

# Minutes of General meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2013, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin. Commenced 7.35 pm.

**Guest Speakers** from State Emergency Service: Alexandra McFadden, Ashley Sullivan and Ian Borrowdale.

Alex, Ashley & Ian, spoke in great detail about the SES's role in flood emergency, and the SES's activities subsequent to the June 2013 heavy rainfall & flooding incident in the South Coast. Christine took extensive flood photos & will email these to Alex.

'SPOTTERS' required: the SES requires residents/citizens to act as 'spotters' during extreme weather events, for the SES co-ordinators to phone and ask the spotter to check on specific locations nearby to them, and pass on their live-time observations & photos to the SES. These spotters would have their phone numbers & address noted in the SES database. That is the extent of the role of the Spotters. This request will be added to the Forum's website.

## **Routine meeting procedure resumed.**

Minutes of previous minutes read. No matters arising.

Correspondence out and in, read. 1 matter arising.

Forum letter to Shoalhaven City Council, re Chris Grounds replacing (retiring) Maureen Webb on St Georges Basin Estuary Management Committee: Council has not sent any response to BVForum. Neither has the nominee Chris Grounds received any communication from Council on this matter. Christine will investigate this lack of response urgently, with council.

Accounts: Moved by David: that Christine Rigg, Secretary/Treasurer of Basin Villages Forum, have online access to 'view-only' the BVForum's Term deposit account, at the Bendigo Bank.  
2<sup>nd</sup> John Fimmano. All in favour.

## St Georges Basin Estuary Management Plan:

There is continuing contradiction in the definition of foreshore/riparian zones, and into which categories these areas fall, within the various Authorities over the St Georges Basin estuary, including the recent SLEP. These contradictions create situation of foreshores being open to individual interpretation and resultant environmental degradation by waterfront property owners. e.g. 'Endangered Ecological Community' may be classed *inappropriately* as 'recreational'

CSNRFMC: Central Shoalhaven Natural Resources & floodplain Management Committee: David (Member) reported on the last meeting he'd attended, of this committee.

## Dredging of Sussex Inlet:

Extract from Mins of Policy & Resources Committee of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

*St Georges Basin - Revised Estuary Management Plan 2013 and Shoalhaven Wide Dredging Program File 3406e & 3420e*

*MOTION: Moved: Findley / Second: White*

*RECOMMENDED that*

*a) Council adopt the St Georges Basin Revised Estuary Management Plan 2013 with Action A4 amended to include "investigate sustainable dredging options for Sussex Inlet" and with Actions B2, B3 and C3 amended to include a community education component;*

This issue requires further discussion at forthcoming Forum meetings.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm.