

Northbridge Progress Association Inc

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at St Marks Hall, Northbridge
on Wednesday, 28 November 2007 commencing at 8.05pm

Attendance: 37 (32 members, 5 guests).

Welcome: The President welcomed guests Marko Delatovic, Cr Mary Johnston, Howard Lardner and Simon Alder.

Apologies: Gladys Berejiklian, Michael Conder, Pam Clifford, Jenny Roxburgh, Bruce Wilson

Minutes of last AGM: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 15 2006 were summarised by the Secretary. **RESOLVED** that the minutes are confirmed.

Treasurer's report: On behalf of the Treasurer, the Secretary read her report of the year's financial results. Term deposits amounted to \$19,000 after spending \$5,000 on a barbecue donation and \$2,800 on the new website. **RESOLVED** that the Treasurer's report is accepted.

A member suggested that the Association's funds be invested with ING rather than CBA to obtain a higher interest rate and the President agreed that the Committee would consider the suggestion.

President's report: The President presented a report of the year's activities. He noted success in limiting Northbridge Plaza's proposed retail expansion to about 10% and in ensuring meaningful community consultation in the Plaza Masterplan process. He noted several Northbridge projects that had been supported by the Association and a number of disappointing outcomes during the year. Membership stood at almost 350, from only 77 members 10 years previously. He thanked the Association's members, 'walkers', guest speakers, advertisers and Committee members for their efforts during 2007.

Election of Committee for 2008: The President handed over the chair to Howard Lardner to act as Returning Officer. The following nominations for committee members in 2008 were nominated, seconded and accepted in turn:

President:	John Becroft
Vice-presidents:	John Holder, Peter McNair
Secretary:	Malcolm Lye
Treasurer:	Pam Clifford
Editor of <i>The 202</i> :	Penny Lye

Committee members: Ron Hicks, Jenny Roxburgh, Stewart Truswell

The Returning Officer declared that the above Committee members were elected for 2008 and returned the chair to President John Becroft.

The President closed the Annual General Meeting at 8.25pm.

Northbridge Neighbourhood Watch: Coordinator Howard Lardner reported that criminal activity had been relative low in Northbridge in the past year, though two armed robberies had taken place at Northbridge Hotel. He noted that five new street coordinators had been recruited but many more were needed. He thanked AMPCI for agreeing to fund *The Crimebuster* for the next two years and thanked committee members for their support.

Northbridge Hotel development: Simon Alder summarized the status of Northbridge Hotel's recent Development Application. He said that all the work had been completed before Council had assessed or approved the DA. In addition, a commercial kitchen, which had not been included in the DA, had been installed in the accommodation area without approval from Council or certification by relevant authorities. Many Council consent conditions from 2000 had been ignored. Council has drawn up a Notice of Non-Compliance but not yet issued it. The owner will submit a new DA.

Simon noted that the hotel had increased the number of poker machines from 11 to 15 and had a license for a total of 27 machines. He requested support from Council in applying the rules to the hotel. Cr Johnston said that she expected that Council would pursue the Non-Compliance Notice.

Northbridge Plaza Masterplan: Mark Monk, a community representative on the Masterplan Technical Working Group, said that the TWG had met four times. Unanimously, they had approved briefs for consultants and appointed consultants for traffic, economic research and community research. A community consultation consultant would be appointed shortly. Consultants' reports would be available early in 2008. Mark said that the process was working well and had been fruitful so far.

Guest speaker: Marko Delatovic spoke about the background and progress of the major \$1.8 million water storage project at Northbridge golf course. The construction work for the main water storage dam will be completed before Christmas. The dam will ultimately hold 22.5 million litres. During construction, the contractor had brought in 30.5 million cubic metres of soil in 1650 truckloads. Marko thanked residents for their patience.

In addition to stormwater run-off from the school, the dam will be fed from a 1.5 million litres feeder dam being built on the 13th hole together with a 180 metres deep bore on the course and a spring discovered on the 4th hole.

In response to questions, Marko said that the main dam would be fenced for one year and an 8 metres wide wetland area surrounding the dam would be planted with 40,000 rootstocks before Christmas. In regard to Bushcare on the golf course, he said that efforts were improving but there are not enough resources to do as well as the club would like.

The President thanked Marko for his talk.

Councillor's report: Cr Mary Johnston said that Nick Tobin had been appointed General manager to replace John Owen, who was leaving on December 4. Stephen Head (ex-Kurig-gai Council) had been appointed Infrastructure Services Director to replace Jeff Organ. In response to a question, she said that the new branch library may take one year to be completed. Ultimately, it would include a community centre and a place for young people to meet.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm. The President invited members and guest to enjoy Christmas refreshments.

Chairman:

Date:

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