

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum General Meeting, held Monday 21st May 2012, at 7.30 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin.

Speaker: James Harris, from Shoalhaven City Council, re development proposals for Clifton Park, in Sanctuary Point. Mr Harris gave his presentation first, then answered questions from the floor. He spoke of an asset audit for the area and this was supported by the Forum and will help us prioritise our needs. The general meeting then commenced.

Apologies: Chris Grounds. 20 people present.

Minutes of previous General Meeting read out by Chair. Moved David, 2nd Norm.

Matters arising from Minutes:

- Adele advised that there appeared to be no **Caulerpa** infestation at present in Basin View, nor around Blasket Reserve.

Maureen advised she'd been in contact with

- Fisheries department regarding removal of barnacles from **buoys**.

- **LEP meeting**. Ask Chris Grounds to provide a report at next general meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Home Sustainability Workshops.

Notice of on-site meeting at **John Williams**

boatramp, regarding proposed upgrading of the facilities there. David had attended, and reported:

"Stage one of the proposal will be a rebuilding of the existing ramp with a jetty structure beside the ramp and stage two will be an additional ramp beside the rebuilt ramp. Both stages will be within the existing footprint of the current ramp area. Concerns were raised regarding the fish cleaning area which currently deposits waste in a non flushing area beside the ramp. The new proposal was to move this to the end of the northern breakwall of the rebuilt ramp. However it was expressed that this would allow fish waste to circulate through the area beside the ramp which is used as a swimming & waterplay area for children and for windsurfers. Council staff stated that they would consider this issue in the upgrade plans."

DA163 Walmer Ave: notice of amended plan.

Nomination form from SCC Mayor, for **Shoalhaven Medal**. Forum will re-submit nomination for John Burns. Maureen to deal with this.

Letter from SCC re IGA in St Georges Basin, re **sedimentation**.

Report from Council re meeting with Mr Russ Pigg onsite at **St Georges Basin Primary school**. Janet from the school had not received copy of this report. She also reported that their school's P&C group is taking

proactive action on footpath construction connecting to the school. Investigating 'in kind' contribution by the parents. Janet moved that Forum write letter of support, 2nd Judy. All in favour.

- Forum to send letter of support and ask that
 - a) the one remaining large **tree be retained** in the drop-off curb-indent area, and
 - b) advise SCC that Forum is supportive of the School's plans on the condition that there is no degradation of the environmental integrity of the area.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

- Letter to Council regarding amended DA for 163 Walmer Avenue.
- Letter to Fisheries Department asking for update on Caulerpa infestation/ management in St Georges Basin.
- Letter to Council regarding condition of toilets in Lachlan Crescent.

GENERAL MATTERS

Television disposal. Brochure was displayed & will be posted on Forum's website.

CAT signs on reserves. No response from Council, to Forum's submission on this.

Adele & Judy reported that there is now a **dedicated seat** in Collingwood Reserve, Basin View. Seat was provided by Council and will have a dedication plaque attached.

Council budget. Rebecca & David had attended meeting last week. Council has advised it will be prioritising funding to repair & upgrading of existing roads. They also requested feedback from public on areas from which funding could be diverted.

NB: The BVForum supports completion of road & drainage works in The Park Drive, Sanctuary Point, as a high priority.

CSNR&F Management Committee. Opening and closing of lakes - not always feasible as at times sea is higher than lake and can rush in when lake is opened and create greater problems. Public education required. Also new constructed pathway for entry area of Swan Lake. Discussion on Paradise Beach - new plan for water entry for children and swimmers - rock groins and removal of vegetation on foreshore with sand replenishment.

Need a Forum rep to attend the Police Meeting – 10.00 am. Nowra police station.

Meeting closed 9.20