outcome on Ellerton and Dunns Creek Road is crucial to the CBD Masterplan being effective.

Ellerton Drive will take a large amount of traffic down Yass Road and onto Pialligo Avenue – the CBD Technical Committee want as much traffic as possible to use this route – a combination of both Dunns Creek Road and Ellerton Drive that will create the Queanbeyan by-pass.

The JRA committee will further consider this new information and formulate a prioritised position.

### 9.7 Local Environment Plan – South Tralee

The JRA's submission on the South Tralee LEP was lodged on December 22, 2009. Many would be aware of a legal challenge lodged in the NSW Land and Environment Court by Canberra Airport against the NSW Planning Department over the validity of LEP public exhibition regulations. The Court ruled in favour of Canberra Airport and affected many hundreds of proposed developments across NSW, including South Tralee. That ruling now means that the South Tralee LEP public exhibition held last year is invalid.

QCC's A/GM, Mike Thompson, advised the court's ruling was on a technical matter and does not reflect on the merits of the South Tralee proposal and whether the development should go ahead. It simply means the process will be delayed and QCC is working with the Department of Planning to determine what the next step will be. Council has already written to the Department with a view to finding a quick resolution and Council officers are prepared to travel to Sydney to achieve a quick resolution. The timing for South Tralee is up in the air until this issue is resolved.

The JRA received good feedback on South Tralee from last Saturday's community session:

- all bar one person was supportive of South Tralee going ahead
- most people wanted to know when South Tralee would actually happen
- everyone believed that South Tralee would give Jerrabomberra the sorts of infrastructure and facilities that other communities take for granted
- all of those with school age children were looking forward to the prospect of a secondary school being close by.

The JRA are confident QCC and NSW Planning are on the right track and will act in the best interests of the community over the South Tralee development.

### 9.8 Traffic Calming Treatments

Council advised that traffic calming treatments on Bicentennial Dr and Morella Ave were to be completed by January 15 and this appears to be the case. Traffic

monitoring strips have been installed on these roads to gauge the effectiveness of the traffic calming measures.

Council advises the marked cycle-ways cannot be parked on and that apparently residents who took part in the associated community workshops were told traffic calming measures may remove parking adjacent to some houses. Any community comments with these new traffic calming markings can be directed to QCC's Mike Hanrahan on 6298 0233.

Traffic calming measures were very topical on Saturday morning:

- most people were of the view that something needed to be done but weren't sure that painted lines on the road would be effective
- most said the visual impact of the lines were an eyesore
- some believed it would be difficult to stay within the lines as marked, especially larger vehicles
- drivers may require evasive action to prevent accidents with oncoming vehicles, especially on the bend in Morella Drive
- many questioned the width of the cycle-ways
- most wanted to know where visitors to functions like the Carols by Candlelight would now park.

There are also concerns about the 'chicane' on Morella Drive as no centre line is marked. (NOTE: A centre line has since been painted.) It was agreed that clarification be sought from Council on the issue of parking on cycle-ways and nature-strips. The JRA will look at this issue again in 8 weeks time, at the March monthly meeting.

**ACTION:** In the meantime, Mark will contact QCC to gain clarification about parking on cycle-ways and nature-strips, and to request more information be sent out to residents who live immediately adjacent the markings on the two affected roads.

### 9.9 Submission to Senate Standing Committee on Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Inquiry into the effectiveness of AirServices Australia's management of aircraft noise

The JRA will make a submission to the Senate Inquiry. Submissions close on January 29, 2010.

Our submission will address concerns over the lack of scrutiny or proper analysis by AirServices Australia on Canberra Airport's 'dodgy' Aircraft Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF), the proposed 24-hour freight hub operations and the southern approach flight path to Canberra.

Mark thanked Jon Hawkins for the initial drafting of our submission.

Brian Brown advised Curfew4Canberra (C4C) is preparing a submission and this will be available to the JRA committee upon its completion.

### 9.10 Community Bank

There is a perception among some residents that the Jerrabomberra Community Bank Project is a project of the JRA, that is not the case. Mark informed the membership

that the Community Bank Project is not a project of the JRA. Whilst some members of the Community Bank project are JRA members they are not acting on behalf of the JRA. The JRA supports the Community Bank project as do other community and sporting groups within Jerrabomberra and we believe a Bank will be a welcome addition to our community.

A Jerrabomberra Community Bank has the potential to become an automatic funding machine for many community organisations unable to realise funding through QCC's General Donations scheme or from other levels of government funding.

Brian Brown informed the meeting Bendigo Bank is examining the findings of the recent feasibility study many residents took part in. Brian expected a public announcement on the Jerrabomberra Community Bank would be made in the next couple of weeks.

