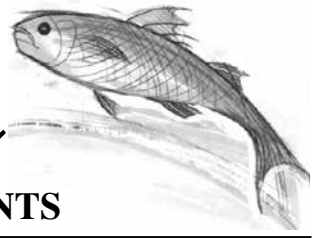


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## Dangar Island League (inc) Annual General Meeting

Saturday 15 September 2018 4pm

Dangar Island Bowling Club



### AGENDA

1. Opening and apologies
2. Introduction of new members
3. Acceptance of minutes of last General Meeting business arising
4. Committee reports – President, Secretary (including communications in and out) and Treasurer
5. General and other business
  - a. Matters arising from reports (plenty to discuss here including the utility and opal card)
  - b. Other business
    - i. From Committee
    - ii. From floor
6. 2018/18 diary dates
7. Meeting close

**Nominations for candidates for election to the League Management Committee have to be made in writing to the Secretary by 5pm on Friday 7th September 2018 either by posting in the “League” letterbox at the Café or emailing to [secretary@dangarislandleague.net](mailto:secretary@dangarislandleague.net).**

**Nomination forms can be downloaded from the League [website](http://www.dangarislandleague.net) or contact Stephen Boyle for a hard copy ([secretary@dangarislandleague.net](mailto:secretary@dangarislandleague.net))**





## NOMINATIONS FOR DIL Inc OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2018/19

At the DIL Inc AGM on Saturday 15 September 2018 (4pm at the Club), all Management Committee positions become vacant.

The following nominations have been received:

President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vanessa O'Keefe</li></ul>
Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trevor Kanaley</li></ul>
Secretary	
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Judith Doyle</li></ul>
Committee member*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hans Pols</li><li>• Brenda Hall</li></ul>

Up to five positions available

There being only one nomination each for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer, those candidates nominated above for these positions will be automatically elected to these positions at the AGM.

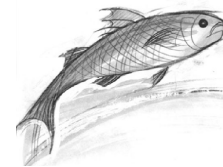
Given that the number of candidates for Committee members is less than the number of vacancies, those candidates nominated above for these positions will be automatically elected to these positions at the AGM.

There being no nominations for the position of Secretary and three Committee members, further nominations can be made at the AGM.

We encourage all members to come along, nominate for one of the vacant Committee positions and vote for a new management committee at the AGM.

# Dangar Island - Our Community

The 2016 Census provides a snapshot of Dangar Island. Below is a summary prepared by the Dangar Island League with some reflections for possible discussion at the upcoming DIL AGM. The AGM is on Saturday 15 September at 4.00pm at the Dangar Island Bowling Club. Please attend.



1. In 2016, there were 191 private dwellings on Dangar Island.
2. Population has increased substantially. Between 2001 and 2011, the population stayed around 260 people; in 2016 it had increased to 303. This probably reflects a shift from holiday accommodation to permanent residents.
3. The share of females in our population is increasing. At the 2001 Census 49% of our population was female; by 2016 the share was 54%.
4. Age distribution. Our population shows a large number of people aged 55 to 64 and over 65 years - much larger shares than for NSW as a whole. The number of people aged over 65 has increased at each Census since 2001 and is now 74 people. While the proportion of children has not declined, they leave in their late teens presumably pursuing study and work opportunities, and the "bright lights" of the city, but also to avoid the high transport costs of living on the Island.
5. The growing numbers of older people on the Island has implications for the future work of the League (and for other groups such as our First Responders). At the Census there were 20 people on the Island aged over 75years and 8 over 80years. These residents want to continue to live on and enjoy the Island. While everyone wants to be independent, few of the age care services available on the mainland (assistance with transport, shopping, meals-on-wheels and the like) extend to Dangar Island. The extent of possible government provision or assistance with such services is yet to be explored by the DIL.

Age distribution

Year		0-4yrs	5-14yrs	15-24yrs	25-54yrs	55-64yrs	>65yrs
2001	No.	12	42	21	130	32	19
2006	No.	19	18	24	107	47	32
2011	No.	15	24	18	96	65	50
2016	No.	15	50	17	98	56	74
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2016	DI	4.8	16.2	5.5	31.6	18	23.9
	NSW	6.2	12.3	12.5	40.7	11.9	16.2

6. The Island has a relatively high level of education attainment. 43% of islanders aged 15 years and over have a Bachelor Degree qualification or higher compared to 23% for NSW.
7. Religious affiliations are not strong on Dangar and we appear to be a very agnostic bunch compared to the rest of NSW. 49% expressed no religious affiliation compared to 25% of the NSW population.
8. Cultural Diversity. We are a very Anglo-Australian community. No people identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Straight peoples over the past 4 Censuses. Australia (61%) was the main country of birth, followed by England (12%), New Zealand (3.5%), USA (3%), South Africa (2%) and Wales (1.4%).

- 9 Employment. Of the people who are employed, a greater proportion is in part-time work (39.4%) than is the norm in NSW (29.7%), whether by choice or lack of other opportunities.
- 10 Transport. Dangar households tend to have only one car (a much greater share of households in NSW have two) and the share of the employed travelling to work by public transport (36%) is much greater than for NSW (16%).
- 11 As mentioned earlier, the Dangar community benefits from having a broad age distribution and, to date, while the share of older people is increasing, the share of children has not declined. On the arithmetic alone, this is not sustainable over time. For Dangar to avoid becoming a retirement community, working age people need to be able to get to work conveniently and at an affordable cost. Our ferry and the train system provide the convenient service but working people are excluded from the NSW transport subsidy which caps weekly ticket costs to individuals and which applies to NSW Government transport and private bus services. In fact, with the recently introduced free ferry tickets for older residents, present Government subsidies favour retirees while penalizing working people. If we want to maintain a broad population distribution, there is a strong argument that the League should campaign on the issue of having the transport cap include the cost of ferry tickets.
- 12 Household composition. Dangar has a relatively high number (32) single person households. While there will be many reasons for this, it should probably be considered in the light of the aging of the Dangar population. This figure reinforces the need to maintain our belief in the value of community and look after our neighbours.

<b>Household composition</b>	DI	DI	NSW
	No.	%	%
Family households	80	66.7	72
Single (or lone) person households	32	26.7	23.8
Group households	8	6.7	4.2

- 13 Voluntary work. Dangar residents are fiercely independent yet the community fabric is built on coming together and volunteering - the club, the buggy, the first responders, the fire brigade and many other groups. At 2016, 44% of Island residents aged over 15 had done voluntary work through an organisation or group over the past 12 months. The State average was 18%. We should celebrate this fact.
- 14 Income. Like all communities Dangar has some wealthier people and some not so well-off. Overall, while median incomes are higher, household income is below NSW figures.

<b>Income</b>		DI	NSW
<b>Median weekly incomes</b>			
Personal	\$	735	664
Family	\$	1850	1780
Household	\$	1375	1486
<b>Household Income</b>		%	%
Less than \$650 gross weekly income		23.2	19.7
More than \$3000 gross weekly income		16.2	18.7

