

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

9 present: Welcome to Mayor Jo Gash and Cllr Mark Kitchener.

Apologies

John Fimano, Olia Carwardine, Cllr White, Maureen & Norm Webb, Pam Wells

Minutes of May meeting were read.

No matters arising. Moved to be accepted – Chris Grounds, 2nd Brian Gorddard.

Minutes of June meeting were devoted entirely to Larmer Avenue proposed wetland, so this was deferred to General Business.

Note: Motion to defer all *May* Forum business, was correctly complied with, and recorded at the end of the June Minutes.

Moved Chris Grounds, 2nd Brian Gorddard.

Financial Report. \$4,603.55 total available funds. No Debtors/Creditors known. Moved, Rebecca, 2nd Chris Grounds.

Correspondence in/out: List was read. Moved Fay Gorddard, 2nd Rebecca Rudd. No matters arising.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Larmer Avenue: A biodiversity offset must be managed for environmental factors. Arrangements for the onsite meeting of 11th August were discussed; start at Mens shed, then move to site. 15 – 20 attendees. Including disability sectors & aged care sector. Secretary was requested to send a letter of thanks to Liz Dixon, Kellie Lowe & Megan Birmingham for their presentation on Larmer Avenue at the June meeting.

Basin Village Green:

Maureen's email & Kay Murray's reply, was tabled. Rebecca advised the meeting of further details. Thanks extended to Rebecca Rudd, and Maureen & Norm Webb, and other locals who've lobbied for this amenity.

Future idea: a **mural** on the large brick wall; approach owner of that building and local school, for children's involvement.

Supermarket entrance on Island Point Road. Nathan Murphy's email to Forum was read out to the meeting.

Tree Planting Day: 31st July at Basin View boat ramp with involvement of students from the St Georges Basin school.

Sanct Pt Library Parking.

Pam Wells' email was read out, and the issue discussed in detail. David will ask BBCRI staff at the Sanct Pt Youth & Community Centre about general parking issues, and report back to the next Forum general meeting.

Pillapai Ring Toilet:

After discussing the options provided in a letter from Council, Forum decided to acknowledge Option 1, but formally record disappointment at losing a public toilet. Request Council liaise with the **Wrights Beach Sailing Club** to have their toilets open to the public. Moved to write this letter, Chris Grounds, 2nd Rebecca. Carried.

Jetties. Mayor Gash was advised that Forum has received no reply to its letter to Council, dated 31st March. Mayor advised this was in Michael Strachan's section. Forum explained to Jo the situation with numerous jetties along the eastern foreshore of Sanctuary Point; jetties in various states from newly renovated to extremely degraded, and a clear public danger. Also query the legality of them.

Footpath/Cycleway linking Sanctuary Point Shops to St Georges Basin shops.

This link was noted in plans/documents many years ago. Forum would like to see some action with a view to completing the missing links of the path. Consider involving '*work for the dole*' team in this project.

Mayor Gash asked that Rebecca Rudd send an email to her staff, requesting that they find the plans for this.

Secretary also to send letter to Council on this matter. Moved Rebecca, 2nd Fay.

Foreshore vandalism has increased: i.e. burning-off between rear boundaries of houses and the waters-edge. The major footbridge on the Basin Walk, was completely destroyed by fire. It is very disappointing to the community, to lose this amenity. David advised that the '*work for the dole*' team, through Bay & Basin Community Resources, has been asked by Shoalhaven City Council to rebuild the footbridge.

Meeting closed 8.55