

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum Meeting Monday 14th February, 2022 St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin. Commenced 7.30 pm

Welcome:

& Traditional Acknowledgement.

Present: 28 people

Ctrs Pat White, Evan Christen, John Kotlash

Apologies: Christine McInerney-Percy
Robin Blackman, Ron Tomlin, Alan Kruse.

Minutes of November 2021 general meeting read out by Chair.

Moved Phil Blackman, 2nd Chris Grounds.

Matter Arising from Minutes:

Tomerong Quarry. John Levett reported on this.

Financial report:

• Cheque ac	\$87.04
• Term Dep	\$3,372.24
Total	\$3,459.28

Moved Narrell Brown, 2nd John Kotlash

Correspondence list read out by Chair:

Matters discussed:

GENERAL BUSINESS

Village Green Reserve. Reserve is not under Community zoning but this will require a change to Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan 2014 (SLEP). Council will review the SLEP to ensure the Community zoning is official.

The Old Wool Rd Heritage Track at St Georges Basin. Council engineer has applied for a Council grant to assess the track to investigate the works and funding that will be required to carry this through. There appears to be total enthusiasm for this project and its hoped all Council Managers and Councillors will support the required funding and ongoing works.

The disastrous **pollution** event that saw tonnes of clay/sediment filled rainwater rush from the **Village Grove** site into the Basin in January is being investigated by Council. During the event Council officers were informed but had been monitoring and checking the site prior to this event. Council Managers had also attended and their investigations are ongoing. The Forum Committee will continue to seek assistance from Council and the State Govt to work toward stopping further pollution of the St Georges Basin waterway. Whatever developers are doing with sediment controls are evidently not adequate. Change needs to happen and further needs to be done.

Village Grove DA21/1480,

Shoalhaven City Council has advised that they have reached an impasse with the applicant due to an issue within the SLEP that allows multi-dwelling housing in B4 Mixed Use zones (with consent) on parent lots but does not provide a mechanism to enable individual title to be given to individual dwellings.

Council has advised that the matter has been referred to the L&EC with a conciliation hearing set for 29th April 2022. The matter may then proceed to a full court hearing later in the year. Until this matter is resolved the development cannot proceed; however approval has been given to undertake the subdivision works which will continue to completion.

Bay & Basin Community Led Strategic Plan

Following the endorsement of the plan by Shoalhaven Councillors late last year, it has been referred to Council staff for consideration and action. On 24th February the Bay & Basin Community Led Strategic Plan PRG will meet to appoint a Chair and Committee to engage with Council to progress the actioning of the plan. The BVF will be represented on that committee.

Anson St

Off-the-plan sales of the two apartment buildings approved for the south-western end of Anson Street have commenced. The South Coast Register reported that the sales agent expects construction to start at the end of February although some doubts were expressed about this timetable.

The BVF understands that the revised concept master plan for the balance of the site under DA17/1000 will be referred to the Joint Regional Planning Panel later this year. Councillor White advised the meeting that all previous community objections will be considered by the JRPP.

Crematorium: Chris Grounds gave a detailed, illustrated presentation on the Crematoria DA that dealt with Zoning and Compliance issues, the extensive environmental constraints of the site and the range of matters subject to community objections. The BVF Draft Submission proposal was explained and made available for further input from the meeting.

Bherwerre Wetland. passive recreation area. \$950k funding has been allocated for this project. Tenders are due by 8th February. Was a good response from potential contractors. Tender assessment could be completed by end of March, with construction possibly able to commence sometime in April.

Jervis Bay Cruiseships Community Coalition: the Steering Committee of the JBCCC advised that the NSW Ports Authority had indicated that there would be no further consideration of the use of Jervis Bay cruise ships .

OTHER MATTERS

The issue of 'Keeping Cats Safe at Home Indoors' was raised, with discussion on cat containment laws. Forum recommends that Shoalhaven City Council examine Canberra's cat control strategies.

Meeting Closed: 8.50 pm