

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum General Meeting, held Monday 20th October, 2008 at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin at 7.30pm.

Welcome extended by President to all.

Apologies: Sheilagh Smith, Terry Smith, Tom & John McDonald.

Minutes of previous general meeting were read out by President.

Moved Ron Tomlin, Seconded Norm Webb

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. Mathie Street Gate is still there but has left open for public access.
2. Agenda Items to CCBs - we didn't have Representation at the meeting. So are awaiting minutes of that meeting.
3. Pole at Paul Bland Reserve - awaiting the Tree Person's report.
4. Land clearing at Anson Street fence line - Rangers and Council General Manager have been notified. Photos were excellent.

Treasurer's Report: - Report was tabled.

Correspondence In and Out: List read out by the Secretary. Moved Judy Edwards
Seconded Linda Lillyman.

Matters arising from the Correspondence:

1. Pam suggested all nails be removed from the trees and poles which are notorious for garage sale signs.
2. Wool Road access for Fire Services - RFS has a key to gate now. Part of reserve has been illegally cleared.

General Business

Jeff & Irene Rose - new residents of the area - 2 years now at the bottom end of Lumeah Street. Concerned about the number of trees being cut down. Has spoken to council and was advised of **Council's Tree Policy** being reviewed in November. President advised NEW Council HAS to endorse every existing policy as soon as possible after taking office, The 45° rule is stated in the Tree Policy. As a community we need to encourage and educate our neighbours to respect the value of trees in our environment as both a habitat and food source. For the benefit of new members, President said the current Tree

Policy was opposed by this forum. The Asset Protection Plan is also in place. Forum must ensure this area is a target area on Tree Planting Day.

Two publications available from this forum or from Council are "Grow Me Instead" and "Sharing Your Space" - highly advised reading.

All members encouraged to send individual letters and emails to all councillors regarding the Tree Policy. The new members were warmly welcomed.

Laura Eringa raised the subject of the Kerry Street beautification and Council's planting of **unsuitable trees** in the area. The President reminded the Forum that the community was consulted on this issue three years ago.

Adele Farrant raised the issue of **Basin View BMX Circuit's signage**. Although it has been raised several times, it requires raising again. Park Care Group can't do it due to lack of "Green Card" required.

• **Letter** from Forum to Council requesting sign elevation. Moved Judy, 2nd Adele Farrant

Laura Eringa queried the **Proposed Sporting Facilities Draft** and asked if there was further information. President advised submissions closed and no information available. President suggested that each member investigate the Council Policies and Drafts (online at Council's website, at Library, At Council Chambers or from our Secretary) then bring their issues back to the forum for either presentation or discussion. Following then, the Forum as a body can decide whether to make Representation.

Members of The Residents Committee of the Self Care Units at Basin View **Masonic Village** (Don Bruce Chairman & Doreen Wilson Secretary) made representation on behalf of their Members to

- a) Address the **80km speed limit** at the front of the masonic village

b) Request a shared cycleway/ **footpath** from the Village to Basin View Shops. Apparently Council has told them that they can't reduce the speed limit as there are only residents on one side of the road. President said Traffic committee needs to be contacted regarding this issue. The representatives were advised that Council is willing to negotiate the terms of the footpath & cycleway from the Village to the Shops but their own Management Committee has to negotiate those terms with Council - it is not an issue for the Forum.

• **Forum will write to Council's** General Manager for the attention of the Traffic Committee and cc'd to all councillors requesting the 80KLM speed limit sign be relocated to West of the Masonic Village. Moved: Don Bruce, Seconded Doreen Wilson

John Fimano - Wrights Beach: Reported that council tractors have **cleared the road verges** around the Caravan Park area and have removed all the vegetation including tree ferns. Exposed soil will now wash away into the Basin in a downpour. President asked John to take photos & send to Forum then a letter can be sent from the Forum.

John also asked, What is the latest on the **Heritage Estates?** Answer .. Submissions have closed. Awaiting Parliamentary discussions and appraisals.

Question was raised: - is there anything further news on **Calerpa?** President said test results show there is less Calerpa .

Corramy State Recreational Area: Maureen reported they are changing the foreshore area of Wandandian Creek. Creating specific boat parking areas and picnic areas. The Southern section is being re-gazetted to make it part of Conjola national park. Assessing trail bike and 4WD usage and effects. Horse Riding is currently allowed but the horse manure may be an issue as the manure from horses is the worst for introducing weeds. Council wants to block the Basin View entrance to the park. They are revegetating and creating walking trails. Stopping power boats using the back waters. Bee keeping is currently allowed but may

pose a hazard with more usage of this area as a recreational space.

Sanctuary Point Bush Care Group:

From Palm Beach to **Redhead Point** (Eastern side of the headland) overlooking the northern waters of the Basin. Bushcare Group has extensively listed the vegetation in this area as well as native birds and animals. Funds had been allocated to provide steps up the headland to access from John Williams Reserve to Palm Beach. Maureen believes the steps should not have been approved in hindsight. The pedestrian traffic needs to be re-routed. Maureen would like people to view this area and make comments about it and raise other proposals for its future. The Bush Care Group is not asking for the steps to not be put in, but are looking for recommendations. Dave Reynolds suggested that the Bush Care Group, The Forum and Residents should arrange with Council to have an on-site consultation.

• **Letter** from Forum to Council to request Council indicate their intentions regarding works and maintenance for this area. (Following this the Forum can suggest not to put in ramps for mowing or to not mow at all) Moved: Kevin Dunne, Seconded Dave Reynolds

President said it is important to bring **email addresses** to the Forum. so that the minutes can be spread to a wider community - you must ask the email address owner's permission before passing it along (the Spam act).

President **acknowledged individuals** in our community who are deserving of praise:

1. **Shirley Black** received an award from IFAW for her hard work in taking care of wildlife. Dave Reynolds suggested she should be invited come along and do a presentation at the Forum.
2. **John Burns** has been recognised by the Red Cross for making his 300th donation to the Blood Bank

Thank you to Laura's Cafe and Bay & Basin Organics for jointly sponsoring the Vegie tray.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm