

Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.30 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, Monday 16th March, 2009.

Apologies: Maureen Webb, Sheilagh Smith, Chris Grounds, Russell Neville (Aloha Caravan Park), Jess Vincent. 15 present.

Minutes of previous general meeting read out by Chair Rebecca Rudd. Peter Vincent moved, Narell Brown 2nd, that that they be Accepted. Carried.

Matters arising:

Ron Tomlin addressed meeting. He'd attended Rural Fire Service's "home safety workshop". Had been only 12 attendees + 8 fire brigade staff. Ron wrote a letter to SCRegister, disappointed in the poor turnout.
• Action: Forum contact RFS educator, asking them to address a general meeting in Spring 2009. Rebecca will contact Gary Barton, to discuss how to achieve better attendance at these workshops.

Blacket Park - onsite meeting 3rd April 4 pm., to discuss final scope of work at Blacket park. Brief overview attached.

Animal Stencil letter has been sent to Mayor Paul Green, expressing thanks for support, and proposing Erowal Bay as trial area.

Myna bird meeting 13th May - Council Chambers - more was information provided to the meeting.

Birds in backyard workshop; had been successful with approx 65 people attending.

Fish Cleaning Table: at John Williams Reserve. A letter has been sent to Council, requesting an onsite meeting between Forum rep, and Council staff.

Correspondence in

- Business papers, and DAs.
- Invitation to Mayoral Ball Tickets \$100 pp. Proceeds to Linear Accelerator and to Braveheart Foundation.
- Code of Meeting Practice & Code of Conduct - Council meetings.
- Flyer - Home composting program.

Correspondence out: letters to Council regarding:

- Fish cleaning table
- Dogs access areas
- Animal Stencils on roads.

Heritage Estates: Environment Minister Peter Garrett made decision to refuse SCC's application for rezoning of the of the Heritage Estates.

Notice of motion in Business Papers recommending funding of **path from Basin View Masonic village** to come from Federal Grants (\$80M moved by Greens).
• Letter required to Council, commenting upon this motion, and reminding Council of developer obligation to contribute funding.

Treasurer's Report: Read out by Minutes Secretary: Moved Christine Rigg, & 2nd Narell Brown. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notice boards: - Sanct Point's has had laminated glass installed. This is heavier, but more resistant to vandalism.

St Georges Basin. No glass or notices at present, request for laminated glass has been made; no response yet. Ron Tomlin had made an interim sign to go on the business property wall nearby.

Ron Tomlin moved that Forum write to Les McMannus, owner of the general store & post office, seeking his permission to relocate the community noticeboard from its present position in Island Pt Rd shopping centre, to the northern wall of his business premises. John Burns 2nd the motion.

The alternative is to leave the noticeboard in its current position, and request Council to remove nearby trees, making it more obvious for viewing & as possible deterrent from vandalism.

- This item to be held over until next general meeting. Members need to see the site & return with opinions.

Ron Tomlin spoke on a meeting he'd attended with Russell Neville, Mayor Paul Green & Ernie Royston regarding "isthmus", weed build-up, related environmental & drainage problems, in St Georges Basin on foreshore area near Aloha Caravan Park. Rebecca Rudd advised that this site was top in the Council works priority planning document in the drainage section.

Joint CCB meeting: David gave summary on what had been discussed there, at Council chambers.

Community Garden: potential locations discussed, and necessary management required.

Peter Vincent presented report of **Myna** eradication. 18 registered trappers in Sanctuary Point area, who have reported total of 250 birds euthanised in past 6 months.

Peter also spoke on **rabbit control**, and workshop/training session run by Greg Thompson from Shoalhaven City Council, which included details of baiting methods & procedures. People owning land greater than 1000 sqm are legally allowed to do their own baiting program. Greg will run another workshop if enough people register their interest. 4429 3291

Draft signs for Blacket Park were also discussed.

Meeting closed 9.10 pm.

