

CCB EXECUTIVES WORKSHOP, Friday 8th April 2011 – Report

- General Manager informed about Shoalhaven Medals Awards (Nominations to be in by 27th May) Comments made about the *Confidential* Judging Panel for these awards and the view was expressed that the Judging Panel *should be open and transparent*. Majority of those present agreed and this view was acknowledged.
- Assistant Gen. Manager informed that council was to review Wharves & Jetty's Policy on lakes in the area
 - a) Update on Engagement Policy (Reserves & Resources) due on 12th April
 - b) Update on Integrated Planning & Reporting Items (Strategic Plan & Resourcing Strategy Reports; Delivery & Operational plan every ¼ yr or 6 mthly with consultation soon on these)
 - c) Website project: Aim to make content more accessible for web use hopefully by June 2011-04-10.
 - d) Innovation Forum proposal: May 18th Local Govt Innovation Forum (2 hrs. Length 1 hour presentation 1 hr. Sharing info / collaboration/participation).
- Development & Environmental
 - a) Vincentia District Centre: Library area /leased 1400 sq metres in original stage 1. Dept. Of Planning has given a period of 6 months to allow for council & community discussion on issues. Comments were that Stage 2 of development may never occur. Allowance of Leisure Centre road to remain open during Stage 1 of development. Road Entry to School and Leisure Centre with Stage 2.
 - b) New Industrial Development DCP discussed.
 - c) Changes to complying development esp to bushfire prone land: 200sq m min lot size in urban areas. New STDs for these. CDCs rural lots now included (Bushfire lots no longer excluded, except BAL 40 & Flame Zone; Council or consultant to certify risk category). *Issue was raised on non-compliance of Tomerong Quarry; response was that matter was under investigation (already 6 mo under-way) & reports being prepared for next month or June. Questions asked re number of staff working on this issue. Response was that council was investigating having a couple of officers working full time on these projects (possible restructure 1 staff member from approval of DAs to non-compliance issues).
- Shoalhaven Water
 - a) Kangaroo Valley Sewerage Scheme: Tenders called for; there is a new community newsletter out regarding this scheme & Hamden Bridge works
 - b) Treatment Plant Tours: New combined tours to recycle waste facilities and treatment plants. These will occur in August, October, November and flyers will be released to the community about these.
 - c) Mini-Hydro Scheme at Milton: Water from Porters Creek Dam will power Water & Sewerage Plant with extra power to go to the grid.
 - d) Asset Management Plans: Water & Sewerage Plans on view. It was suggested that council coordination with RTA could benefit all as Kangaroo Valley has just had the road resurfaced and this will need to be redone with implementation of new scheme

- Strategic Planning & Infrastructure
- a) Engagement with volunteer groups for works confirmed by SCC such as Bushcare & Parkcare groups with some training provided (training is insufficient to carry across to job applications). Area Projects consist of use a Litter Crew, Park Crew and Prison Day Release Crew. Suggestion that international volunteers signage be used by council to identify areas where volunteer groups are or /have worked.
- b) Council wants to obtain feedback from local CCB's on areas where service levels can be reduced to allow focus on critical areas. Suggestion was that council inform public of costs of some of its services e.g. cost of maintaining public toilets for S.C.C.

Council wishes to focus on bike/footpaths & will send letter to each Forum regarding ways to save costs so that it can achieve focus projects. Council commended for improving water quality in Nowra parks, meeting informed \$2000 has been set aside to work on the ponds in Harry Sawkins Park & Marriot Park which is a complex issue.

- c) Draft LEP exhibition: **Much discussion** re release of Kiama's and Wingecarribee Council's LEP (Wingecarribee Council's is apparently in error according to attendees). Shoalhaven City Council has apparently great difficulty in completing LEP with height mapping and was severely criticised for this. Suggestion from council manager was that councillors are being over zealous on declaring pecuniary interests due to past Wollongong Council debacle, hence lack of a quorum (4) for voting on the height mapping committee. Staff suggestions are for flexibility in zones rather than 8.5 metre suggestion of height mapping. Kangaroo Valley and Huskisson reps

were most vocal regarding this issue. Council suggests there has been past consultation with 12 reps of CCB's over this matter. Old LEP since 1985 has DCP's prescribed heights at present with exemption at council's discretion or that of the Land & Environment Court. Once a LEP is confirmed then within 6 months a DCP should be made.

- d) Population forecast: On the web detailed information projections for our region have not been as great as projected.
- City Services & Operations.
- a) Emergency management arrangements: ABC Radio preferred broadcaster in emergencies however other broadcaster will also be used. Phone notifications and Police personnel with megaphones, emergency services etc . Only 6 sites within the Shoalhaven considered suitable to accommodate evacuees considering all types of disasters. There are designated areas set aside for evacuation however this information is known on a need to know basis.

Postscript : Council assessment of its performance (KPI's) apparently did not intend to involve the community (too difficult). CCB's reminded council of its commitment to involve the community on this issue and it was suggested that a telephone survey could be carried out every 4 years towards the end of a council's term of office. Others felt an annual survey would be more informative. No direct action re this confirmed.