

Woodgate and District Residents Association
General Meeting 14 February 2026

Meeting Opened: 9.30 am

Attendance: As per sign in book

Apologies: As per sign in book.

President to welcome:

Minutes of previous meeting held on the 13th December 2025 read and proposed by Glenda Campbell and Seconded by John Trevor

Business Arising From Minutes:

Police Report: For the month of December As Reported in the ChitChat

One each of the following: Breach of Bail, Armed person, Traffic Crash, Possession of dangerous Drugs, Disturbance, Evade offence.

Two Welfare Checks and two Suspect Vehicles

Three Domestic Violence and three Mental Health Incidents

In addition acts of vandalism over the recent holiday period included:

Bollards tossed onto the toilet roof at Second Avenue, Defibrillator stolen from the Second Avenue Amenities Block, Safety sign on the dunes above the rocks ripped up and tossed onto the beach, The safety fence installed by Council opened up resulting in people using the dunes next to the rocks as beach access, two street signs ripped from the ground and dumped in the driveway of the Men's Shed, beer bottles smashed against the fence at 156 The Esplanade, The Police sign near Frizzells Road damaged, the Dismount sign at the boardwalk near the pub removed, the Council mower vandalised by teenagers (sand and stones were poured into the petrol tank and added to the oil as well as the seat covered with sand). This occurred when Aaron parked the mower outside the shed while he popped up town to get some smoko. Luckily this was witnessed by a neighbour who alerted Aaron upon his return. The mower had to be stripped and cleaned putting it out of action for two weeks. On the Australia Day weekend an attempt was made by vandals to set fire to the exterior toilet at the hall. A large block of wood was placed into the toilet along with an accelerant and the bowl set alight. This resulted in the wood being thrown from the bowl and the pursuing fire scorching the walls, ceiling and door of the toilet block. In addition the baby change table was wrecked and broken glass was strewn all over the floor. As well as having to close the facility until the loo was checked for any damage, inconveniencing park users for several days the Council also had to have the toilet repainted and replace the change table. A few days ago I learned that the toilet doors at the amenities block on Second Avenue had the toilet doors removed by vandals. Thankfully Council was able to rectify this quickly.

Support For Ambulance Station:

Wendy Gearside will give a brief update on this topic when we cross to the floor.

History Trail Project:

Unfortunately we are still waiting on Council to release the grant money. The Cultural Department of the Council has requested a copy of all the information we are going to put on the sign posts. The catch is with the cairn for the ship the City of Melbourne and the fact it carried indentured kanakas to and from Australia. I am trying to have the council accept the maritime history of the ship for the cairn and remove all mention of its link to the South Sea Islanders. I have requested that the cairn be removed from the Grant money and treated as a separate project so as to move things along. We can access the grant money up until the end of June or we forfeit the money. The Cultural Department have been made aware of this. Bill Trevor has been speaking with the department heads to try and move this decision along.

The Request for changes to the speed on Frizzells Road and near the Bakery:

I will defer this discussion to Bill Trevor to address in his report.

Trip and Fall hazard at rear of hall.

Following two reported falls caused by tripping on the edge of the back patio at the Sunday Markets a request was made to Council to have the gap eliminated by filling it in with soil to raise the grass to the level of the patio. Once again not having received any action as late as this week Bill went directly to Council, placing a work order and I have been notified that that in the short term the gap will be filled in with soil and a yellow strip painted on the outside edge. In the longer term Council will cement a tapered edge all the way around the patio and build a path linking the patio with access to the carpark on the Woodgate Beach Club side.

Shade at the Banksia Park Playground.

Concern was raised about the amount of shade that was installed over the new playground. I have spoken with Matt Williams from the Council in regard to this. He acknowledges that some of the equipment has been left exposed as per the original plan. It is hoped that there will be money in the 2026 budget to add more shade covers.

Removal of Tables and Chairs belonging to private residents:

I followed this up with Bill Trevor who took it directly to the CEO. The result is that chairs and tables will remain and that hopefully any incidents of someone sitting in someone else's chair can be resolved amicably.

Donation of Barbecue:

Sue McLiesh from the Woodgate Markets offer to donate a barbecue to the WDRA to be used by community groups at the market and available to be hired out at hall

functions. This was gratefully accepted by the Management Committee. Thank you to the organisers of the Woodgate Markets for your generous support.

Correspondence:

Tabled by Glenda and seconded by Roslyn Rieck

Treasurers Report: Including audit results this was tabled by Heather and seconded by at the preceding AGM.

General Business:

The stolen defibrillator:

- The defibrillator was found several weeks later on Bundaberg Railway Station and returned by the police.
- Unfortunately it had been tampered with and in the interest of safety we have chosen not to put it back into use.
- We are still waiting on two recall replacements which includes the one stolen. I followed up with this with the supplier and the roll out is being done in stages.

Information Sessions:

We have secured some dates for information sessions that we hope will be of benefit to the community:

- Monday 16th March NBN and Telstra will be hosting **Connectivity Information Drop in Sessions**. There will be two sessions 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm and for those who work 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
- NBN will also have a representative who will speak on practical ways to **keep data and privacy safe**. This session will run from 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm
 - **Attendees will hear the latest news regarding updates and have the opportunity to speak one on one to the people who can answer your questions.**

LifeFlight will hold a training session on Monday 30 March from 11.00 am - 2.00pm. This course is titled **First Minutes Matter** and will cover things like using a defibrillator and so much more. This is a hands on course and well worth attending as we never know when a medical emergency may arise.

More information will be posted on FB and on noticeboards when I have more specific information.

Clean Up Woodgate, in association with Clean Up Australia Campaign

- As usual we will delay our clean up day until after the Easter School Holidays. Hopefully by then the weather will be a little cooler.
- The date selected is Sunday 12th April commencing at 7.00 am at the Green Shed on Acacia Street. Facing the Bus Shed.
- All volunteers must register and we will work through until 9.00 am
- Please remember to wear a hat, closed in shoes and sunscreen. **Water will be provided.**
- Bags and Gloves will be provided. Safety vests will also be available.
- The Fishing Club will once again be invited and will do there clean up on Saturday.

Information for Residents:

- Following the Department Of Human Services recent visit I have been left with a lot of information to sift through. Things like;
 - Accessing Financial Services Information
 - Getting Help from Aged Care Specialist Officers
 - Home Support Program
 - Entering Aged Care and At Home Services.

I will make time to sift through this information and post some information on line as well as discuss with Marissa if we can get this information onto our webpage. I will also see if I can get a supply of the booklets for our next meeting. In the meantime if anyone want's information sooner I can give you the contact details.

From The Floor:

Wendy gave an update on QAS news:

As the Childers Ambulance Station is now operating 24 hours a day it is unlikely that an Ambulance Station will be built in Woodgate as QAS has stated that 5 Paramedics have to be based at all stations and that cost is very high.

Wendy is hoping to have a member from QAS at our next General Meeting.

Queensland Health are now aware that they own the land near the Club.

Wendy suggested that we start a Fund Raising Committee.

A gentleman advised that at the South end where vehicles drive onto beach there is a big dip, this has been reported to Council.

The erosion at the Boat Ramp has been reported to Council.

Val Walkington enquired about the 70 kph sign on Woodgate Road in Goodwood when you are driving to Woodgate and then the 100 kph sign in approx. ½ km down the road – so when does the speed limit start – Bill advised that the 100 kph started straight after the 70 kpm sign and you should not get booked by Police if you are doing 100 before the 100 kph sign. Bill said that he will check this on Monday and will let Pauline know the outcome.

It was advised that the access to beach at 2nd Avenue says “Dangerous” – is Council going to fix this problem – Bill will check this out.

A gentleman advised that “The Dogs on Leads” sign at Walkers Point was missing – Bill will report this to Council.

Also there is a Tree Stump that has not been removed – Bill will also deal with this. He also said that drivers are going quite fast around Walkers Point and would it be possible to have a 20 kph sign erected – Bill said that this is not possible.

Eleanor advised that at the BBQ facilities at Banksia Park there is no facilities for people in wheelchairs at the tables as the new tables have legs at the end of the tables so a wheelchair cannot go under – Bill will look into this matter.

Frances Free enquired about the rock erosion on the beach – Bill will address this in his report.

Bills Report:

Walkers Point Boat Ramp will commence after Easter and is estimated to be finished by Christmas 2026. This area will be closed to the public while construction is in progress.

The Toilet Block will be open to the public during construction.

When the rock wall is being constructed be aware that there will be trucks bringing the rocks from The Quarry.

A Speed Counter as been put on Frizzles Road so information can be gathered to advise the speed of vehicles.

Engineers have advised that the Boat Ramp near The Pub has no effect on the erosion problem.

Council are waiting for permission to bring sand from Theodolite Creek and replace it at the erosion area. The Car Park at Theodolite Creek may need sand to be replaced.

Stephen Bennett has advised Bill that the New Access Road at Buxton will commence shortly.

Moore Park, Bargara also have sand erosion concerns. Buxton will be extending their Rock Wall.

The 20 kph sign at The Bakery will probably not happen, also bringing the speed limit on the Esplanade from 50 to 40 will also not happen

Meeting closed at : 11.00 am

Next Meeting: 11th April 2026

Pauline Greer – President

Glenda Campbell - Secretary