

# Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.30 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

**Present:** 30 people. Welcome to all.

**Welcome** to Mayor Paul Green, & Clr Gareth Ward.

**Apologies:** Maureen Webb, Ron Tomlinson, Clrs, Miller, Fergusson, Brumerski & Bennet.

## **CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT**

List was read, and copy is on file.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Presented, and full copy on file. \$885.74 in cheque account. \$2,997.33 in term deposit. No debtors nor creditors.

Moved to be accepted, Christine Rigg, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Reynolds. Approved by Meeting.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING.**

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. Redhead Point:** dog prohibition and mowing: Letter received from SCC, stating that Council has resolved to amend current access area. Proposed changes will be placed on public exhibition, and asked for recommendations from Basin Villages Forum.

Tom McDonald moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan McDonald, that all of Palm Beach, connecting up to & including Redhead Point be amended to be "dogs prohibited at all times". Majority in support.

Whilst the Forum supports the existing dog-prohibited areas, there is a need for an additional official off-lead area, as the only current one is at the Basin View boat ramp.

Further discussion on Council's general policy regarding dogs, is needed, including the problem of droppings not being cleaned up by owners, suggestions needed from the Forum, that can be presented to Council.

• Letter to be sent to Council advising of Forum's recommendations.

**2. Blakett Park:** Letter received from S.C.C. advising adjoining residents, of an on-site meeting during February to address any residents concerns before work proceeds.

**3. Crime prevention van.** Mayor Paul Green spoke on this, updated the meeting on progress of this project.

Q: Has a future site for **police station** in Sanctuary Point been selected? Clr Ward advised that the local Police service has recommended to its own Police Association that a station is needed in Sanctuary Point based on existing data reflecting high need for

this. Govt is still seeking a suitable site.

• Letter required: to local area Commander asking for Police rep to come and address the B.V.Forum

**4. Animal Stencils:** Response from Council received, advising that this "proposal is too non-standard, possibly too expensive". Would consider any request for signs, however.

The Basin Villages Forum proposes installation of larger animal warning signs at all village entrances. The Forum asked Clrs Green & Ward to pursue the idea of animal road stencils, and trial this in Basin View. Therefore monitoring needs to start as soon as possible, on number of animal road kills prior to signs & stencils trial. Clr Green asked Rebecca Rudd to email directly to him, the reply Forum had received from Anna Hurnell. Forum committee to continue liaising with Clrs Green & Ward regarding progress on this.

## **5. Shoalhaven garden tidy bags.**

• EMAIL needed to Council inviting David Hojm to come and speak at a Forum general meeting.

**6. Myna birds:** Letter from Council on this matter. There will be a seminar on 13th May, at Council chambers regarding Mynabirds. Organised by Canberra Mynabirds Group & will include guest speakers. This letter to be added onto website.

## **7. Public Meeting re closure of Vost/Yallara Sts.**

Kevin Dunne advised that submissions deadline is 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Bus shelters** – Draft Asset Management Plan. David had read the document, and urged frequent users of bus services & shelters, to read the document. Submission close on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Document will be added to website.

## **Coastal & Estuary Asset Management Plan.**

The St Georges Basin estuary, not being defined as 'coastal', is excluded from this document.

Submissions close 27<sup>th</sup> February. Document will be added to website.

## **Council Member Payment Provision Policy.**

Submissions close 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Document will be added to website.

## **Review of complaints policy & procedure.**

Submission close 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Council needs to more

clearly define what is a 'vexatious' complaint - current definition too broad. Document will be added onto Forum website.

BUSINESS PAPERS - two items.

### 1. 2008 Federal Government grants.

The Basin Villages Forum is the largest CCB in the City of Shoalhaven, yet this CCB received \$0 allocation of the \$1.44M which was granted to Shoalhaven City Council.

• Letter required to Shoalhaven City Council, requesting that the areas covered by the Basin Villages Forum, should be allocated funding from monies that Sh City Council will receive as part of the additional \$80M moved by Federal Greens in February 2009.

**2. Francis Ryan Reserve:** request for funding to have the fence repaired.

• Letter required to Council regarding this fencing, and the request for *Council* to fund the repairs.

### Draft Management Plan & Budget - 2009 - 12

The B.V.Forum committee had previously prepared a draft submission to Council, and Rebecca Rudd read out this submission to the meeting, calling for additional priorities to be added to the draft. These additions will be added to the Forum's submission which will be added onto the its website, and posted to Council.

### Private Carpark Paradise Beach Rd (old shops)

• Letter required to WorkCover, bringing the state of this privately owned carpark to their attention. Forum committee to consider writing again to Shoalhaven City Council.

**Birds in Backyards** workshop: This flyer has been attached to the website, and printed copies of the workshop information, were available at the meeting.

**Rural Fire Service** home safety workshop: 28th Feb - 3.pm. Secretary to get more details.

**Church Anniversary:** Letter to the Church sending congratulations on its anniversary, has been sent.

**Fish Cleaning table** at John Williams reserve, Sanctuary Point:

Drainage from the fish cleaning table adjoining the boat ramp at John Williams Reserve, runs directly into the water on the north side of the boat ramp, resulting in an area of putrid polluted water which is trapped there & never cleaned out by natural tidal action. This situation was brought to personal attention of Clrs Green & Ward.

• Letter to SCC regarding this matter.

### Clr Ward when spoke on general matters:

- real estate agents are no longer allowed to advertise at village entrances. Rangers need to remove Links Estate signs.

- he will be keeping pressure on Sh.C.Council to appoint more Rangers.

- noticeboards: referred to ongoing improvements in access to these.

*(N.B. - Help is needed for Pam Wells to physically open these noticeboards now, to update community notices.)*

### Mayor Paul Green then spoke on general matters:

- 8th March, Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Council Fundraiser for Victorian Bushfire Appeal. Band - Dragon + other activities.

- 15th March, 1 - 5 pm: "Braveheart" Mayoral Fundraising event at Nowra Showground. Braveheart = educational foundation, educating children on 'right touch, wrong touch' etc.

- 16th May: Mayoral Ball - fundraiser for Linear Accelerator. In answer to question from floor, he advised that permanent site has not yet been selected.

- Proposed free shuttle bus service within 3km radius of Nowra CBD. This is a new initiative from Council, and feedback from potential users & businesses, is sought on this.

- Bus Shelters No Smoking Zones: Council will be trialling placement of "No Smoking" stickers on bus shelters throughout the city.

- Graffiti Trailer: proposed trial of a trailer that goes to all graffiti sites in a designated area, matches onsite paint colours and covers-up graffiti, enmasse, efficiently in that area. Council is meeting with Doug Dick to discuss this.

John Hatton addressed the meeting. He advised that he is organising a meeting at the earliest opportunity, with Shoalhaven City Councillors, and representatives of all CCBs, regarding the community consultative process. He will advise CCBs when date has been set, so that they can designate their reps to attend the meeting.

There being no further matters, thanks were extended to Councillors, and everyone who had attended the meeting.

Meeting closed 9.35 pm.