



AGENDA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 13th September 2017

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies and Introduction of Guests**
3. **Proxy Votes**
4. **Confirmation of Minutes – Previous A.G.M. (14th September 2016)**
5. **Business arising from Minutes**
6. **President's Report – Murray Gellert (presented by Jocelyn Davey Vice President due to absence of Murray Gellert)**
7. **Treasurer's Report – Howard Battersby**
8. **Appointment of Auditor – Howard Battersby**
9. **Election of Officers – Ray Prince (Returning Officer)**

Positions:

- President**
- Vice-President**
- Secretary**
- Treasurer**
- Membership Registrar Officer**
- Newport Watch Area-Coordinator**
- Communications Officer (Newsletter, Website, Facebook)**
- Committee Member**
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- Immediate Past President**

10. **Closure of Annual General Meeting**

Presidents report
AGM September 2017

As you are now aware I am off cruising the islands of the great Barrier Reef this week and have left the task of running this meeting with my more than capable Vice president, Jocelyn Davey.

I wish you a successful and informative meeting.

Over the past year your Committee has been steadfastly running the Association endeavouring to keep you informed of matters in hand and keeping in contact with the MBRC over your concerns. I would like to thank the committee, Jocelyn Davey (Vice President and Member Registrar), Norman Davey, (Secretary), Pam Bauze (Newport watch), Megan Way (Newsletter, website and Facebook editor), Howard Battersby (Treasurer), Joshua Kindred and John Casella members of the Committee.

Joshua was instrumental in the design of the new and improved Business Directory which is bringing the Association greater funds than have been raised in the past.

The NWPOA would not function and you would have no representation with the Council without the effort of these dedicated people.

You need to be aware that these people will not be your committee forever and some of you attending tonight need to take a more active role, join the Committee or become a Zone Captain, so there is a time for a transition from the old to a new committee. I for one will NOT stand as President for more than another year if re-elected this time round.

I repeat myself in saying you need to make an effort and join the Committee otherwise the Association will collapse and you will no longer have any liaison with the Council.

It is completely up to you if you want the association to survive.

This past year has been one of the more settled times

- Kingfisher Canal now has the dredge reforming the batters and removing the spoil in the canal bed itself. These works are extending to the entire length of the canal. The Council will undertake a hydrographic survey of the canal on conclusion of the contract to confirm compliance with the design
- Works have commenced on the Kestrel, Seagull, Heron, Osprey and Seahawk canals which will return them to "as design" in the coming months.
- The Stockland development is gaining momentum with blocks selling as fast as they come on the market. The display village is a good indication of what they are endeavouring to bring to the market. The Committee remains neutral on its stance regarding the commercial hub due to the differing opinions of our members.
- Newport Watch is still powering ahead under the watchful eye of Pam Bauze and continuing to help keep us in a safer place, we do however need additional Zone captains to assist with the distribution of Newsletters every 2nd month.
WHO is willing to assist ??
- Facebook is on line and steadily growing with 90 registered users. It is being used to sell various boats, kayaks etc, as well as advertising a lost lorikeet. Facebook is your "on Line" forum, so join up and let your community know what's going on.
- Accounts, as Howard will testify, are very healthy with more funds accumulating by the day.
- We have decided to proceed with the purchase of a caged 8ft by 5 ft. trailer which should be ready for use by the membership **free of charge** within the next two months. We were waiting for the funds from the Business Directory to come in before proceeding but with sufficient funds already in hand we have proceeded with the purchase.

- Members will recall that the Canal Maintenance fund was approximately \$2.1m in deficit this time last year. It is pleasing to see the unaudited numbers for 2016/17 year indicate a small profit. Your committee has been talking with council at the NWAG meetings about how to manage the canal activities with the aim of reducing this deficit over time. Some of the points raised have included:-
 - no water quality testing this year
 - reduced, but targeted, vegetation removal program
 - dredging program no longer open ended
 - suggestion that canal levy be “capped” , similar to our general rates.
- There will be more discussion on this later in the meeting.
- Sundowners had its first gathering on the 10th Sept and will continue, depending on the level of support. Come and join us and get to know your fellow members of the Assn
- Membership is steady but we would like more members so spread the word and let new comers know we exist.
- We are now reintroducing the Christmas lights competition having separate sections for both wet and dry blocks. Next year we are also going to have an Easter Bunny cruising the canals.
- Santa is just around the corner. We have two new Santa’s joining the Xmas crew and are looking for helpers to give him a hand.

