

Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.30 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, Monday 21st September 2009.

Present: 36

Welcome extended by President, to everyone present.

SPEAKERS: Marcus Gregson & Glenn Staples. Dept of Fisheries, NSW Dept of Industry & Investment. Apologies from Douglas Rotherham. They spoke on Caulerpa Taxifolia, Artificial Reefs, research netting, duties & jurisdiction of dept staff, staffing levels, public compliance with laws, general questions related to fishing & catches. A more detailed report on their presentation is a separate document, on view on Forum's website.

• Letter to be sent to local federal MP, requesting more field staff. Their Minister is Mr Ian McDonald. Thanks extended to Glen & Marcus for their presentation.

Apologies: Maureen & Norm Webb, Judy Edwards.

Minutes of August General Meeting read out by President. Moved to be accepted - David Reynolds, 2nd. Terry Smith.

Matters arising:

Crime Prevention Van (Mayoral project): Pam Wells had spoken with Bendigo Bank Business Manager in Nowra. The Manager had suggested that they may be willing to financially support this project, if other Bendigo branches in the Shoalhaven also indicate that they will support it. Forum attendees encouraged to speak to their local Bendigo Branch managers about this.

Correspondence In.

Heritage Estates: Letters have been received from Federal & State govts - advising that there are no funds available at present to purchase the Heritage Estates area. Govt agencies are working/consulting with Shoalhaven City Council (ShCC) regarding the vandalism now occurring in the Heritage Estates.

Bike week poster - displayed.

Stormwater drains: Letter received from ShCC regarding stormwater drains along the foreshore walk along Walmer Ave: Council has noted the Forum's concerns, Council will continue to carry out remedial work from their limited maintenance budget.

Revised Guidelines for CCBs: ShCC is reviewing the subsidies granted to Community Consultative Bodies.

Awards: Aust day citizen award forms, and Aust day sporting awards forms.

Traffic: Business Papers: **N.B.** -

"RECOMMENDED that the General Manager (Director Strategic Planning and infrastructure) be advised that the Shoalhaven Traffic Committee has no objections to the proposed Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATM) bounded by Maxwell Cresc, Yallara Crescent, Vost Drive and Capeland Ave, Sanc pt."

Correspondence Out.

Bus Shelter: Letter has been sent to Council regarding bus shelter at Basin View, recommending some safe set-down protocols.

Redhead Point: Letter was sent to Council, thanking them for arranging the onsite meeting at Redhead Point.

Sign: Letter has been sent to Council requesting removal of misleading sign on The Wool Road Bypass (to "Sanctuary Point") where The Wool Lane joins it.

Treasurers report: \$964.54 in cheque account. No debtors nor creditors. Full details in separate report on file. Moved accepted - D Reynolds, 2nd Tom McDonald.

Thanks to be recorded to the Sanctuary Point IGA for their donation of the vegie-box for Forum's raffles.
• To be organised by David & Narell - a framed/laminated 'thankyou' certificate to both the IGA, and to Shoalhaven Internet Services (free website hosting) for their support of the Basin Villages Forum.

GENERAL BUSINESS

"Tomerong Tip": Proposed tip at quarry at end of Gumden Lane St Georges Basin.

• Submissions deadline has been extended to 16th October, 2009.

A Public Meeting has been scheduled for 1st October at Vincentia High School, but only residents who make a submission will be notified by Council. Fliers with details about the tip proposal were handed out at this Forum meeting.

Shoalhaven City Council assess the DA, however it will be determined by the Southern Regional Planning Panel.

The Coastal Waters retirement village needs to be 'letterboxed'. A printable pdf will be attached to the Forum's website, and pick-up points for brochures throughout the basin villages, need to be appointed.

Rebecca Rudd is currently drafting a thorough submission to Council, regarding the tip.

Details of the Tip proposal can be viewed on the Forum website, which also has links to external websites on this same issue.

A show of hands was requested on the following question: *"Is the Basin Villages Forum opposed to the approval of this tip proposal?"* Unanimous response - "Yes".

Moved Pamela Wells, and 2nd Tom McDonald, that the Basin Villages Forum donate \$100 to "Shoalhaven Unwanted Tip" (ShUT).
In favour - majority. Not in favour - nil

Survey: "Create a Better City" postcard - an easy Council-produced survey method. These were handed out at the meeting.

Blacket Park: Ron Tomlin reported on an onsite meeting he'd had with Ray Massey.

• Letter required from Forum to Shoalhaven City Council, asking that the Basin Villages Forum be informed & notified of any changes to the plan that was agreed & passed at Council on 12th May.

ONE TREE BAY: Next meeting: Speaker - Mr Neville Fredericks regarding the One Tree Bay proposal.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.