

## Woodgate and District Residents Association

### General Meeting 13 December 2025

#### **Meeting Opened: 9.00 AM**

Presidents welcome.

Attendance: As per sign in sheet.

Apologies: As per the sign in sheet.

Minutes of previous meeting: 11th October Read and Proposed by Glenda and Seconded by Val Walkington.

#### **Business Arising from Minutes:**

**Police Report:** For the months of September and October as reported in the November and December Chit Chat – 6 Welfare Checks, 1 Traffic hazard, cows on road , 1 Assault Occasioning Bodily Harm, 1 wilful damage , 2 Drug driving , 1 Mental Health Incident , 1 Unlicensed driving , 1 Traffic crash, careless driving , 3 Domestic Violence ,2 Marine incident , 1 Suspect Vehicle , 1 Missing person ,2 Community assist , 1 Willful damage, 1 Traffic Crash ,1 Domestic violence and assault ,1 vehicle stealing.

**Support for Ambulance Station.** We have heard back From QAS as follows:

QAS are presently investigating expansions of stations and staff

QAS is receptive to the ownership of two blocks of land at Woodgate (??)

Also to the alternative positioning of a proposed station

QAS is receptive to having First Responders as back up or assist as required

QAS intent to invite interested representatives to a discussion at Woodgate early in January 2026

QAS have spoken to Stephen Bennett about the request and the land held by Qld Health

**Retirement Aged Care:** Max Henke, is heading this up for the Management Committee. Max recently followed up with Stephen Bennett's Office on progress. We received this written advice.

Regarding the aged care facility, Stephen continues to work with Bundaberg Regional Council, local contacts and federal colleagues to identify a suitable operator. The land previously identified as a possible location remains an option, however it would require a private sector developer to purchase the site and work with the relevant local, state and Commonwealth agencies to progress any development.

**History Trail:** There has been a few more donations - \$500.00 W/G Reality, \$1000.00 1<sup>st</sup> National, \$300.00 A1 Reality. The monthly Book Sales are donation December proceeds.

The Erosion money is still at Council. Pauline has advised that we will get Table & Chairs along foreshore or a Water Bubbler in the Park or a fence around the playground at the Hall.

**Correspondence:** Tabled by Secretary and seconded by John Trevor

**Treasurers report:** Tabled by Treasurer and seconded by Dale Greer

**General Business:**

**Planned Artificial Reef:** Two sites for the development of an artificial reef are:

Site 1. Between Elliott Heads. and Woodgate.

Site 2: Off Point Vernon

**Proposed change of speed on Frizzells Road:**

Residents have raised concerns about speeding along Frizzells road in general but have asked if the area from the Hardware Store to just past the Pharmacy could have a 20K sign, like the area on the Esplanade around the shops. This is a concern over people entering and exiting those businesses safely.

They also raised concern over visibility especially at the Friendly Grocer with cars parking right up to the edge of the driveway. Larger vehicles block visibility.

It was also suggested that the use of traffic calming such as the automated smiley face might be applied through the busy Christmas period. A written request will be sent to Council.

**Woodgate Beach Community Markets:**

A lady tripped and fell heavily on the edge of the concrete. The fall was witnessed by both Pauline and Bill Trevor. This is the second incident of tripping on the concrete that we are aware of. Pauline requested to Bill that the Council look to raising the level of the grassed area around the edge of the back patio area so as to reduce the trip hazard. Bill was taking this to Council and hopefully has a response for us today.

**AGM:** Just a reminder that the February meeting will also be the AGM. All positions will be declared vacant. Nomination forms will be available in January. To nominate for a position on the Management Committee the person must first be a financial member. New nominations are always welcome. The committee meets on the second Monday of the month from 4.00 pm. Meetings are by-monthly starting in January.

**Memorial Wall:** Council are liking to have a meeting onsite regarding this in February, 2026.

**Susan Coleman from Share the Dignity** advised us that the Woodgate Community supplied 164 bags. The total number of bags collected in the Bundaberg/Childers/Gin Gin area was 728.

**John Trevor** advised that the playground at Banksia Park is finished and opened. Also The Citizen of the Year Award are open for 2026.

**Val Walkington** commented that at the playground at Banksia on the northern side has no shade in the afternoon, Pauline will talk to the Council Parks department on Monday.

A lady asked if the park at Woodgate Waters will be cleaned up before Christmas. Pauline will follow up on this matter.

**Loraine Elsmore** advised that the Council will be removing all the table and chairs along the foreshore which have not been put there by the council.

**Lyn Bentley** mentioned that there had recently been a lot of “chatter” on Facebook in relation to the number of Duplex’s being built at Driftwood Estate and another person had commented on the Facebook Post that Bill had informed the Residents at the October meeting that Council had refused a recent application for Duplex Development. The person on Facebook further went on to add that Bill had said no more Duplex developments would be erected.

Lyn requested at the Meeting, that we record that this was incorrect as Bill did not actually say that no further Duplex Developments would be erected. In fact there is nothing to stop a Developer/Builder to build further Duplex’s within Driftwood Estate if so desired, providing they were not built directly next door to each other, amongst other minimum Planning Scheme Criteria.

Lyn’s addressed at the Meeting was to keep the residents correctly informed that more Duplex’s (Dual Occupancy, Dwelling Units and/or, Multiple Dwellings) can, and probably will, be erected and that the Facebook comment was not correct.

**Sue** from The Woodgate Markets advised that they are happy to donate a Barbecue to the Residents Assoc, this BBQ will be used by other organizations at the Community BBQ’s at the markets and could be available for people hiring the Hall. Pauline thanked Sue for their generosity and will take this to the January Committee meeting prior to any purchase being made.

**Flags:** Pauline has the Australian and Qld flag to put up in the Hall, she will contact The Mens Shed to provide the flag poles.

**John** asked if a speed sign could be put up at The Bakery on The Esplanade due to speeding vehicles. Pauline will ask Bill regarding this matter.

It was advised that due to the influx of visitors to the area especially at the NRMA Caravan Park there are a lot more Electric Scooters in the area. Pauline will advise Childers Police for this.

It was suggested that the Council clean the path of debris every month. Letter to be written to council.

A gentleman asked who was responsible for putting the mats at the beach access on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. It is the Council but they will not put down anymore due to the beach erosion.

**Bills Report:** As Bill was unable to attend the meeting Pauline passed on the following information on his behalf.

Money from the Cyclone Grant will be covering the cost to put more sand on the rocks off 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This will involve taking a scrape of sand at low tide and pushing it up against the bank to cover the rocks.

The Council have also applied for a permit to take sand from the tip of Theodolite Creek to replenish the beach. Should this be knocked back the mayor, Bill Trevor and Stephen Bennett will travel to Brisbane and speak directly with the Minister.

**Meeting closed at : 10.10 am**

**Next meeting: 14th February 2026**