

**Report presented by Chris Grounds at
18/10/2010 Forum General meeting.**

**Shoalhaven City Council / Combined CCBs
Meeting, 15th October 2010. Chris Grounds
attended, representing BVF.**

- 2(A)CCBs should expect SCC letter re **Council Meetings** being held outside Nowra but only on major issues e.g. Ulladulla Civic centre.
- 3(a) **Funding for Community Groups:** document attached as provided for Community Savers Funding for groups; > \$40K; apps close Oct.25.
- 3(b) **Community Engagement Strategy:** Draft out for consultation. *** From Oct.25 a trial website will be online. SCC would like feedback on the site which will be on a two week trial. demo.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au
- 4(a) Repairs on **Naval College Road** have been recommended and are planned. Use issues were identified and widening to include bike path suggested.
- 4(b) Shift of SCC **portaloo**s at Sussex suggested.
- 4(c) **Sussex Wharf:** now condemned as unusable. *** Pro forma community contact for reporting concerns provided.
- 5(a) **Hyams Beach Viewing platform** – positive response to suggestion – and –
- 6(a) An extensive policy, minor review completed; there is now NSW Legislation concerning neighbour disputes over trees.
- 6(b) **Dual Occupancy:** Under review by SCC DCP818 has been on public exhibition; 100s of submissions in response; number of issues to be resolved; esp with foreshore/climatic change issues.
- 6(c) **Cat Zones:** Discussion induced a mixture of serious awareness, SCC staff anxiety and meeting frivolity! with a special Vincentia note that the Nudist Beach has been declared a 24hr dog off leash zone – then suggested cats could be let loose there!
Said that Companion Animals Act exempts cats but this is questionable. Staff seemed to feel that supervision of any regulation was impossible. Sydney e.g.s of action on cats quoted and suggested SCC should reference these, esp. for Wildlife Protection Zones.
- 6(d) **Consent Conditions [BVF]**
Staff spoke at length; depends on the development, e.g. commercial vs residential, as not all can be closely scrutinized and there is prioritizing. There are cost issues for SCC in applying available but limited resources, e.g. cost SCC \$60K to take a service station to court over driveway breaches. Resolving issues with owners can be very convoluted-even smallest issue.
- 6(e) **Huskisson Airfield:** part of a 40hs lot subdivision - application involved particular issues: 1.there are Court orders against owner as access road exceeds approval and there

are clearing issues; 2. Slashing of airfield; 3. Pollution from clearing breaching Native Veg. legislation. SCC has issued orders for the site and has denied there any existing use rights for owner. SCC appears esp. active on this.

- 6(f) **Breach of DA Consent Hyams Bch:** SCC lost court case against owner.
- 7(a) **Access Areas for Dogs Policy:** draft has been exhibited, submissions being compiled.
- 7(b) **L.E.P.:** In process, Exhibition early 2011 maybe Dec 2010; 3 extraordinary Council meetings scheduled Nov. to finalize L.E.P. to exhibition. Concern expressed that uses in new zones significantly change present uses. If there are concerns make submissions once exhibited.
- 7(c) **Growth Management Strategy:** Is being prepared; will go on website; Consultants have been contracted to provide complete revision of Demographic Projections for Shoalhaven.
- 7(d) **Asset management:** Comment that SCC is in good financial shape currently but not in a long term sustainable position. Community input is very helpful to SCC in determining asset management priorities. Staff clarified development contributions arrangements.
- 7(e) **Paper Estates:** Jerberra & Heritage. Council (staff at least) present as very keen to work and co-operate toward a solution on Heritage estate and SGBVF action outlined. SCC contact person identified for liaison on Heritage Estate.
- 7(f) **Bay & Basin Library:** Far from a “done deal” to say the least. Stocklands sold Bayswood development prior to buying back and selling to current owner Fabcot / Woolworths. **Woolworths do NOT want to put the Library in the Stage 1 development. Bayswood Application to the State Govt led to a condition of consent that the Library be included in the development built at Stocklands cost. SCC is pursuing the issue with developer, based on NSW DA consent.
- 7(g) Priority for **Huski-Wool’a cycleway** has risen but funding for cycleways is constrained.
- 7(h) covered in 7(f) and see minutes.
- 7(i) **BMX track Sussex:** further concerns community being ‘put off’ despite their efforts.
- 7(j) **Sussex CBD Enhancement:** very serious community rep. concerns at a long-term [10yr] failure of Council to act despite promises and allocation of funding.
“SCC truck turned up on one occasion following preparation of new garden beds in the CBD and truck loaded with new plants to go in the beds. The guys got out of the truck, took couple of established trees out, had a look for ten minutes and drove away. Plants never seen again.”
Appeared an embarrassing saga for Council based on speakers’ testimony from the community CCB.