

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum, General Meeting, held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012, at 7.30 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin.

Welcome, 10 present.

**Apologies.** John Fimmano, Narell Brown, Clr John Fergusson, Helga Augner, Pam Wells.

**Minutes** of previous meeting read by Chair. Moved & 2<sup>nd</sup>, David / Adelle.

**Matters arising** from Minutes:

Send letter of thanks to James Harris, Council Strategic Planner. Christine to draft & send.

Janet from Basin Primary School had not received General Manager's report after onsite meeting. She will report to Forum, results from the school's next P&C meeting.

**Correspondence In.**

Email from John Fergusson re 13m spot rezoning in St Georges Basin

Request from John Flett, Shoalhaven City Council, regarding Basin Village Green in the shops in Island Pt Rd. requesting feedback & suggestions.

**National Tree Day:** Letter received from Shoalhaven City Council, advising that working bee with local school children, at Yellow Bellied Glider Reserve will again be sponsored by Council. 27<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00 am – 12.00.

Report from Shoalhaven City Council on Mr Pigg's onsite visit with BVForum members, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Will be posted in full, on Forum's website.

Letter from DPI re *Caulerpa*. Extract: - *"In early May 2012 the research team visited St Georges Basin to assess experimental monitoring plot; no Caulerpa, nor native seagrasses were detected at this location. Although Caulerpa may be present in other locations outside of the set transects and monitoring plot, it is evident from research surveys that the abundance of Caulerpa has been declining in St Georges Basin since 2008."* Full letter is on Forum's website.

Letter from Fed Member Joanna Gash – Small Equipment Grant.

BVForum proposes that we apply for internet access & a media projector, to be installed in the Meriton Street hall. David to research the equipment costs, contact Meriton Street Management committee re the grant application. Letter to Mrs Gash subsequent to these steps, will be drafted by David.

Clifton Park: Letter received from James Harris; deferred to General Business below.

**Correspondence Out:**

- Letter to Council re budget submission.
- Letter re LEP & 13m variation in St Georges Basin. DCP 17 shopping centre, area of 8 sqm, part of which is 11m. Committee to discuss follow-up letter.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Potential speakers to invite for next meetings:

- Kathy Wiseham, from Council.
- Robert Newman, lessee of Tomerong quarry + Tomerong forum members residents as well to the same meeting.

**Basin View Entry Sign:** suggestions required for location. Rebecca Rudd will ring Kaye Murray of Shoalhaven City Council.

Policy Reserves Committee meeting:

**Clifton Park:** reply to James' letter recommending these priorities:

1. Construction of public toilet first.
2. Construct children's playground with modern new equipment; (preferred above relocation of existing playground.)
3. Create 'Learn to Ride' facility.
4. Retention of natural open space to remain as high priority.

St Georges Basin Estuary Management review, now can be viewed online. Comment when officially released for submissions.

Adele advised she had received Minutes from police meeting; gave to Secretary to be posted on Forum's website.

Meeting closed 8.55 pm.