

Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held Monday 17th March 2014 at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin. Commenced 7.30

12 present. **Welcome** all + to Clr Mark Kitchener.

Apologies: Norm & Maureen Webb. Sharon & Doyle Troutman.

Minutes of previous general meeting read out by Chair. Moved/2nd David Reynolds, 2nd Chris Grounds. Accepted. No matters arising

Financial report. \$4769.35 available funds. Reimb of \$129.59 to Secretary for postage & stationery expenses. Moved by John Redpath, and 2nd John Fimmano. Payment approved.

Correspondence In. List read by Chair, and attachments summarised by Chair.

Matters Arising from Correspondence:

1. Councillor Tour: deferred to general business.

2. Email received regarding dangerous driving/'hoons':

A recent incident with hoons doing burnouts in broad daylight in Sanctuary Point was photographed by a local resident. Police were informed and spoke to the alleged offender/s. The alleged offender/s then issued threats to the local resident. A second local situation was raised, regarding 'home activities' intruding onto public road verge. Basin Villages Forum will send letter to Police requesting an Officer to attend a Forum meeting to advise how the community should deal with these incidents. Moved David, 2nd John Fimmano.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Council Familiarity Tour, Friday 11th April. Sites for Councillors to view:

1. **St Georges Basin public school:** Congestion & lack of footpath at school in-out times.
2. Subsidence in **Anson Street** (old section)
3. Bad road surfaces in **Tasman Road** & Links Road intersection
4. **Round-the-Basin Walk:** some low-lying sections need boardwalks
5. **Larmer Avenue** potential Wetland.

From Council Minutes 11th March: *Federal Funding Received for Community Infrastructure Local Skate Park Projects.* Moved & Carried That:...

i) *Council submit a project funding proposal for provision of local youth facilities totalling \$300,000..... Local projects and allocation for submission:*

a) *A local youth park (including skate park upgrade) at Francis Ryan Reserve with a grant budget allocation of \$175,000;*

f) *Council identify the future delivery of a 'District' skate park facility at Bay and Basin Leisure Centre in the Long Term Financial Plan and allocate funding of \$650,000;*

Secretary to send email of thanks to Donna Corbyn for the skate location forum in February.

Email advice from a forum member that the physiotherapy services at Meriton St. St Georges Basin, including Counsellor, will be discontinued after 30th June 2014. This member had sent an email to our local member asking for her help in regards to the above but to no avail. Elderly patients may be particularly disadvantaged at the closure of these services.

• The following 6 subjects were brought to the attention of Clr Kitchener for him to pursue within Council departments and report back to Forum:

1. Footpaths near schools.

2. Larmer Avenue vacant land/wetland:

(Copy of Forums letter to Council, was given to Alan Krause, for the Sanctuary Point Pride Group.) Question was raised: had Basin Villages Forum received letter of response directly from General Manager. BVF Sec to check records of all correspondence on this matter. Secretary to email 'thanks' to Megan Birmingham, for attending February forum general meeting with Elizabeth Dixon, for the presentation on this matter.

3. Council communication, and compliance with **Community Engagement Policy.** A Forum member expressed dissatisfaction with SCC level of compliance with the Community Engagement Policy. Clr Kitchener advised that Council will be appointing a Community Engagement Officer; timing of this will be influenced by Council restructure.

4. **Paradise Beach** on St Georges Basin (Sanctuary Point) replenishment onsite meeting. Neither Forum nor attendees at that onsite meeting have received communication from Council on this issue, subsequent to the meeting.

5. **Service lane behind Sanct Pt shops.** One-way signage has not been installed yet. When will this be implemented?

6. **Roundabout at Kerry Street & Paradise Beach Road:** a roundabout is needed there, and this was included in DCP for CBD of Sanctuary Point, several years ago. As well as Clr Kitchener raising this for Forum, the Forum Sec will also write letter to Council on this issue.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm.