

Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.30 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, Monday 17th Aug 2009.

Present: 25

Apologies: Terry Smith, Linda Lillyman, Joy Weatherall.

Speaker: Phil Paterson, Bush Fire Mitigation Officer Nowra.

Mr Paterson spoke in detail & provided visual display demonstrating the services & methodology, and experiences of the Rural Fire Service. He then answered questions on:

- "Stay or go" policy
- "Adopt a hydrant."
- Vost Drive fire risk. RFS is currently assessing fire risk & mitigation there.
- Park drive - as above. Arson has been reported there.
- The old tip area at back of Vost Drive, and area along Gumden Lane are receiving attention, with a view to alleviating arson.
- Greville Foreshore: regarded by RFS as low risk. Funding is being sought for a RFS hand-weeding program along that foreshore; removal of excess growth of weed species and other species such as sweet pittosporum, blueberry ash. Sweet pittosporum is very fire prone. Will target easily accessed weeding areas.
- Permits: Are required September to March. Outside this period residents are legally obliged to advise neighbours & RFS, that they are burning off on their own property.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President's report presented by Rebecca Rudd. Rebecca summarised the activities of the Basin Villages Forum for the past year, and highlighted forthcoming major issues:

- LEP: a is major planning document used by Council, currently under revision. CCBs throughout the City of Shoalhaven need to be highly involved in this.
- St Georges Basin Estuary Management Plan - an important issue for the coming year.
- "One Tree Bay": - an important issue for the coming year.

Annual Financial Report was presented to the meeting by Christine Rigg. Moved to be accepted, by David Reynolds, and 2nd by Narell Brown.

Election of Office Bearers.

John Fimmano acted as Returning Officer. There being only one nominee for each position, all nominees were approved & re-elected.

President - Rebecca Rudd
Vice President - David Reynolds
Correspondence Secretary - Maureen Webb
Minutes Secretary - Christine
Treasurer - vacant (no nominees)
General committee: Peter Vincent, John Burns & Terry Smith.

GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Previous General Meeting read out by The President. Minutes moved to be accepted, by Adele Farrant & David Reynolds 2nd.

Matters arising from minutes.

- Blacket Park - Ron Tomlin reported no activity in recent months.
- Bus trip to recycling depot, very interesting & successful. Thanks extended to Judy Edwards for organising this; another such trip in the future would be welcome.

Financial report: Presented by Minutes Secretary. \$1,342.74 in cheque account. Full copy on file. Moved David Reynolds. 2nd John Burns. Accepted.

Correspondence in and out,

Read by Maureen Webb.
Moved Peter Vincent, 2nd David Reynolds, accept.
No matters arising.

General Business.

Recycling trip. David Reynolds gave a summary of the trip.

Estuary management survey – forms were handed out. Closing date Friday 21st August.

21st September, 3 speakers from NSW Dept of Fisheries, regarding St Georges Basin estuary. Will speak on *Caulerpa taxifolia*; research in the basin; general overall view from their perspective. Forum needs to contact fishing clubs about this meeting.

Police Crime Prevention Van: has been discontinued. Mayor Paul Green is seeking funding elsewhere. \$50,000 is needed.

Dual Occupancy: Shoalhaven City Council amended DCP 57 & DCP 100. 700 sqm is now the proposed min lot size for dual occupancy subdivision. This will impact on villages around the Basin, and the Forum will be making submissions to Council on this issue.

Ron Tomlin received "community award" & presentation from S.C.C. Mayor, for 30 years contribution.

Microphone facility in the Meriton Street Hall, where meetings are held - Forum committee to contact Pam Kerr, to ask for this to be made available for Forum general meetings.

Meeting closed 9.25