

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum General Meeting, held Monday May 19, 2008 at 7.40, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton St, St Georges Basin.

**Apologies** – Kevin Dunne, Linda Lillyman, Ron & Faye Hansen, Lynne Hailey.

**Minutes from previous meeting** read out by David. Moved Dianne Dunne, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Burns

**Matters arising.**

Question: Where can myna-bird cages be sourced. Cllr Rudd advised that various designs are being trialled, and explained the conditions of usage of the Council-owned cages. Norm advised that Mr Bill Hanke, a consultant from Canberra has been advising the Huski-Woollamia Voice, and will be speaking at one of their forthcoming meetings. For a cost of \$12 for the materials & plans, people can make their own myna-bird cages. The date & contact details of Mr Hanke will be in a forthcoming "About" magazine. Norm will also endeavour to get the contact details to Forum.

Yallara/Vost/Maxwell: traffic recorders were removed, then replaced, into the same locations as before.

**Correspondence In:** List read by Maureen.

Toilet facilities at Kallaroo reserve in Erowal Bay, previously identified by SCC for demolition, will now be retained. The Council Finance committee has recommended they be kept & improved.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$643.63 cr Bal. Moved Judy Edward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dianne Dunne.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Erowal Bay** has had \$150k allocated towards drainage at Kallaroo reserve.

**DCP 17:** Submission to Council

required by 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Maureen to draft. Important points:

- Council must repair and improve the drainage BEFORE any development.
- no development to be permitted, that will jeopardise the estuary's health.
- 2 storey maximum height limit
- impact of additional traffic upon roads that are not designed to cope with current traffic, i.e. too narrow.
- roads in newer estate currently unable to take additional traffic. Their culverts must be redesigned to be rounded.
- more dedicated safe walking passage must be designed for pedestrians of all ages & capabilities, parents with prams etc. Particularly needed because of the high level of permanent residents - this is not a tourist zone. A pedestrian strategy is needed.

Cllr Rudd asked that Individuals also write their own submissions, relevant to their own specific issues.

**Central Shoalhaven Natural Resource & Floodplain Management Committee.**

David had attended the recent meeting of this group, and reported that this committee has proposed revegetation work, installation of boardwalks, path improvement, swale reshaping at 4 locations; Blacket Park, behind Aloha Caravan Park, at Lachlan Crescent reserve, and Rauch close.

- Moved by Maureen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David that the Basin Villages Forum send letter to the above mentioned committee supporting these proposed works.

**Draft Management Plan:**

Subsequent to public meeting in May, Maureen had examined the draft document.

NB: removed from job list - sealing of car parks and roadways around the edge of the St Georges Basin estuary.

LETTER REQUIRED:

- Request reinstatement of sealing of

car parks, in particular the Paul Bland reserve:

- Object to withdrawal of Skateboard park funding. Ask where has the \$25K provided to Council by state govt, gone?
- No allocation for next 3 years, of funding for Central districts library.
- \$428K allocated in 3rd budget year 2010-11, for CBD drainage upgrades - is insufficient.

**Councillor Funding:** Letter of disapproval required from Forum to Shoalhaven City Council.

**Council Business Papers:** The Basin Village Forum currently requires to keep receiving these in 'hard' printed form. This also applies to draft management plans, until such time as Council sends all documents out on CD, instead of printed form, to all CCBs.

**Joint CCB meeting: - matters discussed**

Vandalism & graffiti: advised that on the following week, cleaning would commence in the Basin View to Old Erawal Bay areas.

Unauthorised Advertising signs:

Links Estate: - traffic and environmental issues, related to traffic issues in Ansen/Links area.

The significant large eucalypt on corner of Paul Bland reserve, is suffering cumulative damage from years of notices being nailed into it's trunk. The suggestion was made to have a formal 'public notice' pole installed nearby the tree, intended to provide an alternative place for the public to nail their notices instead of into the tree trunk. Further discussion at Forum required on this, whether to send a letter to Council about this.

Judy raised concerns about the swimming pool on private land on Tasman Road, the fencing around which is in a state of severe neglect - is not secure any more. If sufficient water were

to accumulate in the abandoned swimming pool, this situation could provide a drowning hazard, now that fence is insecure from disrepair.

**Corramy State Forest** - problems are increasing there, caused by access by drunken groups to remote areas of this reserve; then starting bushfires, damaging the forest, and in recent times requiring help from emergency services.

Letter required from Forum to NSW National Parks, being the body with jurisdiction over the reserve, requesting access into this reserve, be restricted.

Judy to assist Maureen in drafting this letter.

**Firetail Creek Reserve:** Letter to Council required, requesting that Council place mowing of the verge area of this reserve, on their regular mowing schedule.

Meeting closed 9.15.