

## Basin Villages Forum Monthly Meeting Minutes 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Meeting opened 7.30 – David Reynolds as Chair,  
Maureen Webb Acting Secretary/Treasurer

Apologies: Ron Tomlin; Christine Rigg; John Levett. Christine McInerny Percy

Representatives of HighPoint Solar, local providers (Nowra) Jarred, Isaac & Kim spoke on solar panel and battery installations. Virtual Power Plants meant batteries could store then feed to the grid at an appropriate time to receive higher feed in tariff.

Residents heard about Retro-fit batteries that would work when grid was down.

Questions raised during the night were from some people on isolated properties requiring off grid knowledge of best outcomes and local residents wishing to understand uses for a community to be part of a 'hub' to utilise the best practice methods for solar.

Member for Gilmour Senator Fiona Phillips answered questions from the floor re Federal Govt upcoming policies. Questions covered:

\*Transition to renewables \* Grants for community Solar banks (farms) for low income peoples \* Working toward Australian Made reconstruction fund \$15 Billion. \* Housing \* NBN \* Teacher shortage & Gonsky

Forum meeting continued after speakers

August Minutes Read and accepted

Moved David Reynolds, Second Philip Blackman

Due to illness again there was no official Treasurers Report. Funds at time of meeting were:

Bank statement at 1/6/22– Savings a/c -	\$51.04
Term Deposit account	<u>\$3,373.08</u>
TOTAL	\$3,424.12

Motion moved for Norm Webb to spend funds for items required for Forum's banner to be placed in front of hall to assist local knowledge of Forum meetings. Moved: Narrell Brown Second: Chris Grounds.

Correspondence In: Shaw Reynolds Solicitors acting for Council re Village Grove. Land & Environment Court date and amendments made to their application. Philip Blackman spoke reiterating dates (26-28<sup>th</sup> September). Comments to be made on Amendments before 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Correspondence Out: Proposed Old Wool Rd bike track. Email sent to Basin Engineer Theo Prakash re previous engineers request for funding to assess requirements. No response at this time.

## General Business

- 1) Question raised about ownership of remnant bushland around the SGB area, with comment that 'Zombie' developments could be utilised with no necessity to abide by current requirements or awareness of problems.
- 2) Maureen Webb (Old Wool Rd Track group member) advised of concern that significant trees could be in danger if track kept to original route. Investigations ongoing.
- 3) Bruce Goldsmith spoke re Bus transport system in the Bay & Basin area & awaiting response from local member for South Coast, Shelley Hancock with response to come back to Forum.
- 4) Concerns rose over the past week with Planning Proposal for 2 properties on Paradise Beach Rd, Sanctuary Point. This proposal was to rezone one of the properties from 'Special purpose – Church' to a zone for Medium density housing that would incorporate a height of building zone (HOB) of 13metres.

The 13metre HOB was the issue of concern for local residents and it was deemed appropriate at the meeting for a letter to be sent to Council to note the battle residents and council that had taken 6 years over Anson St and having bulky 4 storey high density apartments in a residential zone. Letter to be sent to Council noting the 6 yr battle and highlighting residents feeling shown in the Community Led Bay & Basin Strategic Plan.

- 5) Chris Grounds spoke to residents about the issue of future development at Erowal Bay. Resolution that:

***Basin Villages Forum request of Clr Kotlash, in liaison with other councillors, that he instigates as a matter of urgency a Rezoning proposal for Lots 36, 38 and 40 Naval Parade, Erowal Bay NSW 2540 to change from the existing B2 Zoning Local Centre to R2 Low Density Residential, the prevailing village zoning with the singular exception of these 4 Lots.***

Moved: Chris Grounds. Second: Narrell Brown.

- 6) Bruce Goldsmith spoke of upcoming 3hour workshop re Community-led Adaptation and Resilience Plan for the Bay and Basin Communities. Bruce to update when date and venue confirmed.
- 7) Community Champions now has a Facebook site.
- 8) Garden Competition being held October with Fiona Phillips as a judge.
- 9) A resident at the meeting noted that a microphone should be used at meeting. Forum to check with Council.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

