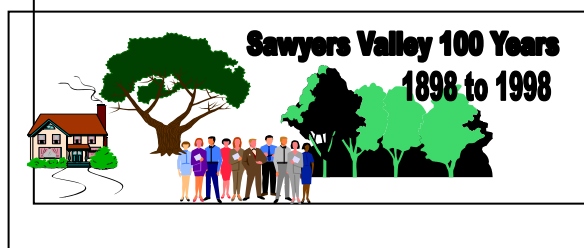


Sawyers Valley Residents and Ratepayers Assoc.(Inc)



Leather Green, Sawyers Valley 6074

Ordinary General Meeting

07 August, 2023

Meeting Open: 07:40 pm

Attendance: Michael Le Vaux, Rose Rudeforth,
Edwin Dell, Paul Benson, Maryanne Phillips, Elton Van den Dungen, John Daw,
Cr Neridah Zlatnik.

Apologies: Joy Dell, Carmel Green, Adriaan Loosjes.

Minutes Accepted: Motion: “Minutes for OGM 1st February, 2023, be accepted.”
M. Le Vaux/E. Dell passed unanimously

Motion: “Minutes for AGM 1st May, 2023, be accepted’ **with correction:**
Date range for Treasurer’s Report 1st May, 2022, to 30th April, 2023, be amended to show
correct dates. 1st April, 2022, to 30th March, 2023.
M. Le Vaux/R. Rudeforth passed unanimously

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Information statement from DMIRS (Dept of Mines, Industry Regulations and Safety) has been submitted.

Update bank authorities. Bank Signatories at Bendigo Bank to be updated. Maryanne Phillips still to attend bank.

Treasurer’s Report

February to April 2022

Cheque Opening balance	01/08/2023	\$ 4,030.70
Deposit membership fees	May, 2023	\$ 40.00
No transactions for	June, 2023	0.00
No transactions for	July, 2023	0.00
Closing balance	31/07/2023	<u>\$ 4,070.70</u>
Bendigo Bank balance as at	01/08/2023	\$ 4,070.70
Petty Cash		
Opening Balance	01/06/2023	\$ 25.00
Plus		Nil
Less		Nil
Closing Balance	31/07/2023	<u>\$ 25.00</u>

Total Funds at 01/08/2023

Cheque Account	\$ 4,070.70
Petty Cash	\$ <u>25.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>4,095.70</u>

The chairperson notes the Bendigo Bank statement for 01/05/2022 agrees with the balance in the treasurer's report.

Motion: *"That the Treasurer's report to the Feb OGM be accepted."*

E.Dell/M. Le Vaux

passed unanimously

Correspondence

In:

Shire of Mundaring

- New message boards are now located within the Shire providing local information
- Local Laws Reviews. A periodic review of local laws
- Community Event and Matching Grant Applications are now open
- Inclusive Event Workshops. Information sessions
- MPCF Multi-Purpose Community Facility. Information updates regarding services to be offered
- Celebrating National Volunteers Week
- The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021. Advising of implications for land carers
- On the Trail Newsletters. What is happening within the Shire
- Invitation to Parliament House with Jessica Shaw. Wednesday 18th October 2023. An opportunity to network with other local Ratepayers Associations
- Community Rivercare Program – Grant Round now Open. Community groups can apply for grants for an environmental restoration project conserving the natural and social amenity values of the rivers, tributaries within the Swan Canning Catchment
- Sharon Davies, regarding the continuation of the SVRRA. Thanking the whole team for our ongoing work within the community and acknowledging that the SVRRA will continue to operate. It was discussed that the Secretary shall email Sharon, asking if she wishes to continue her membership
- Email from Cr Neridah Zlatnik, regarding street enhancements in Sawyers Valley, suggesting further discussion with the Shire, plus advising of possible grants to assist

DMIRS

- Confirmation our Information statement has been received
- Regarding Constitution query. A clause in our constitution states "Any person who is not a resident or ratepayer of the Area is not eligible to apply for a class of membership that confers full voting rights". DMIRS replied advising that they are unable to provide legal advice or clarification and that this should be determined by our Management Committee

Synergy

- Synergy Community Giving Fund is now open

Australia Post

- Not for profit community groups are eligible to apply for an Australia Post Community Grant of up to \$10,000.00 for projects that help to improve connection and mental wellbeing in their local communities

