

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum General Meeting, held Monday 15th September, 2008, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, at 7.30 pm.

Welcome extended to everyone, from the President, Rebecca Rudd. 36 people present.

The Meeting commenced with presentation by Guest Speaker, Mr Robert Sutherland, from Shoalhaven City Council. Mr Sutherland spoke for approx 45 minutes answering questions about drainage in & around Island Pt Road, traffic & road-planning issues, cycleways, sportsfields, extent of overall development in the St Georges Basin village region (e.g. retirement villages and 'relocatable-home' development),

• Thanks extended to Mr Sutherland for attending.

Apologies: Maureen Webb, Terry Smith. Ron Tomlinson.

Minutes of previous general meeting read out by President; Moved Pam Wells 2nd David Reynolds.

Matters arising from minutes:

- 1 Query about submissions regarding the Heritage Estate. Maureen will be submitting the Forum's submission next week, before the closing date.
- 2 Walking path from Basin View Retirement Village to the Basin View Shops – when will this be completed? Mr Sutherland recommended that the B.V. Forum discuss this matter directly with the management of the Retirement village. Some of the financial responsibility & initiative required to get the path completed, must come from the Retirement village management.

Treasurer's report. Cr bal in cheque ac \$344.69 Deposit since last general meeting - \$30 from vegie raffle. Moved Judy Edwards, 2nd Kevin Dunne.

Correspondence In and Out.

List read out by the President

Matters arising from Correspondence.

Agenda items for the combined CCB meeting.

1. Excessive roadside signage, much of it illegally placed, throughout the City, not just Basin area; including nailing of notices on to trees. Request Council to form consistent policy, and enforce it.
2. Signage required on reserves for protection of remaining habitat for wildlife, and placement of 'wildlife crossing' signs in the Shoalhaven street villages – aimed to slow traffic speed, and reduce the rate of roadkill.

- 3 Query Council planting of non-native species on road shoulders in the Basin Villages area.

Note: ask Secretary if BVForum has sent letter to Shoalhaven City Council requesting them to install a 'notice post' at the entrance of Paul Bland Reserve, for people to legally attach their own notices to, e.g. garage sales etc. This is regarded by the Forum as *necessary* as the *significant* eucalypt at this corner is suffering advanced damage from years of having nails driven into it.

Motion: Letter to Shoalhaven City Council required regarding double strand barbed-wire strand fence constructed on a boundary of land behind Anson Street, and significant vegetation clearing perpetrated on both sides of the fence, possibly in breach of Vegetation Act. Rowena Armgardt will take photos and forward them to Mins Secretary, to go with the letter to Council. Moved David, 2nd Rowena - Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ward Boundaries – The recent Council elections had revealed the large extent of voters who did not know which Ward in which they were registered.

Is 'Ward Number' printed on all ratepayers' rates notices? If not, it should be automatically included when they are printed, to reduce the confusion for voters in forthcoming council elections. Keith will draft a letter on this, and give the draft to the Forum committee, to be sent to Shoalhaven City Council.

Mathie Street gate: this has now become contentious, with disagreement between the nearby residents & users of the reserve, as to whether it should be there or not. In the interim, Council has removed the gate. Adele Farrant will bring more information on this issue to a forthcoming Forum meeting.

Myna Birds: Peter Vincent gave presentation on this vermin species, demonstrated capture cage. Further information brochures will be placed on the Forum's website, Peter to email this to Secretary. Note: Myna Bird capture cages can only be installed on private property, not in public areas such as shopping centres, sporting fields etc.

Meeting closed 9.30