

WTKCA AGM 2023 – Summary

The AGM for WTKCA was held on June 19, a few weeks later than usual due to having to wait on maintenance at the Wagstaffe Hall.

For the Committee, 6 members re-nominated and 2 new members were elected. The committee as elected comprises:

Mike Allsop (President), Ian Bull (Secretary), Richard Urquhart (Treasurer), Robyn Warburton, Martin Sieper, Bill Gregor, Barry Freeman and Helen Hill. Please feel free to contact any of them if there are matters you would like to discuss.

I would like to personally thank all returning members of the committee for their work and dedication to the community, and to thank our new members for joining in the efforts.

Richard Urquhart presented the financials of the Association, which are in good shape. In general, the earnings of the Association in any year are re-invested in projects for the community, with some overs and unders as could be expected depending on the nature and timing of projects.

We noted the extent of advocacy by WTKCA for improvements to community amenity and infrastructure, and the broad alignment of priorities and support for other community groups. Among other things we are looking for improvements to parkland and play-spaces, condition of our roads, traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Improved telecommunications services (mobile and fixed line) are also essential. Over the next few months we will be convening a local design panel to consider potential staged improvements to our Hardys Bay foreshore. It is intended that ideas and feedback be sought from the community during this process, with the intention of putting these as a seed to Council and to our local members of Parliament for progressive grant funding to get things done. We are suffering dilapidation at present which needs to be addressed without changing the fundamental character of the bay. More to come on this.

Finally, our guest speaker on the night was Andrew Bayley, Team Leader for NPWS in our part of the Coast. Andrew covered many aspects of the work done by NPWS in improving Bouddi NP tracks and amenity, as well as other great work further up the coast. He showed some spectacular night time images of the recent hazard reduction burn at Wagstaffe, and noted a couple of other burns planned over winter, including a “cultural burn” at the carvings site on the Daleys Point Trail.

The Association values its relationships with the officers of Central Coast Council, NPWS and others who try hard to “get things done” for us. It can be labyrinthine at times, but it pays never to give up when you believe the end result is in the best interests of the community. And it is not just us. We are pleased to support individuals and other groups who also push for common sense initiatives.

Keep in touch.

Mike Allsop - President