

# Applewood Residents Committee

5, Grand Boulevard, Doncaster , Victoria, 3108

Minutes of Meeting No 8/2023

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Held in Private Dining Room at **9.30 am**

## **Present:**

Robyn Millership (Chair), Geoff Dreher (Secretary), Ellen Boyd, Jeff Hore, Bob Slater, Peter Sage, Grahame Bond (from 10am)

In attendance: Mike Preece, John Smrk & Angela Buckley (from 10.00 am)

**Apologies:** Brian Morris.

**Quorum:** OK

## **1. Minutes**

**1.1 The Minutes of meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September** were confirmed with Ellen Boyd added to those present.

### **1.2 Business Arising**

**1.2.1** Refurbishment Process at Applewood. Awaiting a meeting with ARD

**1.2.2** It was noted that the four items sent to ARD listed in previous minutes had not yet received a formal reply.

## **2. Reports of Subcommittees**

### **2.1 Finance Subcommittee:**

No meeting held last month. Awaiting response to items listed in 1.2 above.

### **2.2 Property & Infrastructure Subcommittee:**

Awaiting Refurbishment meeting with ARD.

### **2.3 Action & Grounds Reports:**

Peter reported that upgrading of the Community Centre lifts is progressing; The Pool table has been replaced; Library Shelving is now progressing after the tradesman concerned was on leave; Windows resealing in Villas is a problem and needs an independent person to check this and all maintenance matters. The lack of a maintenance man on site remains a problem.

Robyn reported that as the Table Tennis tables in the Activity Centre are dangerously in need of repair she was given permission to order two new tables which will be arriving soon.

**2.4 OHS Report:** Jeff reported that the Lakewood main and pedestrian gate is malfunctioning so that Residents have been denied entry on occasions ;

The Community centre lifts are at times misused by contractors and affects Residents access particularly as at present only one lift is operating. It is causing concern about access by Residents if an emergency arises ;

U turns at the Front gate in Tram road remain a problem as the police will not intervene on the grounds that it is occurring on private property.

### **2.5 Welcome Report:**

Ellen reported that there has not been new residents to welcome last month and that the Friday night dinners have been planned up to February/March 2024.

### **3.0 Correspondence:**

**3.1** Letter from J.Alvey to J Smrk dated 17<sup>th</sup> Sept regarding smoke alarms was noted and understand that ARD is attending to the matter.

**3.2** Letter from J.Sheedy dated 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. regarding ARC's recommendation that Residents speak with ARD about their Insurance cover was noted. The Insurance Forum planned for 16<sup>th</sup> October should resolve the matter of these questions.

**3.3** Letter from J.Sheedy to J.Smrk dated 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. regarding the operation of the Orchard Restaurant was noted.

### **4.0 General Business:**

**4.1** A date for the ARC AGM was proposed.

This will be confirmed and circulated to Residents.

**4.2** An 'invitation circular' for ARC Membership which Robyn had prepared was accepted for circulation.

### **5.0 North East Link – Eastern Freeway Urban Design and Landscape Plan (10.00 am)**

Staff involved in planning and building upgrades on the Eastern Freeway addressed the meeting.

They indicated that the Eastern Freeway would be upgraded to six lanes each way from Burke Road to Tram Road and that walking and cycling paths, and wetlands and foliage etc would be upgraded beside the Freeway.

Questions arose regarding noise walls which would have to be installed or enlarged. They indicated that the program is due to start this year and will extend until 2028 during which time there will be an 80Kph speed limit on the Freeway.

The section of the Freeway outside Applewood will be done from 2025 to 2026.

They provided documents illustrating the changes and recommended that Residents access the website to see what is intended and also visit Community drop-in sessions.

The website is [engage.vic.gov.au/north-east-link](https://engage.vic.gov.au/north-east-link)

### **6.0 Meeting with ARD - John Smrk & Angela Buckley (10.45 am)**

**6.1** John will check that a sound check is done on the freeway outside Applewood to ensure that an appropriate noise wall is present in front of the Village.

**6.2** John indicate that replies are coming regarding outstanding documents .

**6.3** John said an Insurance forum document will be sent out.

**6.4** John said he is looking to upgrade the Lifts in the Community Centre as parts are not available. He has also blocked access by some contractors who have caused difficulty with the single lift operating at present

**6.5** Lakewood Gate which does not open with some fobs is being upgraded with a remote panel so that it can be unlocked remotely.

**6.6** The front gate which is often open is due to one of the sensors being activated by a bush or etc. This is being checked.

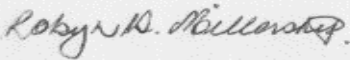
**6.7** John noted that the restaurant still operates at a loss but the numbers of those attending are increasing

**6.8** Interviews and advertisements for a Receptionist and a Maintenance person are continuing.

**7.0 Meeting closed at 11.25 AM**

**8.0 Next meeting: Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 9.30am.**

**Signed:**



Robyn Millership  
Chair



Geoff Dreher  
Secretary

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