

Minutes of General meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.35 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, 17th May 2010.

Present: 13

Apologies:

Rebecca Rudd, Pam Wells, Jesse Vincent.

Minutes of previous general meeting read by chair, David Reynolds.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Reminder of Council Budget meeting on Wednesday 19th 7.00, at this hall.

Basin View bike track. This issue will be raised at the Council budget meeting on Wednesday.

Minutes moved Terry Smith, 2nd Peter Vincent.

Financial Report: Total funds available - \$4067.87. \$26 income from last month's door raffle. Moved Adele Farrant, 2nd Judy Edwards.

Correspondence In and Out.

List was read out by Maureen, and will be uploaded onto Forum's website.

Cockrow Creek discolouration: Shane Pickering had advised Maureen that Council's opinion is that "normal urban storm water has created a semi-algal bloom." Members of Basin Villages Forum have worked consistently (and constantly) over the years to highlight the importance of a healthy St Georges Basin waterway. Stormwater and drainage issues have been a major component of the Forum's correspondence with Shoalhaven City Council and now it is possible that urban runoff has created an algal problem in Cockrow Creek.

There is a definite need for community education relating to the impacts of pesticides, car wash detergents, dog and cat faeces etc. on our sensitive & precious waterway, and the value of retaining grassed areas and natural vegetation areas without too many hard surfaces. Basin Villages Forum Committee will be calling on Council to educate the community and highlight the impacts of domestic, every day actions that can and do impact on the health of St Georges Basin estuary. Terry Smith moved, Adele 2nd

GENERAL BUSINESS

Skate park. Matt Thompson spoke re Council proposals for use of the flood-prone land in Larmer Avenue, opposite petrol station, including possible skate park. • To be raised at Council budget meeting on Wednesday. What is its current & proposed zoning, ownership status, proposed usage. What was source of \$425K allocated to Central Shoalhaven proposed skate park?

Sanctuary Point carpark – Paradise Beach rd:

The newspaper articles in the South Coast Register displayed & will be posted on the Forum's website. There was an additional article by Damien McGill, intending to contact all the businesses owners there.

Central Shoalhaven Natural Resources & floodplain Management Committee

S.C.C recommended to the CSNR&FM committee that they accept the classification of "Healthy Modified Conditions" for St Georges Basin, assessed by the Healthy Rivers Commission of Inquiry into NSW Coastal Lakes (2003) and also accept the Management Plan to be used. The Management Plan recognised this classification and Aims reflected this.

Members of the CSNR & FM Committee requested that points from the Significant Protection classification should be used in the Management Plan for St Georges Basin and were hesitant to accept the "Healthy Modified Conditions" classification as they believed the sensitive estuary required greater protection than was to be given.

Tip tour: next one - 25th May. Contact Avalyne Wilby for bookings.

Pedestrian paths – Basin View:

From Masonic Village to the shops & Elanora Pde. \$70,000 was Council funded. Masonic Village paid for section up to John Street.

World Environment Day - Enviro Expo, Saturday 5th June at Lady Denman Heritage Complex. Old mobile phones can be brought along & left there for recycling; money raised going to spastic centre.

Meeting closed 9.50