

SPEARWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

6.30pm - 8pm Tuesday, 3rd November 2020

Venue: Spearwood Primary School

[6.30pm] Introduction

- **Welcome** – Acknowledgement of Country performed by Aryo Stokes:

“The Spearwood Progress Association acknowledges the Beeliiar - Nyungar people as the traditional custodians of this land. We wish to acknowledge the strength of their continuing culture and offer our respects to Elders past and present”

- **Attendees:** Antony, Aryo, Kristine, Belinda, Monique, Karen, John, Rosemarie, Simone, Liz, Kevin, Michelle, Len, Anne and Richard.
- **Apologies:** Pam, Marcella, Carol, Garth, Phoebe

[6.35pm – 7pm] - Manning Park Rotary Fair Summary

- John: Thanks to Belinda, Monique, Kristine, Karen, Liz, Antony and Aryo for volunteering their time and equipment/props on the day
- **What worked well?**
 - \$118 raised with the raffle
 - Over 200 new signatures acquired for the Rockingham Railway Junction petition
 - Beautiful presentation attracted passers-by
 - Use of multiple strategies e.g. raffle, free potatoes, petition, newsletter, presentation...kept people interested and engaged
- **Areas for improvement?**
 - Not enough volunteers made it harder to reach every patron that walked by
 - No commencing cash float in till made it difficult when selling tickets
 - Use of T-shirts with SPA logos would be eye-catching and create visual representation/ logo recognition (Simone to follow-up)
 - People couldn't see sign properly
 - More planning prior to event: SPA to create calendar of events
 - More community grants to assist with SPA buying own equipment

[7pm – 7.20pm] – Town Hall Meeting 2nd December 2020

- Likely to be hosted at Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall
- **Issues for discussion:**
 - Tidier house frontages, council could take money off rates to pay for verges?

- “Tidy Houses” project incentivises garden and frontage maintenance of homeowners
- Themes of meeting will include networking, advocacy, support and neighbourhood (Simone to forward details to SPA)
- Azelia Ley Homestead under-utilised
 - Café could be established there
 - Encroaching on Historical Society territory?
- Town Fair could take place on Rockingham Road
- SPA meeting on 1st of December to focus on Town Hall Meeting
 - Poll to be posted on Facebook page to gauge interest

[7.20pm – 7.40pm] Actions from previous meeting (6th October)

- **Spearwood Voice Update (Michelle)**
 - Arguments initiated by main contributor
 - 452 followers on SPA page
 - 271 members on Spearwood Voice
 - Advertising now being regulated: posts related to business advertisement only permitted once per month
- **Bank Account**
 - Current balance is \$304, an additional \$110 to be deposited
- **Petition for Railway Crossing**
 - Monique and John met with Simone McGurk’s colleague, currently liaising to get road fixed
 - Roads have recently been re-sealed
 - Also liaising with Mikayla from Liberal Party
 - Targeting upper house: Kate Doust
 - Waiting for appointment with Labor MP Pierre Yang
 - Attending Parliament House in late November

[7.40pm – 8pm] Standing items & New Business

- **Update from Neighbourhood Watch (Rosemarie)**
 - Extra lights have been installed on public property, including local car park
 - Don’t get packages delivered to residence if no-one will be there to collect them, as there has been recent package theft
- **Cockburn Community Development Group (CCDG) Dinner**
- Occurring on the 30th November 2020
- **Submissions for 2020**
- **Establishment of a PR sub-committee**
 - There have been recent concerns that the SPA is non-inclusive of First Nations people and their perspectives
 - Work needs to be done to repair the relationship between SPA and the local Elders/ Aboriginal Reference Group

- SPA's image in general needs to be refreshed- very little residents are aware of who SPA are and how they represent Spearwood residents
 - Could set up a "Get to Know the SPA" event so that residents can familiarise themselves with SPA's role
- **St. Pat's – Proposal for old St. Jerome's Church**
 - Kristine liaised with Lyn Levy of St. Pat's; Lyn advised SPA is unlikely to hear back regarding the St. Jerome's development for the following 2 months
 - Kristine to liaise with Lyn regarding permission for SPA to do some clean-up and maintenance inside the building
 - Local artist interested in using space for art classes
- **Containers for Change**
 - Cash in containers for 10c each
 - Source of revenue for SPA
- **SPA Newsletter**
 - SPA members welcome to drop copies of newsletter in their area
 - Price from Fremantle and Cockburn Gazette: \$81 for 10,000 inserts
 - Price from Herald Newspaper \$1017 for printing and delivery to Spearwood Residents.
 - Could look at placing newsletter into a column in newspaper - \$495 for a half page print.
- **Other**
 - Creche for parents?
 - Alternatively, parents could attend via Zoom

[8pm] Next meeting – Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 6:30pm