

Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held Monday 17th February 2014 at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin. Commenced 7.30

Welcome:

Present: 60+ Clr Amanda Findley

Speaker: Elizabeth Dixon, Shoalhaven City Council, spoke on future usage of flood-prone land in Larmer Avenue, Sanctuary Point. The land has two rural zonings & one environmental conservation zone.

Factors to be considered in developing this land as a Wetland:

- Rubbish dumping and weed control
- Biodiversity offset
- Recognition of trad owners.
- environmental constraints, i.e. EECs
- illegal trail-bike riding

Motion: That Basin Village Forum write to Shoalhaven City Council requesting funding in the next financial year, for the development of a Plan of Management for the wetland plan, and capacity assessment. Moved Rebecca Rudd, 2nd Chris Vale. Majority in favour.

Apologies: Nil.

Minutes from previous meeting read by Chair. Moved Chris Grounds & seconded Maureen Webb
No matters arising from Minutes.

Financial Report: \$4,769.35 total available funds. No debtors nor creditors.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

List read out by Chair.
No matters arising from Correspondence.

General business

Dog waste bag dispensers: Council advised that if a community wishes to have the dog waste dispensers installed & maintained it would be provided via a community group, and cited Currarong Progress Assoc as an example.

“NO CAT” signs: reply to BVF’s letter.
Council resolved on 10/12/13 “*No Cat’ stickers be added to the signs on Gurumbi Reserve, Boobook Reserve, Tallyan Point Reserve, John Williams Reserve and Pelican Point Reserve.*” Council currently ordering the stickers. Spare stickers will be provided to the Forum in the event that any are peeled off, so that they can be easily replaced.

Birdlife Shoalhaven - new official group. Email supporting concept of Larmer Avenue Wetland was received. Have offered to help with information for interpretative signage about the birdlife likely to be seen, or in any other ways possible.

Vegetation Growth: SCC received complaints about the growth of vegetation at key foreshore locations across the City that are recognised as “lookout” points or generally well known for the excellent views that they provide for tourists & residents. Staff are currently assessing some of these locations re. whether some “vegetation control” measures are warranted & legally achievable.

“Legal topics for Older People 2014: diaries were handed out.

Chris Grounds presented a report on the latest meeting of the *Natural Resources and Floodplain Management Committee Central Shoalhaven* meeting. This report will be posted on Forum’s website.

Sussex inlet dredging was discussed.

Question was raised on fuel loads in Basin View. Questioner was referred to contact Rural Fire Service directly, to arrange an onsite inspection.

Meeting closed 9.20