

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum General meeting, Monday 20th April, 2015, held at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin. Commenced 7.35

Welcome:

Apologies: Chris Grounds, Pam Wells, John Fimmano, Norm Webb, Olia Carwardine, Doyle & Sharon Troutman.

Speaker: Phil McNeice, Ranger, Illegal Dumping, Shoalhaven City Council.

A **yellow** cross on rubbish, e.g. furniture, mattress, car, on either private or public land, means that Rid Squad has noted it. **Green waste with pink surveyors tape**, means that Rid has been there; taken GPS (long & lat) records, and photographs. The next step is to notify the landowner.

Photos of sites were displayed at our meeting, with resultant fines that were issued to the perpetrators. EPA has raised fines considerably for illegal dumping.

Dumping of household waste by tenants: when identifying evidence is discovered, tenants can be tracked down through RTA & drivers licences, and fine sent to them.

Phil will be occupying this position until 30/6/15, quantifying and assessing the local situation. Submissions have been made for extra funding which would cover the Bay & Basin region, up to Yerriyong and out to Jerrawangala. At date of Forum meeting, not advised yet whether the EPA has or has not allocated the further funding. During his 3 days, he'll be in the Bay & Basin area for one of these 3 days.

Corramy State Park is a major dumping ground for rubbish, and this was brought to Phil's attention. Forum has requested a sign on Island Point Road.

Sincere thanks for Phil's attendance, and information provided, to Basin Villages Forum.

Financial Report. \$4,603.55 total available funds. No Debtors/Creditors known.

Minutes of last meeting read out. Moved David; 2nd Maureen.

Matter arising: St Georges Basin alcohol-free zones: email from Council was read out to the meeting. Email from Bron Hewson: *"Thank you for your enquiry regarding the Alcohol Free Zones, in particular the St Georges Basin area. At this stage Council are renewing Alcohol free zones that are due to expire at the first half of 2015, we will be renewing the remainder of the Alcohol Free Zones that are due to expire in late 2015 in the near*

future. The Alcohol Free Zone at Island Point Road, St Georges Basin are due to expire in October this year."

Correspondence in/out: list was read out to meeting. **Matter arising:** Representative needed for joint Council-CCB meeting to be held on 23rd April. David advised he would try to get to the meeting. Agenda: Bike stencils shoulder of bypass.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Report on dredging meeting.

Email from Brad Davis: Island Pt Rd toilet unisex signs was read out to the meeting.

• Email from Alan Blackshaw: **CCTVs** *"Although Council has an exemption under the Regulation to the Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998 this exemption is only for cameras installed for the purpose of filming a public place. Unfortunately, the Sanctuary Point shopping precinct is privately owned and is therefore not a public place. We have approached the NSW Attorney General for this exemption to be broadened to permit us to film locations such as privately owned shopping precincts. However, we have had no response from his office at this point. In the interim we intend on installing CCTV but with it facing public a place ie the footpath and road surface. This may capture information about activities such as street hoons etc. Once we have clarity from the Attorney General and, if permitted, will refocus the cameras onto the carpark and shopping area. However, this is dependent on an amendment to the Regulation. Funds are readily available. Council will install cameras as soon as possible. We have engaged a consultant to install all three systems at Bomaderry, Sanctuary Point and East Nowra. I am anticipating Sanctuary Point will be installed by the end of June 2015"*

St Georges Basin Village green; site preparation has been commenced; trees removed, and retaining wall constructed.

Dangerous entry for private vehicles and delivery trucks at side entry of IGA in Island Point Road: Council's email to secretary, acknowledging Forum's letter to Council was read out; basically advising that Council compliance officer would inspect the situation.

Meeting closed 9.05