

# Ginninderry Residents Association

## Meeting Minutes – 4 March 2025

**Attendees:** Attila O, Kim O, Megan O, Elaine S, Vince C, Kelly M, Jessica C, Olivia O, Adrian F, Bridie-Anne S-W, John, Jessica S on behalf of Riverview.

**Apologies:** Trav H, Anneline S

1.	<u>Welcome</u> Attila opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. He confirmed all requests from residents to be added to the Whats App group had been completed and provided a report on the success of the Community Showcase and BBQ event. A big thank you to Kelly for assisting with manning the Residents Association stand.
2.	<u>Meeting Minutes for 4 February 2025</u> The group formally accepted the minutes rendered for the previous meeting, 4 February 2025.
3.	<u>Developer's Update</u> Jessica S reiterated the success of the Community Showcase and BBQ on 15 February 2025. It was estimated there were approximately 300-350 attendees who perused the stands of community representatives. A big thanks to Rotary for providing the bbq.  Jess also reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Kippax Uniting Church ran a family fun day, targeted to flexi living and public housing homes. The event was heavily subsidised by Developer. An additional event has been scheduled to occur later this financial year.</li><li>• The community Iftar dinner took place last Sunday night, with approximately 240 people in attendance. Jess reported the first 190 tickets were sold within 24 hours of their release, with the popularity of this event being noted.</li><li>• The Kippax Uniting Church will also be running a multi-faith multi-culture event, inviting the Governor General and 5 High Commissioners.</li><li>• The Board will be meeting next week to discuss a request for replacement for Jess B's role. It will likely be split into 2 part time roles with a job share arrangement. If approved by the Board, recruitment will commence, and the replacement will start around May.</li><li>• Cudos to Adrian, whose amazing artwork has been on display in the Link and been really well received. Those who hadn't had a chance to see it were encouraged to do so.</li><li>• Construction is continuing for the Strathnairn Primary School. Traffic lights are expected to be in place by mid-March with quite a bit of roadworks directing traffic in the meantime. Updates can be found on the Projects and Initiative page of the Ginninderry website.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Research Hub, who last provided a showcase with 30 different researchers in July 2024, have stood up a steering committee. Information is also available on the Ginninderry website.</li> <li>• The Shopping Precinct is yet to be approved by the Board. Discussion is continuing around design and services to be available to the community. It is anticipated the Shopping Precinct will not be opening until 2027, as per the original Territory Plan.</li> <li>• There are still several signs required within Strathnairn, including the erection of a Strathnairn suburb sign and duck crossing signs. Updates will be provided at our next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Jess S to follow up the progress of the development application to erect suburb signs for Strathnairn and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Elaine to follow up with Access Canberra regarding duck crossing signs and report back at the next meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>Finalisation of Residents Association Name, Aims and Objectives.</u></p> <p>Following distribution of the February minutes, the group had an opportunity to raise any objections to the proposed association name, aims and objectives however they were all accepted.</p> <p>The formal name of the association is the Ginninderry Residents Association.</p> <p>The agreed aims and objects of the Association are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build community through inclusive social events and engagement opportunities.</li> <li>• Represent residents by gathering feedback and advocating for their needs and interests.</li> <li>• Strengthen partnerships among all stakeholders to enhance the health and wellbeing of the people and their environment.</li> <li>• Facilitate effective communication by being a central hub for accessible information.</li> <li>• Promote and support community programs and initiatives.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><u>Membership Requirements for the Association</u></p> <p>Extensive discussion surrounded what types of membership the association should support and who is eligible to join. Attila confirmed while only members voted in to the committee will attend committee meetings, all association members would be encouraged to join the Annual General Meeting. The conversation included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vince suggested residents gain membership through completion of a membership form, requiring secure data storage.</li> <li>• Megan felt landlords should be eligible to join as they have a concerted interest in the progress of the community.</li> <li>• Jessica C stated if only members from Ginninderry suburbs were exclusively able to join the association, and not residents from Ginninderra Estate, it may not be fair as residents in the same street may have differing membership eligibility.</li> <li>• Kelly mentioned that there were not any Ginninderra Estate residents attending these meetings.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vince suggested that those living in Ginninderra Estate should not be eligible as they live in Holt and not Ginninderry.</li> <li>• Kim agreed with Jessica Candy that youth views should be considered during the progress of the association.</li> <li>• Kim suggested that votes should be individual and not per household, and Bridie-Anne Serie-Wode agreed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b> A vote was undertaken and the majority vote went to excluding Ginninderra Estate residents from being voting members to the association, however those who subscribe to the aims and objectives of the association would be welcome as non-voting members.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> The group took another vote and a majority vote went to allowing residents, home owners or residential land owners of properties within Ginninderry, excluding Ginninderra Estate, to be eligible to be voting members of the association. It was also agreed that votes would be for individuals and not one per property.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Jess Steward took an action to research rules around residents who are under 18 and how they may participate in the Residents Association.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Matters including the method in which residents could prove their residency, storage of personal data and costs of membership were held over to be decided at the initial Annual General Meeting.</p>
6.	<p><u>Committee Members</u></p> <p>Attila informed the group that the Residents Association under the model rules are required to include a President, Secretary and Treasurer positions and that other positions such as a Vice President or Ordinary Committee Members were optional. Vince C strongly urged the group to include a Vice President as a mandatory position.</p> <p>It was agreed that further consideration is required to understand the representation of committee members on Ginninderry Reference Groups, and those who will undertake communications and events activities</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> After voting, the group agreed that no more than one committee member should be allowed per household.</p> <p>It was also agreed that position holders must possess or complete training requirements associated to their position, as directed by the Committee, and that holding a position would be voluntary with no remuneration.</p>
7.	<p><u>Agenda Items for 1 April Meeting</u></p> <p>Matters to be discussed at the next GRA include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the Rules of the Association</li> <li>• Strategies for promoting the Association</li> <li>• Plan for inaugural Annual General Meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Megan to publish an invitation within the Ginninderry Locals Facebook Group and send a copy of redacted Minutes and Agenda to Jess S, for her to publish on the Ginninderry Website.</p>