Edwin Dell Email from Edwin Dell, who attended the briefing on 12th June, 2023, at the Shire of Mundaring for the Mundaring Multi-Purpose Community Facility Project, voicing concerns that the proposed new development does not include adequate provision for senior activities

Carmel Green Email from Carmen Green advising of letter forwarded to Main Roads Department regarding concerns of accessing her property on the Eastern Side of the Great Eastern Highway from Sawyers Valley township. Concerns include, safety issues with emergency vehicles being unable to locate her property, safely accessing her property with traffic on the highway, plus a request for fire hazard reduction along the Millstream Estate fence, off the highway area

Out:

SVRRA Minutes for OGM 1st February, 2023, and AGM 1st May, 2023

To all financial members.

SVRRA, Secretary Maryanne PHILLIPS

Email to all members requesting feedback or suggestions for potential future improvements, issues or enhancements we would like to see occur in the townsite of Sawyers Valley

Motion: “*That the correspondence IN be accepted and OUT be endorsed*”.

M. Le Vaux/E Van den Dungen.

passed unanimously

General Business:

Deceased kangaroos located in vicinity of Mundaring Weir Road

Rose Rudeforth advised she had located 4 x deceased kangaroos in the vicinity of Mundaring Weir Road, all wrapped in plastic. Mundaring Shire have been advised and are aware.

Illegal collection of firewood around Cole Road area

Elton Van den Dungen advised he has observed numerous vehicles accessing and leaving the bush area near Cole Road. This is believed to be State Forest and collection of firewood from this area is illegal. Trucks and utes have been observed accessing the area and leaving loaded with firewood. Elton has heard chainsaws active in the area. Paul Benson volunteered to contact Water Corporation and State Government Departments to discuss possible resolutions, including, the possibility of having drones monitor the area for further activity. It was also discussed whether an approved area for firewood collection could be made available within the area.

Local Law Review

Further to correspondence In – Further discussion. Mundaring Shire is seeking local feedback on whether local laws need to be amended, repealed or remain unchanged. The current laws pertaining to keeping cats is likely to be amended to become universal with Current State Laws.

Beautification of Sawyers Valley

At present there are no cafes or coffee vans offering coffee, food etc. Discussions were raised on how we could make Sawyers Valley a visually enticing place to stop or even provide tourist destinations.

Discussions regarding possible projects.

- Slip Road to access Great Eastern Highway from Sawyers Road. Need to discuss with Main Roads
- Planting flowering or colourful trees along the highway verge that will create a visual impact
- Signage or a statement when entering the townsite of Sawyers Valley

- Viewing platform accessible to the general public. It was discussed that Sawyers Valley is one of the highest points in the area. Could this be utilised as a tourist destination that the general public could access a tower to view nearby catchment areas and flora/fauna from a viewing platform?
- Walk trails. Provide signage in the area of walking trails available. Maryanne to email Mundaring Shire to advise we wish to be included and updated regarding any future promotions across the Shire.

Maryanne to create a poster and/or email flyer that asks for community feedback and suggestions for beautification and improvements of Sawyers Valley townsite. Listing above ideas and asking for community support and feedback.

Meeting Closed: 9:20 pm

Next Meeting i: The next SVRRA meeting is on **Monday 6th November, 2023**, in the Sawyers Valley Hall at 7.30pm.

Minutes Confirmed by:

Signed:

Date:

*President: Paul Benson 9295 1318 Vice President: Michael Le Vaux A/Treasurer: Paul Benson 9295 1318
Secretary: Maryanne Phillips 0439 957 237 Assoc Mail Address: 20 Leather Green, Sawyers Valley 6074.*

*Meetings at Sawyers Valley Hall, first **Monday of the months of February, May, August and November** at 7.30pm*

***Area Representatives:** Michael Le Vaux - Sawyers Rd; Carol Hall - Malabar Rd + Marshwood Pl; Paul Benson – Railway Tce, Sexton St, Gt Eastern Hwy, Marina Loosjes - Dowell St, Pearce St; Rose Rudeforth – Railway Tce (Forrest Rd westward) + Helena Tce .
Webmaster: Adriaan Loosjes.*

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