#### 9.11 Wine Tasting/Social Occasions

Following on from the success of the JRA's December wine tasting, Mark proposed the JRA hold another wine tasting around April-May, showcasing wines, and companion cheeses, suitable for the winter months ahead. The meeting agreed to proceed with the wine tasting.

David Hope also suggested the JRA host more social events as this was a feature of the JRA in the early days of the community.

**ACTION:** Lyn to organise a date for the wine tasting at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre.

The JRA committee to consider community social events for the JRA to host.

#### 9.12 Woolworths

Woolworths area manager, Anthony Dalglish, was a guest at our June 17, 2009, meeting. At the time, Mr Dalglish offered to follow up with the JRA regarding matters raised however, no follow-up has yet occurred.

Residents who requested the stocking of new items seems not to have worked, and the use of the customer number system at the deli is rarely implemented.

It was agreed, in the first instance, that JRA Committee representatives meet with Mr Dalglish over a coffee in the near future to raise residents concerns and follow up on matters raised last June.

**ACTION:** Mark to arrange an informal meeting with Anthony Dalglish.

#### 9.13 Membership Drive

The JRA's information sessions at the shops have also given us the chance to gain 7 new memberships. Mark told the meeting he is keen to grow the membership as we can't best represent the community if we don't know what the community wants. We need the community's strength of numbers behind us to overcome some of the perceptions by local authorities that we don't represent the whole community.

Mark is encouraging existing members to talk to their family and friends who reside in Jerrabomberra and encourage them to join the JRA.

Other issues raised at the shops last weekend were:

a) Aircraft Noise – most people were tolerant with the current level of aircraft noise but didn't like the idea of a 24-hour freight hub particularly with the likelihood of older, noisier aircraft flying in at night.

About half of the people we spoke to were puzzled that some aircraft seemed to fly further away from houses than most, and wondered why they all couldn't do that.

A few said they had made aircraft noise complaints but, after going through the exercise, reckoned it was a waste of time.

It was apparent few residents are aware of AirServices Australia WebTrak monitoring system and how it could help residents in making noise complaints.

The link is -

<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aviationenvironment/noise/default.asp>

b) Traffic Congestion on Tomsitt & Lanyon Drive – about a quarter of people said outbound morning traffic delays on Tomsitt/Lanyon was adding up to 20 minutes to a daily trip.

Almost everyone is looking forward to better traffic flow from the road works but weren't too excited by the prospect of further delays during the works, given the limited number of options to get out of Jerrabomberra into Canberra.

c) Walking Path Brochure – One person asked if there was any plan to re-issue the "Jerra Walking Paths" brochure as she found it most useful and thought new residents would too. Brian Brown believed that QCC's Healthy Communities funding had been cut, and that it was unlikely that the brochure would be re-issued through this medium.

Mark expressed his disappointment to Councillors present, asking them to take the matter on notice and take any action they considered appropriate.

d) Increasing Memberships – everyone we spoke to was grateful for the opportunity to talk about issues important to them and believed more regular presences at the shops would help increase JRA membership numbers.

Some suggested providing low-cost incentives to join, ie a keyring/trinket; a video from Video Ezy; utilise the signboards on Tomsitt Dr; stop sending out the quarterly newsletter as everyone gets the information whether they are a member or not; a membership loyalty programme with local shopkeepers and businesses; a JRA supporters programme (some people think they have to attend meetings if they join the JRA); have more social activities or community activities such as a Christmas lights competition or a fishing competition at the Community Centre pond.

**ACTION:** The committee will explore incentives to increase the JRA membership and speak to Council about working together to host competitions such as the Christmas lights and fishing at the pond.

e) Bike Safety – A few who cycle into Canberra daily said it was dangerous for cyclists to get in and out of Jerrabomberra at the Tompsitt/Lanyon roundabout regardless whether they were heading east or west. They wanted to know what plans there were for cyclists with the new road works. We will look into this matter as part of our submission into the PAMP.

f) Aged Services – One person wanted to know why Council had cancelled the seniors Christmas Lights tour bus – this bus operated during the most recent Christmas but it was understood that it would not be operating for Christmas 2010.

g) Public Transport – Many people raised the issue regarding the lack of public transport in Jerrabomberra, particularly getting into Civic and Russell. Many said they would forego driving to work if an effective public transport system, such as the ‘park and go’ was available. It was also suggested that smaller and more cost effective buses during off-peak times might be a solution particularly for seniors and youths.

**ACTION:** Mark to contact Deanes Buslines for initial discussion on how public transport options within Jerrabomberra might be improved, with the view to getting Deanes Buslines to attend a subsequent monthly meeting to speak with the community.

h) Broadband communications – One person enquired when Jerrabomberra would get ADSL2 or better broadband communications. NOTE: Telstra’s Tralee exchange in Hume has a limited number of ports available for ADSL2 or better connectivity. It appears Telstra may be giving preference to its own customers at the expense of other Internet Service Providers. The likelihood of high-speed broadband coming to Jerrabomberra soon is low. Until the Federal Government’s national broadband network comes to fruition we shouldn’t expect anything to happen in the next few years.

i) Emergency Services – Some expressed concern, given Jerrabomberra’s size, of the lack of permanent emergency services in close proximity. NOTE: A lack of greenfields sites within Jerrabomberra is the first hurdle we face. However, if Tralee goes ahead there is provision in the proposed development for a precinct that will accommodate emergency services.

#### **9.14 Chronicle Article**

Our immediate past President, Margot Sachse, had a regular monthly article in The Chronicle and Mark asked those present if they were happy for this practice to continue. It was agreed that this was worthwhile and Mark’s January article should focus on community concerns with the proposed CityCARE levy.

#### **9.15 Motion**

Vice President, Kim Howatson, put forward the following motion

“I move that the Jerrabomberra Resident’s Association develop and implement standing procedure that would allow the JRA to host ‘Meet The Candidates’ nights

for each Federal, State and Local Government election on the Wednesday that falls three weeks prior to going to the polls for a particular election”

**MOVED:** Kim Howatson **SECONDED:** Jon Hawkins

Kim spoke to the motion and stated that this was put forward given the success of the last ‘Meet the Candidates’ night for the Council elections and should be extended to cover Federal and State elections as well. Once the standing procedure is developed we can inform all parties of our intentions and it is important that we keep delivering for our community. It also makes it easier for everyone to fit in rather than playing favourites for some at the expense of others and there is the slim possibility that the Prime Minister could call a double dissolution at any time from now on and the standing procedure will ensure that all parties give Jerrabomberra due consideration.

David Hope amended the motion “.....on the Wednesday *or there about.....*” just in case we can’t get a venue. Doug Gordon also added that it should be restricted to the House of Representatives.

Brian Brown agreed the JRA was well placed to conduct the Council election “Meet the Candidates” however suggested that it may be difficult for State and Federal candidates to do two formal “Meet the Candidates” in the Queanbeyan area, particularly in the three week period prior to the election. Brian then suggested that an informal “Meet and Greet the Candidates” for the State and Federal elections may be a better type of forum for residents to discuss matters of concern with State and Federal candidates.

A revised motion was put “I move that the Jerrabomberra Resident’s Association develop and implement standing procedure that would allow the JRA to host a “Meet and Greet The Candidates” night/s for each Federal and State election and a “Meet the Candidates” night for Council elections on a night approximately three weeks prior to going to the polls for a particular election”.

The revised motion was duly carried.

**ACTION:** The committee will develop a standing procedure consistent with the intent of the motion, and inform QCC and the local branches of all registered political parties. Independent candidates will subsequently be advised after declaration of their candidacy.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

**10.1 Dogs** – The JRA received an email from a member advising that people walking their dogs are not cleaning up after their animals when they defecate. Queanbeyan Council states “If your dog defecates in public, it is an offence not to remove the faeces”. Council also advises that “If your dog is in a public place it must be on an adequate chain, cord or leash”.

The meeting was advised Jerrabomberra has a dog ‘off-lead’ area in The Heights near the cemetery, off Kinlyside Avenue at the drainage reserve opposite Darmody Place. Members can access the QCC brochure on Off Lead Areas here: <http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Documents/SGGWVDFJNBY.pdf>

Further information for Dog owners from the NSW Department of Local Government is available here:

[http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlghome/documents/Information\\_for\\_Dog\\_Owners\\_in\\_NSW\\_-\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlghome/documents/Information_for_Dog_Owners_in_NSW_-_Brochure.pdf)

10.2 Parking at Village Shops – Residents have again raised concern over car park related matters at the Jerrabomberra Village Shopping Centre. The JRA has raised this matter on a number of occasions, with both Council and the Centre Management – Macquarie Real Estate Management Services. The matter is for both QCC and MREMS to resolve. The JRA feel Council need to be more active in getting MREMS to present a traffic management plan to Council's Local Traffic Committee for consideration. The JRA is aware QCC agreed to fund a new footpath from Edwin Land Parkway to the Jerrabomberra Village Shopping Centre carpark.

**ACTION:** Mark to write to the Mayor raising residents ongoing concerns.

Mark Will request an informal meeting with MREMS to discuss residents concerns.

There being no other general business, Mark thanked those present for their attendance, in particular Crs Bray, Rocca and Barillaro.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

**The next meeting of the Jerrabomberra Resident's Association will be held on Wednesday February 17, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Banksia Room at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre and any one is welcome to attend.**

