

Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.30 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, Monday 18th May, 2009.

Welcome – To Clrs Amanda Findley, and John Fergusson. 19 attendees present.

Apologies. Pam Wells, Ron Tomlin, Jesse Vincent, Sheilagh Smith. Moved accepted Peter, 2nd David.

Minutes of previous General meeting read out by President. Moved Adelle Farrant; 2nd Narrell Brown.

Matter Arising: Fisheries Department activities in St Georges Basin: In response to community concerns, the forum has arranged to have officers from Dept of Fisheries attend Forum meeting on 21st September: Questions to be asked on: Research activities, Fishing regulations, Caulerpa taxifolia update, and general health of basin.

Treasurer's Report. \$861.74 in cheque account. \$2997.33 in Term deposit. No debtors or creditors. Full report copy on file. Moved David Reynolds 2nd Terry Smith. Accepted.

Correspondence In. Business Papers & Council Minutes for April and May. List read out by Secretary, Maureen Webb.

Correspondence Out. List read by Secretary. Moved David Reynolds. 2nd Judy Edwards

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notice of meeting regarding Shoalhaven City Council's **budget**: Wednesday 27th May, 7.00 pm at Huskisson Community Centre.

The issue of **reduced Rangers** rostered on, should be raised at this meeting, by any Forum rep who can attend this meeting. On weekends, there will now be one rostered on; no longer extra 3 on call.

Another agenda item for Huskisson meeting: - the need for compliance on a range of issues throughout the City of Shoalhaven.

Questions asked of Clrs Findley & Fergusson:

- **Bay & Basin Skatepark?** Clr Findlay will bring further information on the progress of this, back to the Forum.

- **Detention tank** associated with new supermarket in Island Point Road. Rebecca will email Clr Fergusson, to ask for the technical reasons presented by Council/the developer, for omitting the detention tank from plans.

- **Vost St closure:** currently at the stage of implementing trial measures; to be followed by other measures such as 'spoon drains' for vehicle safety. Councillors still awaiting detailed reports from council engineers.

- **Tree Management** policy and the 45^o rule. The majority of Councillors have indicated no desire to change this policy. Tree Management budget has lost \$30K of funding, to be spent instead on control of pittosporum - which is a local native species, not introduced species.

- **One tree bay:** - is a State Planning matter. No further information on developments available at present. Forum needs to monitor this situation.

National Tree Day: Forum will have written to Council asking that Yellow Bellied Reserve be selected as a tree planting site, in co-operation with local school children.

Loss of wildlife corridors in areas between Sanctuary Point & Island Point Road.

Police Community Meeting. Thanks extended to Pam Wells, Peter Vincent & Terry Smith for attending. Terry Smith tabled his report on the meeting, and this report will be uploaded onto the Basin Villages Forum website. Currently, the Forum/Terry is awaiting Minutes from that meeting; to then allow the Forum to elect representative.

Myna birds - Peter Vincent addressed the meeting, regarding meeting at Entertainment Centre on 13th May. The meeting had been organised by Canberra branch of the Indian Myna Eradication Group. 85 attendees, representing Councils local & interstate; and reps from many other interested community groups. Norm Webb, Terry, Peter & Jon Fimano (all Forum members) had attended the meeting.

Redhead Point, Sanct Pt. Forum committee has drafted a letter to send to Council regarding this issue. Committee will check & send the letter.

Rabbits: - Another baiting program has been scheduled first week in June.

Donation of Vegie/Fruit raffle box: this is now coming from IGA Supermarket, Sanctuary Point. Letter of thanks will be going to Mr Les Corish, the proprietor, and acknowledgement of Les' supermarket, will be added to the Forum's website.

Status of "**Stocklands**" development - Vincentia Crossroads. Stocklands Group is now no longer the owner; the development has been sold to a group called Rim. Forum to monitor all proposals & developments at that site.

Collingwood Park, Basin View. Congratulations extended from Forum Committee to the members of the park care group, who are maintaining this park.

Meeting closed 9.20