

# SIRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024 – Community Hall

Sunday OCTOBER 8th 2024 10:00am - 12:00pm



## Minutes

Attending: SIRAC - Robyn Iredale, Sharon Kinnison, Marie Minslow, Deb Wood, Boyd Attewell, Colin Haskell, Ian White, Simon Tucker

Members: Bill Gye, Cass Gye, Harriet Witchell, Cat Heller, Tim Turpin, Jackie Courmadias, Jo Carter May, Shane May, Roy Baker, Jenny Cullen, Rosemary Haskell, Petra Godfrey, Jon Duhig

Guests: None

Apologies: Basil Daher, CB Floyd, Julie Torney, John Coumadias, Shane O'Neill, Jennifer Glasson, Ross Glasson, Robert Fox

Agenda Items	Time	Action
<p><b>Chair:</b> Robyn Iredale, SIRA President                      Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome                      Apologies – as above                      Confirmation of previous AGM minutes( 19/11/2023 )                      Motion: That the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the 2023 AGM. Moved by Ian White, 2nd by Marie Minslow</p>	10:00am	
<p><b><u>SIRAC BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p><u>President's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We invited the Mayor but no response. Introduction of life members: Colin Haskell, Rosemary Haskell, Sharon Kinnison.</li> <li>- I have served on the SIRAC committee for 6 years. Recreation was my main role. I just wanted people to have fun. I hope that the next president attends the Pittwater Community Alliance group. Michael Chapman continues as Public Officer. Water and wastewater project group is being coordinated by Craig Laughlan and the community vehicle is being looked after by Julie Torney. Thank you to Roy Baker for his constant support in the Recreation Club. Thank you to Boyd for lots of activities with the play and being SIRA accountant. Thank you to Brett Johnson for managing the Moondance series, he is very easy to communicate with. Thank you to Robert Fox who took over overseeing the accounts and thank you for overseeing the water. Thank you to CB for all her work with the Cafe and thank you to Sharon for all her hard work. Thank you to the Fire Brigade for all their support.</li> </ul> <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2023/2024 have had some highs and lows. See finance report.</li> </ul> <p><u>Subcommittees and Liaison Officer Reports</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finance &amp; Insurance – Simon Tucker – SIRA was ahead of budget due to surpluses from SIOCS loan recovery, Secret Island production, Two Catherines Cafe, Moon Dance series and increased demand for Emergency Water. Emergency Water is becoming more expensive, with the technology and paying people to run the service. SIRA received \$5000 in funding for the Three Queens play and \$5000 in funding for Bushcare. SIRA continues to have a strong asset situation (net assets of \$11,447.66 including a reserve for water line replacement of \$180,075.00). The book value of the Australian</li> </ol>	10:15am	

Ethical Balanced Investment Fund is \$191,933.. At the 6th June 2024, that holding had an estimated withdrawal value of \$194,746. The association is solvent.

2. Emergency Water – Marie Minslow - At the moment a third of households on the Island rely on Emergency Water. Northern Beaches Council buys our water and we buy it from the Council. Components of the water line are failing as some of the current parts being replaced are 20 years old. John Courmadias is developing a plan to manage component replacements. He is working with the Northern Beaches Council to minimise disruption to water line in the areas where roadworks are taking place.
3. Transport – Julie Torney - absent. Robyn reported that you can read Julie's report on the website. Usage is down for community vehicle, funding could be cut and we are working on issues with drivers. Two new drivers have been put on and now Wednesday transport is back on. Julie is driving a trial for the water taxis starting Oct 18th 2024. The trial is for water taxis to stay open till 10pm on Friday and Saturday nights for the next 3 months. This is being sponsored by the Recreation Club. We need a big push to promote it. Also need to promote community vehicles, especially for new arrivals to the Island.
4. Roads, Drainage, Traffic and Environment – Sharon Kinnison - There are target areas. We are liaising with the council and advocating for what we need. The Council is looking at traffic management. Small cars are better, parking is an issue and walking is not a bad thing. Need to work out with the council a revised plan for Catherine Park. Drainage is still an issue at Catherine Park. Improvement to the playground is on the cards for this year. Harold Park has seen much improvement with the initiative from individuals.
5. Water and Wastewater – Basil Dryer - absent- It was reported that a project group has been set up and is looking at all options to move this forward. Sydney Water doesn't see us as a priority. We just need to keep pounding away.
6. Community Engagement, Recreation and Halls – Robyn Iredale - Robyn reported that the rec club has accumulated 10k profit over the last few years. There have been 10 cafes this year. They have been very successful and often have other activities attached to them. We had a Jazz and Gin night which was also very successful. Harriet is now our booking manager for the hall and Imogen is now the cleaner for the hall. The recreation club has given a donation to the Garden Festival for 2024. We have also paid for bartenders this year and there is a new play coming.
7. Communications – CB - Absent. Robyn reported that there has been more SIRA news going out. The SIRA website has been kept up to date. CB's report can be read on the website.
8. Governance, Vision and Strategy – Marie Minslow - The SIRA committee reviewed all the roles and responsibilities of committee members and those receiving any remuneration from SIRA for work

<p>undertaken on behalf of SIRA. The Vision and Values statement was also revised and updated and will be circulated to the community for comment. The Committee is investigating some issues with insurance for volunteers and those being remunerated. We need more residents to come on the committee.</p>		
<p><b><u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u></b> – <i>all members are invited to contribute</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Questions from the floor for SIRAC members.</li> <li>- Can the Bus and Ferry timetable be looked at by the transport committee? Rationale behind this question - Pittwater High has changed its school hours, finishing at 2:30. Hence students are arriving at Church Point and having to wait until 3:20 for the ferry. Issue will be referred to SIRA Committee lead.</li> <li>- Please explain the payments that go to the SIRA Executives. This was explained at the meeting with reference to the Annual Report for actual payments for 2023/24.</li> <li>- Can we please avoid March 8th for performances and functions etc as it is International Women's Day. Noted.</li> <li>- Committee vacate positions</li> <li>- Election of office bearers and committee members, chaired by John Duhig.</li> </ul> <p>President - Simon Tucker  Vice President - Marie Minslow  Vice President - Carol Beth Floyd  Treasurer - Petra Godfrey - Harriet nominated Petra and Marie 2nd  Secretary - Deb Wood</p> <p><u>Ordinary members</u></p> <p>Sharon Kinnison  Colin Haskell  Jenny Cullen - Boyd nominated and Marie 2nd</p> <p>Due process has been followed - Motion -  Seconded -</p>	<p>11:30am</p>	<p>12:00 noon</p> <p>Each nominee accepts nomination and has been passed.</p>