

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum Meeting Monday 15th March, 2021. St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin. Commenced 7.30 pm

Welcome: Present: 15

Apologies: Clr Levett, Ron Tomlin, Norm Webb, Maureen Webb.

Andrea Forsyth from 'Resilience NSW' spoke. **Shane Fitzsimmons** is now head of her department. **Kim White** is the Local Emergency Management Officer, of the LEM Committee. The 'Combat Agencies' are the decisions makers/managers.

Feedback given to Andrea, from Forum:

- State & federal governments to spend money on purchase of water bombers, and upgrading fire-fighting trucks & equipment.
- Keep '*politics*' out of it.
- Firetrails: clear & make emergency-vehicle passable.
- Need RFS to respond to Forum's requests for them to come to CCB meetings to speak to members.
- Shoalhaven City Council needs to improve water pressure to villages.
- People tuned into fire-truck radio conversations; passed these on to others directly by phone; content of fire-fighters' conversations were unable to be confirmed as truth or exaggerations; potentially causing panic by residents.
- Ask ABC to refute LIVE on radio, untruths on social media.
- Sussex Inlet bushfire debris: had been washed across to Basin View in the storms after the fires. Council's systems have not assisted with clearing the tonnes of fire-waste still on the back boundaries & foreshores.
- Andrea should place advertisement in 'About' for forthcoming projects and workshops. These workshops should explain dangers & behaviours of ember-attack, flood, fire-risk, zones; show maps that show risk zones.

- More Variable Message Signs at major highway points to help tourists know if they should or should *not*, continue their trips, during bush-fire or or flood times.

Many thanks to Andrea.

Minutes of February meeting. Moved & 2nd Narrell & Alan K.

Financial Report:

• Cheque ac	\$298.22
• Term Dep	\$3,365.52
Total	\$3,663.74

Moved: John Kotlash. 2nd Narrell.

Correspondence list read out by Chair: Matters Arising:

Bherwerre Wetland - Conversion from Operational to Community: Waiting for a report from Council staff to be forwarded to Councillors for vote/decision at a meeting.

Building Better Futures Community training; Asset Based Community training. Narrell attended the workshop. 17 people 3 facilitators.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

- LIBRARY. Narrell gave an overview about the meeting she'd attended.
- Coastal Management: Committee plan for St Georges Basin is subject to grant application. Draft project brief now being written, due by June 2021. Next meeting date unknown. In early 2022, the next 7 year sea-rise review report is due.

Council has applied for \$10,000 for cat impact education campaign.

Erowal Bay Shop DA: 1st May is the date for Land & Environment court hearing.

Anson Street DA: Mr De Battista has Appealed his fine for the tree clearing.

Meeting Closed 9.30