As you have heard canal works are proceeding and the Associations activities are increasing. I believe we are currently improving on our services and interaction with the membership.

Let us join together and keep up the momentum going forward.

This completes my report

Murray Gellert
President

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA – September 13th 2017

- 1. Welcome and apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of the last General Meeting**
- 3. Business arising from minutes**
- 4. Newport Watch Report**

General Business:

- 5. (a) MBRC – Canal Levy expenditure report (Norman Davey)**
(b) Other – James Houghton
- 6. Closure**

NEWPORT WATCH REPORT PRESENTED AT THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NWPOA – Wednesday 13th September, 2017

Newport Watch, registered with Neighbourhood Watch Queensland as Redcliffe 20, is the neighbourhood watch activity of Newport Waterways Property Owners Association. Residents of Newport joining NWPOA automatically become members of Newport Watch, including both wet and dry blocks, covering the areas of the Newport Estate and Isles of Newport.

The area is divided into 37 zones, each monitored by a Zone Captain who is usually a resident living in the zone. Unfortunately, owing to a lack of residents willing to volunteer their time we only have 21 Zone Captains at present, so some are covering more than one area and some areas are not even represented. The role is not onerous and especially gratifying if one enjoys walking and meeting and talking to their neighbours. We have quarterly Zone Captains' meetings, a bi-monthly Newsletter requiring distribution to members and once a year to all residents, and collecting the fees annually although with direct banking this has also become an easier task. We welcome all residents to attend to meet the Zone Captains and have input into the meetings. A police representative from the District Crime Prevention section of South Moreton District Police attends the meetings to take questions, and highlight areas where break-ins and burglaries have occurred within the preceding three months in the Newport area. Lately we have been provided with a map of the area highlighting where the offences have occurred, and one must assume from the limited number of offences that Newport incurs compared to other areas on the Peninsula, is that Newport Watch works quite well.

Newport Watch has also been represented at the formation of a new group in the district. The Local Drug Action Team (LDAT), forming under the Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association are at present looking at ways of developing an ongoing effective project addressing the drug problems, especially involving the youth in our area. Whilst we cannot assist them in some areas, we can certainly distribute information to our members, and be vigilant.

Our previous District Crime Prevention Coordinator, Sgt. Joanna Broughton has left South Moreton District Police to take up a position in the city commencing early August. Jo has worked with Newport Watch for six years and has always been very supportive. We farewelled her at our August meeting and wish her well in her very different, new role with Queensland Police. A new coordinator has not yet been appointed.

If anyone would care to offer their services as a Zone Captain and become involved in their neighbourhood please speak to me following the meeting. We recently farewelled two of our long-time Zone Captains, one to illness and one as a result of leaving the area and I would formally like to thank Sonia Smithers and Kevin Lyon for the years of support they gave to the Association. We are also pleased to welcome Annette Plummer as Zone Captain of zones C and D.

We again held a very successful "Turning the Screws on Crime" morning in May in the car park next to the Moreton Bay Boat Club, and would like to thank those Zone Captains who volunteered their time fitting the screws and providing the free sausage sizzle. Thanks also to the Moreton Bay Boat Club who set up the area with canopy, tables, chairs and the BBQ.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our Zone Captains for the valuable and voluntary role they play in their community, the Moreton Bay Boat Club for their continued support, and the Oyster Point Scout Group for allowing us the use of their hall for all our meetings. Thank you.

Pamela Bauze – Area Coordinator, Newport (Neighbourhood) Watch.