

# Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.50 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.

**Apologies:** Clr John Ferguson, Olia Carwardine, Norm Webb, Enid Dunne, Sally Wallace, Terry Smith. 19 present.

**Minutes of previous General Meeting** read by Rebecca Rudd. Business arising. John Fimmano to prepare a report on cats for combined CCB meeting.

**JB Marine park** - reminder of meeting at Vincentia on 19th August.

**Larmer Roundabout:** Email received by Christine: *"Thankyou for your correspondence regarding the roundabout at The Wool Road and Larmer Avenue. The issue was being consulted with our asset management group with regards to the type of reinstatement to be initiated. There have been issues raised with regards to sighting on approach to this and other roundabouts in the area which needed to be clarified prior to reconstruction. Additionally the sourcing of the person responsible for the incident and sourcing of bricks to match existing has delayed a more timely response. Works are presently scheduled for completion in September 2010."*

**Flashing 40K sign** for Paradise Bch Rd: Matt spoke to the school's principal about this. Principal advised that he understood these were supposed to be installed adjacent to all public schools. Forum will assist the Principal with lobbying for this.

Minutes, accepted: David Reynolds moved, Adele Farrant 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Correspondence Out.

Comment on Community Engagement Strategy.

Request for continuing update on skate park facility.

Request for 'Welcome to Sanctuary Point' sign.

Request for flashing light School warning sign at Sanctuary Point.

Request for Council to re assess its refusal to allocate safe swimming zones in the Basin area.

Request for Council's \$400 subsidy to help pay for hall hire.

Request for Council to place sign near the scarred trees at the entrance to Paul Bland Reserve (also phone call to Cameron Lowe).

Comment on proposed amendment to Tip D/A.

Reply to local residents re complaint about Forum article in About magazine.

Phone call to Glen Elliott re Redhead Point.

Phone call to Council re Minutes etc not received.

## Correspondence In

Council business Papers & Minutes for July/Aug Account for Hall Hire.

Bendigo Bank Statement.

Notice of Central Area CCB meeting with Council Fri Oct 15; request for agenda items by Sept 27.

Fact Sheets from Local Govt Assoc re constitutional change and the web site launched.

[www.councilreferendum.com.au](http://www.councilreferendum.com.au)

Draft Walking Track Plan now out for Comment – Close 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Reminder - Vincentia Residents Ratepayers re Marine Park Authority attending meeting 19<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Phone call from Cameron Lowe – Council is ordering a sign pole to be installed at entrance of Paul Bland Reserve.

Rebecca Rudd sent letter to Huskisson Woollamia Voice, to thank them for organising the 'meet the candidates' event last week.

NSW Maritime advised they will pursue declaring a "no boating" zone at Blacket Park.

Draft Walking Track document: 2 tracks in Forum's catchment:

1. Grevilles Corner Store to The Wool Lane.
2. From boat ramp Basin View to Coramy Reserve. Forum will put in a submission. This forum has applied for a state govt grant.

• Another letter to Council is needed, regarding fish cleaning tables.

**Financial Report:** Presented by Christine. \$3,995.47 total available funds. No debtors, nor creditors. Moved Christine, 2<sup>nd</sup> David.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Cat curfew (proposed): awaiting John Fimmano's report, to be presented to combined CCB meeting.

**National Tree Planting Day** - Council declined Forum's request for Yellow Bellied Glider Reserve to be part of this event again this year.

**Tip Update:** 200 people filled Tomerong Hall on Monday 9th August. Presentations opposing the tip were made to Joint Planning Panel, by reps from many groups, e.g. high schools, P&Cs, groups from Culburra, Kangaroo Valley, Nowra, tourism industry, and the BVForum. NB Trad Owners of this area also spoke, and advised that they'd not been consulted. The next formal hearing is likely to be in late October. At that meeting, only new material will be considered. The BVF has sent a further submission on the proposed 5metre wall.

**Skateboard Facility:** awaiting response from council, to Forums' letter.

**LEP:** Forum catchment residents need to remain aware that this document potentially affects *everyone's* zoning. This is a State Govt requirement, and at present there is a proposed 11 metre height for buildings, across the Shoalhaven.

Judy Edwards spoke on **boat** which has been **abandoned** on foreshore at Basin View, and is being vandalised & stripped of valuables materials. Committee asked Judy to ring Mike Hammond of NSW Maritime on this issue.

John Holschier spoke on the condition of the bends and road-shoulders of **The Park drive**. Council had advised residents there that they were going to grade & widen it. The grading work is incomplete and has made the situation worse, right up to the first T junction.

- Forum will write to Council requesting an on-site meeting between residents and Council reps. John Holshier will be the liaison on this matter. 4443 0331.

**Heritage Estates:** John Fimmano & Chris Grounds spoke on the worsening vandalism of the Heritage estate; purpose-built Motorcross track has been constructed. Major tree culling, trail-bikes, rubbish dumping. Rangers have

been frequently called. Forum committee asked John & Chris to draft detailed letter re Heritage Estate, for Forum to send to Council, and State & Fed Govts. Table draft letter at next general meeting.

**Bushcare:** Minute 820 from Council meeting of July 27th 2010. The Minute adopts a number of Bushcare Action Plans but then goes on to request a report from staff that that includes the preservation of views for nearby residents, duty of care to swimmers at Palm Beach where visual sight to the water is now severely restricted and amongst other things the use of buffalo grass as an anti erosion vegetation. Forum committee requested individual members write to Councillors, with concerns about this Minute's affect upon the work of volunteer Bushcare Groups, and specifically points d) i - v.

**Noticeboards.** St Georges Basin, Sanctuary Point. Matt Thompson offered to help Enid Dunne, with the job of updating Forum notices in these public noticeboards. With regard to noticeboard outside SPYCC - Matt was asked to consult with Brad Slaughter of the BBCRI.

**Speaker from Police Service:** Forum to try again to get a speaker for a forthcoming general meeting. Phone call required.

**CCTV:** Matt Thompson raised the fact that local candidates for the coming Federal Election, had offered to lobby for installation of CCTV. Forum to follow up on this offer.

**Maintenance Priority list.** The Basin Villages Forum needs to review this list, for the coming year. This was last done in early 2009. That last document will be posted on Forum's website.

**TV drop-off days:** Shoalhaven City's free TV collection days saved 1160 televisions from going to land fill, saving more than 165 cubic metres of landfill space.

**Bus Trip** Wed 17th November, to E Waste Centre to see what happens to old computer/TVs, and old mattresses. How is Shoalhaven's water distributed, how clean is it? Bus leaves Nowra showground by 9.15am. Max 30 people. Contact Maureen to book.

Meeting closed 9.20 pm.