

Minutes of General meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.35 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton St, St Georges Basin, Monday February 15, 2010.

Present: 22. Welcome to Clrs Findlay, Miller, Proudfoot & Fergusson.

Speaker: Lila Sawko, Recreational Planning Manager, Shoalhaven City Council, spoke regarding proposed development of St. Georges Basin Sports Field. Tendering may start by end of March. Terms are that existing fields must be usable during this coming winter. The Basin Villages Forum requested a detailed copy of the drainage plan for the development.

Apologies: Lesley Williams.

Minutes of Previous General Meeting read by Rebecca Rudd, Chair. Moved Ron Tomlin, 2nd David Reynolds. Accepted.

Matters arising: Nil

Financial Report: \$952.54 in cheque account. \$3,157.01 in term deposit. \$4,109.55 total funds. Nil debtors/creditors. \$16 income from November vegie raffle. Full report is on file. Moved Terry Smith 2nd Judy Edwards

Correspondence Out and In. List read out by Correspondence Secretary - Maureen Webb.

Matters arising

Removal of Sanctuary Point signs before Larmer Avenue. Council will raise suitable options and send this to the Forum.

Mike Hammond met with Forum committee and local residents, regarding joint use of beaches by boating users and swimmers; a productive onsite meeting. Also discussed - John Williams Reserve & Blacket Park. At John Williams Res boats have been observed entering & exiting the ramp too fast, potentially endangering the sailboarders.
• Letter required to Shoalhaven City Council & NSW Maritime, requesting safe swimming zones designated on the northern shores of St Georges Basin. CC this letter to Councillors.

Pedestrian refuge in Island Point Road is in highly impractical position. Forum has written to Council recommending an alternative position, or just a speed hump instead.

Correspondence moved David Reynolds & 2nd Peter Vincent.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Fish cleaning tables & abuse of facility:

Putrefaction of fish residue, in northern side of the John Williams boat ramp - is a potential health hazard. People have been observed dumping buckets of fish offal generated elsewhere, into the runoff area of the John Williams reserve cleaning table, and also at the creek/drain at Paul Bland Reserve.

• Forum to send letter to Council regarding this.

Dog Access: Clr Proudfoot addressed the meeting regarding proposed changes to dog access laws to beaches in the Shoalhaven, and there was lengthy discussion on this. CCBs will be notified of progress on this, and given due opportunity to make submissions on this issue.

Car park at shops in Paradise Beach road - severely degraded condition. • Forum write another letter to Council about this, and CC the letter to all Councillors.

Footpath at Basin View - "Collingwood Reserve" Clarification is needed on the exact location of this footpath, and the proposed work to be done.

Blacket Park. Contractors started before Christmas, and completed in 10 days, including bridge over sewage treatment plant. Revegetation to be done after tourist season. However, because of heavy rain the step off the bridge is *pronounced*, causing access problems & danger to people using motorised disabled vehicles - have been tipped off.

• High Priority: Forum committee take pictures of the site, and write to council asking for urgent repair of this step.

Carport extension at Basin View shopping centre. Need to find out the owner, and check the DA.

Heritage estate. Wrights Beach residents have complained to Council about rubbish dumping in there. Better signage could be considered for the area. John Fimano has contacted Clr John Ferguson re this, and will keep Forum updated on this issue.

Myna bird report for 2009, presented by Peter Vincent. 493 eliminated. 720 since scheme started.

John Burns (Committee) is absent on sick leave; a group photo was taken, to be sent to him.

Meeting closed 9.20