

**Woodgate and District Residents Association**  
**Minutes General Meeting 13th June 2026**

**Meeting Opened: 9.00 am**

**Attendance: As per sign in book**

**Apologies: As per sign in book.**

**President to welcome:**

**Acknowledge guest speakers.** Paul Rogerson from Woodgate Rural Fire Department

**Minutes** of previous meeting held on the 11 April read and proposed by Glenda Campbell and Seconded by Barb

**Business Arising From Minutes:**

**Police Report: For the months of April and May As Reported in the ChitChat**

Welfare check x 1, Domestic Violence x 3, Unlicensed driving x 2, Traffic Offence x 5 Traffic Hazard x 2, Public Nuisance x1, Breach of Bail x 1, Suspect Vehicle x 1

**Support for Ambulance Station:** Following the April meeting a post went out on FB calling for interested people to contact Pauline. The response was excellent. All details were sent on to Wendy from First Responders.

- An initial meeting was held on the 5th May to explain what was required and to gauge peoples commitment.
- A second meeting took place on 23rd May. This was attended by representatives from the LAC Bundaberg who outlined the process required to form a Local Ambulance Committee.
- Around 20 people have shown their support.
- As required a formal letter has been sent to the Commissioner and Minister seeking consent to form the Woodgate LAC.
- Once permission is given there will be an AGM to elect a committee and formally commence operations.
- The community will be kept informed of progress.

**History Project:** Pauline has followed up several times since the last Community meeting with the Indigenous body.

- Pauline presented the material in late May, followed up again this week and are awaiting a reply.
- The book is progressing well. I have recently held interviews and have several more planned in the coming weeks.

**Defibrillators:** The replacements have been received and are now in situ.

- The defibrillator at the hall has had its battery and pads replaced at a cost of around \$900

**Clean Up Day:** Was a great success with 41 people volunteering. There appeared to be less dumping of large items this time.

- We collected 28 bags of rubbish, mostly small items, food and drink bottles thrown out of cars.

- Car tyres, some builders waste along Woodgate Road and disused crab pots and household items dumped up around Theodolite Creek Road and just general rubbish at the creek.

**Weeds along the Foreshore:** In response to John Dowling raising the issue of weeds such as coral creeper becoming a problem Pauline contacted the Lands and Environment Management Department of the Council to request scheduled poisoning along the dunes and at Eighth Avenue. This was sent out in April however I have not received a reply.

**Memorial Wall:**

- Pauline has contacted Stephen Bennetts office to ask if they would investigate through Stephen and the relevant State Government department the possibility of allowing a section of the land behind the community hall for a memorial wall.
- She followed up again last week and thought Stephen had not had a reply Gemma from his office has sent out another email in the hope that we may have some word by the Saturday meeting.

**Correspondence:** Tabled by Glenda and seconded by John Trevor.

**Treasurers Report:** Tabled by Heather and seconded by Sue Coleman.

- Pauline noted that \$6,588 of that is from donations from local businesses and community groups toward the History Project. The latest amount being \$2,000 from Woodgate Photography.
- Donations made recently total \$2,700.00
- \$1500 for Cancer via Mother's day Classic and Biggest Morning Tea
- \$500.00 to Local Wildlife for a road decal
- \$1200.00 to the Goodwood school P&C to cover the cost of ingredients for the community barbecues at the market.

**General Business:**

- Clean Up Australia in conjunction with Monash University are looking to commence a Littering Prevention Campaign. In a recent survey of organisations who regularly participate in Clean Up Events we have agreed that the WDRA would be interested in joining this initiative should we be invited to trail it in our area.
- Pauline has been contacted by a Representative from Trilogy Care whom I will meet with on Monday. She expects that they would like to have an information session. Trilogy Care offer home care packages. Is this something that would be of interest? Lorraine Elsmore agreed that it was a good idea to help older people with all the paper work involved with Care Packages.
- Hall floor: Pauline has approached Council re having the floor resealed to try and prevent further deterioration. I followed up with Sam Drizel from Council on Thursday and as it is a big ticket item it will need to be budgeted she has recommended that they look to giving it a light sand and applying a polyurethane finish as a interim measure. Same agreed and will take this back to his manager.

## **From the Floor:**

**Wendy Gearside from First Responders** advised that a letter has sent to QAS Head Office regarding the Ambulance Station in Woodgate, and AGM will probably happen within the next few weeks.

Stephen Bennett has started looking into the land available on Frizzells Road for a Ambulance Training Building.

Michael from Childers Ambulance Station told us at our last meeting that Childers was manned 24/7. Wendy said that this was not always the case due to staff being away on Sick or maternity leave etc.

**Susan Coleman** thanked everyone who attended the Cancer Mothers Day Classic, there were 109 walkers and \$20,710.00 was raised.

Share The Dignity is on 6-27 November, 2026, but if anyone would like to donate to this we can drop them off at the Hall or Post Office – Woodgate provided 162 bags last year.

**Jacque Rogerson** thanked everyone who attended the Cancer Biggest Morning Tea at the Club \$14,028.00 was raised.

## **Guest Speaker: Paul Rogerson from the Woodgate Rural Fire Brigade.**

Paul advised us of the importance of being prepared for a Bush Fire and to have a Fire Plan in place as fires approach very quickly - all the information is in our booklet.

He explained the rules for having a backyard Fire Pit.

The Oval or the beach is the Emergency Safe Place depending on the situation.

In August there will be an **App AUS ALERT** available which will advise us of the fire dangers in our local area.

**Wendy Gearside** asked who is responsible for cleaning out the Fire Hydrants – it is the Council but Paul suggested that we all take responsibility if there is a hydrant on your property that you check it and clean it out. Wendy told us that there was Adopt a Fire Hydrant plan available.

A lady asked if there was thick bushland behind your house who was responsible for that – it is the land owner.

## **Bills Report:**

**Budget Week** due to the State Government Funding to Councils dropping last year by \$6 1/2M, there will be an increase to our Rates by 8.28% rise. Also due to the drop in funding 70 staff from council have left.

**Beach Erosion** the \$2M from State Government allocated to this project will be starting shortly, permission to bring the sand from Theodolite Creek is almost complete.

**Capital Works** the wooden walkway from the Pub to Frizzles Road will be rebuilt shortly.

**Temporary Road Works** have been completed on The Esplanade outside the Pie Shop.

**Walkers Point Boat Ramp** works are progressing well at the moment. Pauline said that there was quite a lot of deterioration to the roads at Walkers Point due to all the trucks – Bill has asked Stephen Bennett if Government will provide money for this.

**Vivian** asked if the budget increase included Sewerage and Water – Bill said no there would be a further increase of 2% for sewerage and water on top of the 8.28%. Bill will give Pauline a copy of the Budget for our information.

**Meeting Closed: 10.30 am**

**Next Meeting: 8th August**