

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum General meeting, Mon 17th August, 2015 at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton St, St Georges Basin. Commenced 7.35

Welcome Clr Mark Kitchener: 12 present.

Apologies: Pam Wells, Faye & Brian Gorddard, Norm Webb, John & Carolyn Redpath.

Minutes of previous general meeting were read out: Moved & 2nd, Chris Grounds / David Reynolds.

Matters arising: Library parking Sanctuary Point. There is generally insufficient parking, therefore not always a park available outside of library. Clr Kitchener advised that he was sending an immediate email to Council's Records dept., to investigate allocating one of the two spaces outside the Library to '*disabled only*.'

Correspondence: List of 'in/out' was read out to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Parking: Council letter re 2 hour parking limit in Kerry Street. General consensus was that, whilst there was no objection to the change, it is not considered priority by BVF at this point in time: there is however a growing general problem with insufficient parking.

Jetties on crown reserves. Letter from Council was read out. No action required by Forum at present until we receive results of Council's investigations.

Spring into Sanctuary Point: 31st October. Allen Kruse provided details about this.

Roundabout: Intersection of Kerry Street & Paradise Beach Road. General community and Forum members are requested to record on Facebook page, any accidents/close-calls they witness at that intersection. Build-up of statistic is requested to move up priority of roundabout construction.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/514975878651154/?fref=ts>

Shoalhaven Super-heros publicised. Nomination form is on Forum's website.

SOUP: Saturday 19th Sept, SPYCC. 5.00 pm.

Defibrillator at Meriton St hall: Thanks recorded to the Basin Senior Citizens Thursday craft group for their fund-raising efforts towards this.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Thanks to Narrell Brown for her **Yarnbomb** project – knitted woollies for the homeless.

Accommodation for Homeless: 40 bed jail accommodation facility for prisoners in transition – facility has never been used. Petition was presented requesting this facility be opened to provide crisis accommodation for the homeless.

Larmer Ave wetland project: Chris Grounds presented a summary of meeting on 11/8/15. 35 attendees. Started with info session, then onsite walk, then back to Mens Shed for discussion & suggestions. Very positive meeting. Biobanking/offset still to be organised. Steering committee next, to be convened.

Basin Village Green: Report from Maureen. Media event morning of 17th August. Very good attendance. Kay Murray explained special mounded areas constructed to control excess runoff. However there has already been some theft of plants!
• Many thanks to Rebecca Rudd, Maureen & Norm Webb and other people, who persistently lobbied for this, for years. After Opening at the Village Green, Councillors proceeded to Blue Wren's Retreat, where Norm pointed out some problems; Councillors said they'd help with solutions.

Larmer Ave DA: Residential dev appl; Basin Villages Forum may need to make a formal submission on this in the near future.

Wrights beach - dogs roaming uncontrolled around Commonwealth Ave and along foreshore, witnessed attacking kangaroos. John Fimmano provided detailed information to Clr Kitchener who emailed it in immediately to Council.

Allen Kruse advised of planning for a **Youth Club drop-in centre & homework room**. Initiated by *Sanctuary Point Pride*, intended to operate in old squash courts in the St Georges Basin Country Club. More info on SPt Pride's Facebook page.
LJHooker is running a fundraising dinner for this: \$45 for 2-course meal, 29th August.

Annual General Meeting. 21st September.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm.