

Woodgate and District Residents Association
General Meeting 8 February 2025

Meeting Opened: 10.10am

President to welcome Sergeant Ben Holdcroft of the Childers Police.

Ben explained the area that Childers Police are in charge of and they have a staff of 7, They do a 2 shift roster .

The Domestic Violence in the Childers and Woodgate area has reduced since he has been posted to Childers.

Pauline asked what Sexual Assault is – it is an application of force that is not welcome by the receiver.

It was asked what the law is on Electric Scooters – unfortunately there are no rules on these devices. If anyone has any concerns regarding any problems ring Childers Police Station on 131444 and it will be dealt with.

There is an unmarked 4 wheel drive police vehicle in the area.

Minutes of previous meeting: 14 December 2024 Read and Proposed by Glenda and Seconded by Diane Butler

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Defibrillators, Share the Dignity Project, Memorial Wall, 8th Avenue Walkway, Reef Cleanup, Aged Care facility, were all addressed in the Presidents Report tabled at the AGM

Correspondence: Tabled by Secretary Seconded by Diane Butler

Treasurers report: Tabled at the AGM

General Business:

- **Police report:** Information from the CHITCHAT will form part of the agenda at all Community Meetings. In the month of December there were 20 occasions in which police had to attend to incidents in Woodgate. They are as follows.
 - Public Nuisance x 1
 - Drug Driving x 1
 - Unregistered vehicle x 1
 - Unlicensed Driving x 1
 - Drink Driving x 1
 - Hooning x 1
 - Civil Dispute x 2
 - Domestic Violence x 4
 - Disturbance x 4

- Sexual Assault x 1
- Missing Person x 2
- Marine Incident x 1

Residents are reminded to remain vigilant and to report any incidents through 000 or Police Link on 131 444 you may remain anonymous.

- **New Reporting Obligations for NFP's to the ATO**

- Pauline outlines the new obligations and why this is being brought up at a General meeting. Pauline moved the following motion.

"I move that to meet these new obligations that the WDRA engage the services of a Registered Tax Agent to undertake this task on our behalf which include the setting up and filing of the original documents, the establishment of a My Gov Account as required and also to be retained as the WDRA official Tax Agent to handle the ongoing annual obligation on our behalf " .

Moved : Pauline Greer. Seconded Heather Wieland

Motion put to a vote of members with a show of hands. Motion carried.

Increase in Hall Hire Costs by BRC.

- Pauline will email all groups that will be affected by the increase to allow them an opportunity to consider their options. Any February bookings will be invoiced at the old rate. New charges will be applied from the 1st March.

Walkers Point Boat Ramp:

Pauline gave an update on the progress of the ramp. A map showing the proposed rock groin and floating walkway is on show at the Post Office Notice Board and at the Hall. It was asked if there will be access to the river while construction is on, and Pauline advised that they will make alternative access to the river.

General Business from the floor.

Pauline spoke on behalf of the Community Bus. She urged people to consider taking the bus as an outing and reminded people it was for everyone's use. They need to increase the number of people using the bus regularly so as to cover expenses.

Desley asked if a defibrillator could be placed at the shopping area on Frizzles Road, the committee will look into this.

Desley asked about wheel chair access to beach. Bill suggested that she use the boat ramp or Theodolite Creek.

Bills Report:

Bill has an inspection with Council regarding all the dead trees on the water front next week. He hopes to have this cleaned up by Easter break.

Next week 14/2/25 the path along the foreshore between 1 & 2 Ave is being repaired and a handrail is being installed.

The 2 stage of the concrete path will be red in colour.

The reorganization of the council staff positions has reduced, 114 positions have been removed with some staff resigning making a substantial cost saving to the Council.

Someone on FB have stated that The Waste Water Treatment Plant has caused the erosion at Woodgate – this is not the case.

Frances Free asked if there will be any exercise equipment at Woodgate Waters – Bill said that Council anticipates putting more equipment on the foreshore closer to Woodgate Waters.

Frances also asked if the dead trees on the beach side at Theodolite Creek be removed – Council are looking into this matter.

Meeting Closed: 11.05

Next meeting : Saturday 12th April 2025.